

## CHEVY CHASE BANK HEADQUARTERS BETHESDA, MARYLAND



View of garden plaza

**Client:** Saul Centers REIT  
**Contractors:** Clark Construction Group, LLC (general contractor), Ruppert Nurseries Inc. (landscape contractor), Brennan Beer Gorman Monk Architects (architect), VIKA Inc. (civil engineer)

### Intent

LaPierre's involvement with this key downtown site began with the creation of conceptual massing and open space options for this key site adjacent to Bethesda's Metro Center. During the site plan review process, the county agencies and neighborhood groups expressed great interest in creating both public park spaces and a performing arts center as prime components to this key urban site. In response, the project team created a maximum development plan that would provide these amenities. Following successful rezoning and site plan approval process, the developer sold the project to the B.F. Saul Co., whose on-site program interests did not fully harmonize with the original project intent. Accordingly, LaPierre was retained by the new ownership to sustain the goals of the project and to modify the plans as necessary to conform to both new owner and public agency demands. The resulting garden plaza, expanded sidewalks and theatre plazas present a fully welcoming sequence of public amenities, while respecting the corporate identity and daily security needs of the banking facility. In addition, storefront shops were retained, while lobby and visibility needs of the banking center were provided. Extensive and highly engineered soils and drainage systems were developed above the 100% structured site in order to assure optimal plant growth and viability.



Garden in afternoon