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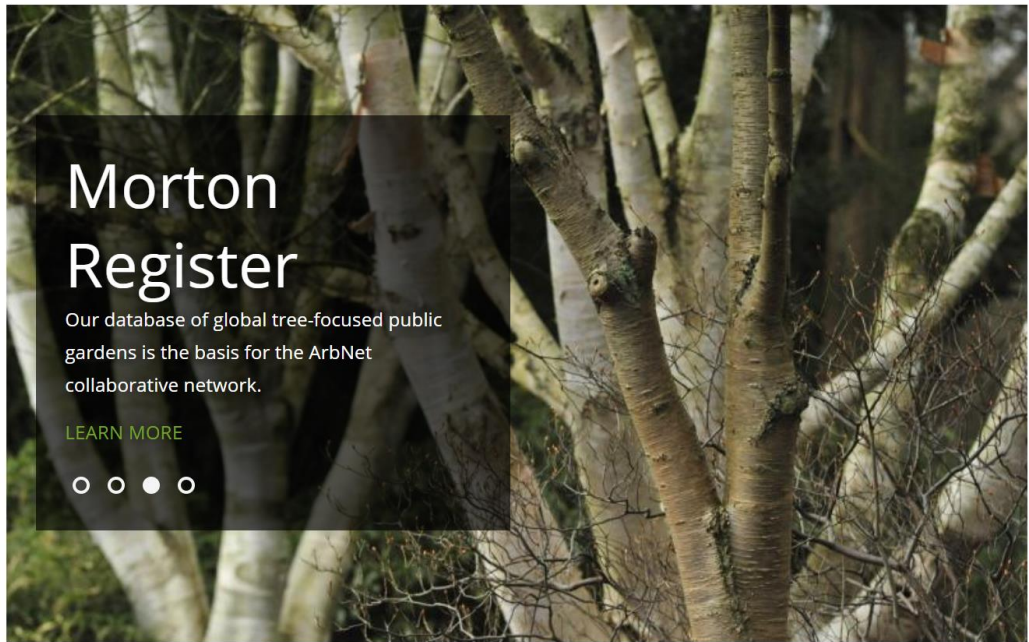


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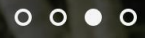
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Our database of global tree-focused public gardens is the basis for the ArbNet collaborative network.

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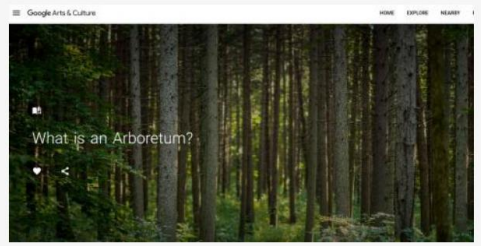
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### WHAT IS AN ARBORETUM



What is an arboretum?

Welcome to ArbNet, an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta and tree-focused professionals. ArbNet facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta meet their institutional goals and works to raise professional standards through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program.

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## The Morton Register of Arboreta



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### The Morton Register of Arboreta

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<http://kalmbachpark.com>

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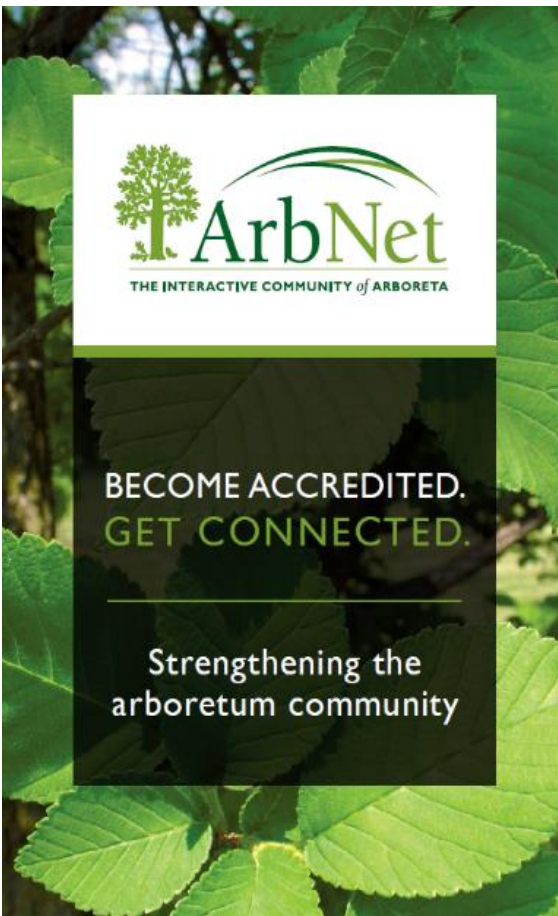
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- Over **1500** arboreta
- **100** countries

# ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program



## Designed to:

- Recognize standards of excellence in tree-focused gardens
- Foster professionalism
- Enable collaboration in scientific, collections, and conservation efforts
- Advance the planting, study, and conservation of trees

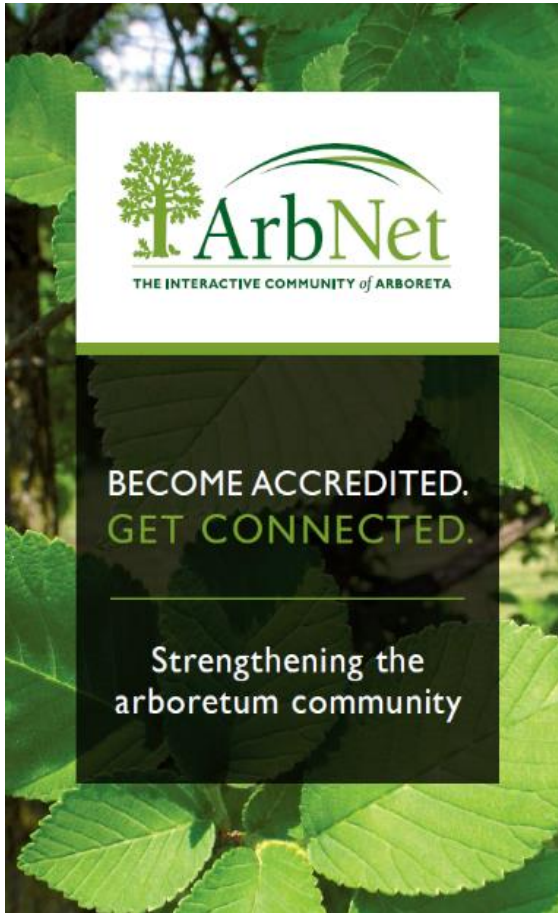
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Arboretum plan	■	■	■	■
Organizational or governance group	■	■	■	■
Labeled tree and woody plant taxa				
25+	■			
100+		■		
500+			■	■
Staff or volunteer support				
Volunteer or paid	■			
Paid management		■	■	■
Curator			■	■
Scientific or conservation staff				■
Public dimension				
Public access and at least one event per year	■	■	■	■
Enhanced public and educational programs		■	■	■
Substantial educational programming			■	■
Collections policy		■	■	■
Collaboration with other arboreta			■	■
Collections data sharing with networked collections			■	■
Agenda for tree science, planting, and conservation			■	■
Collections conservation				■
Conservation role in Global Trees Campaign				■

# ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program



## Benefits Include:

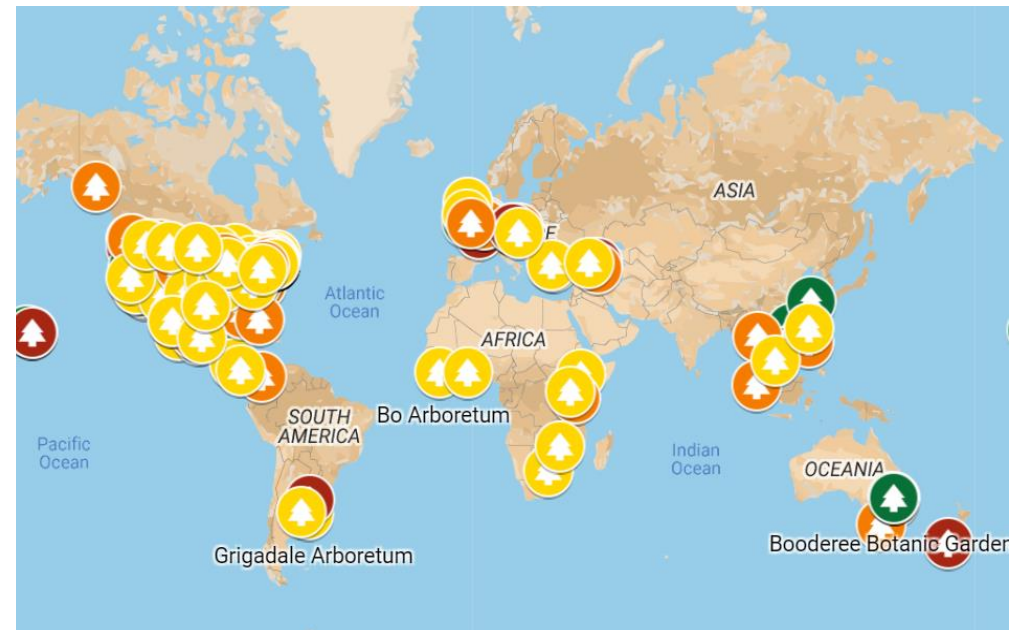
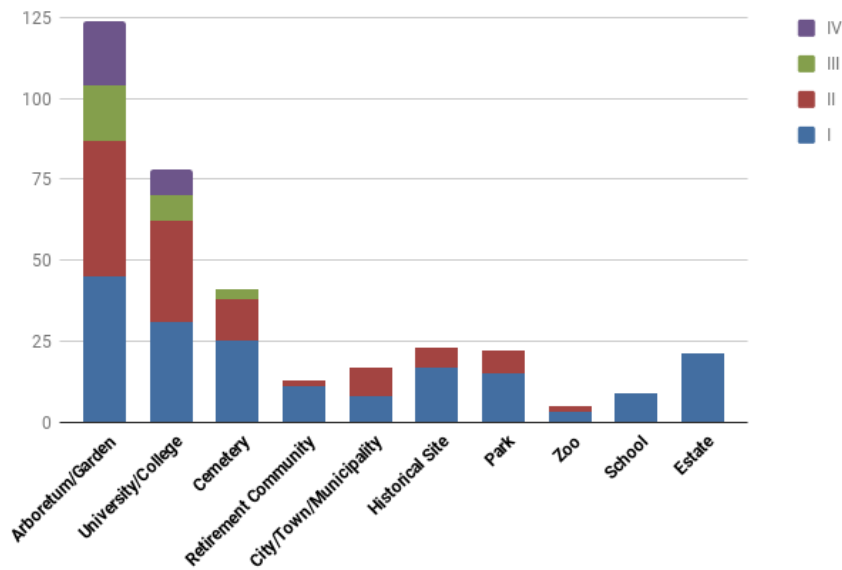
- Earn distinction in your community, department or agency
- Exert leadership and influence
- Serve as a model institution for others
- Identify opportunities for collaboration
- Become eligible for funding opportunities
- Certificate of recognition and use of accreditation badge
- Highlighted on the ArbNet website, newsletter, social media



# ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program



Accredited Arboreta by Type & Level



Over 350 accreditations in 28 countries

# ArbNet Accredited Arboreta



## View listing of all accredited arboreta

### The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program

- Recognizes arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism
- Fosters professionalism of arboreta worldwide
- Enables collaboration in scientific, collections, and conservation activities
- Advances the planting, study, and conservation of trees.

### Benefits of accreditation

- Be recognized for achievement of specified levels of professional practice.
- Work toward higher levels of professional standards once accredited.
- Identify other organizations at similar or higher levels of accreditation to provide comparative benchmarks and models for further achievement.
- Earn distinction in your community, university, college, or government agency.
- Exert leadership and influence by serving as a model to encourage professional development in other organizations.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with other arboreta for scientific, collections, or conservation activities.



