

July 31, 2023



**A massive, destructive storm hit the Washington, DC,** area Saturday afternoon, July 29, 2023. As described by The Washington Post, winds exceeded 80 mph and 200,000 homes and businesses lost power. Although the damage was not the result of a tornado or a derecho, it was the result of a “very localized downburst” that was facilitated by days of hot, muggy air. Fortunately, we have not heard of any injury to individuals, though St. Albans’ Little Sanctuary was damaged by a falling tree.

**The effects of the downburst on our beloved gardens and grounds** at the Washington National Cathedral are depicted in the pictures here. The groundskeepers are working tirelessly and will need much support for restoration. Please consider making a donation today to assist with the cleanup efforts over the next weeks.

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