### Examples of institutions that may be accredited arboreta

- arboreta and botanic gardens
- historic properties
- college campuses
- cemeteries
- zoos
- city tree collections
- corporate campuses
- school property
- golf course
- nature reserves
- municipal parks

### RECENTLY ACCREDITED ARBORETA

Jardin Botanico Regional De Cadereyta – Level I

The Lyrine R. Lowrey Arboretum – Level I

Dr. Cecilia Koo Botanic Conservation Center – Level I

Morris County Park Commission – Level II

Culiacan Botanical Garden – Level I

Multipiant International Medicinal Conservation – Level I

Honolulu Botanical Gardens – Level III

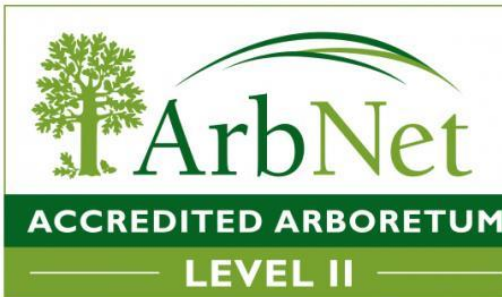
Winkworth Arboretum - Level II

Bidoup Nui Ba Botanic Garden – Level I

# ArbNet Accredited Arboreta



## Trees Atlanta - Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum



Trees Atlanta received a grant for \$750 to support the creation of Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Interpretation Stations for The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum. With this funding and Craftsman Printing services, they were able to revise and reprint their arboretum brochures in April of 2017. They ordered 500 brochures and as of spring 2017, approximately 350 have been distributed.

- The arboretum's location is along a historic railway
- Dynamic, urban collection of cultivated tree and woody plant species
- Showcase sustainable landscape management and restoration of urban ecosystems



# ArbNet Accredited Arboreta



## Belton Memorial Park Arboretum



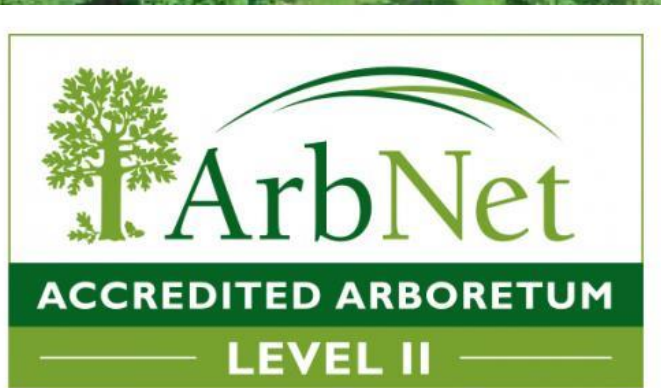
Belton Memorial Park Arboretum



# ArbNet Accredited Arboreta



## West Chicago Park District



- Over 400 acres of parks, woodlands, trails and gardens
- Utilizes an interactive web-based application through ArcGIS where visitors can explore the parks and find out information about the trees

## Mt. Lebanon Arboretum



### About the Arboretum

What is the Mt. Lebanon Arboretum?

The Mt. Lebanon Arboretum is a collection of specimen trees found throughout the community in our parks, parklets, traffic islands, street rights-of-way and open spaces. The development of the collection is a project of the community's Parks Advisory Board in collaboration with the municipal Department of Public Works.

Where is the arboretum?

It's everywhere in the municipality. Click on the [Arboretum Collection Map](#) to find the trees in our collection.

How do I visit?

Use the map to explore the tree collection, or use the Specimen Tree Collection list to find out more about specific trees and shrubs. Click on the Get Involved page to learn other ways to appreciate our municipal arboretum collection.

Why did Mt. Lebanon want to become a municipal arboretum?

Here are some main reasons:

- **An elegant, beautiful and well-planned canopy contributes to the character of our community.** People thought of this issue 50 to 100 years ago when they planted trees here, and today we want to pay it forward.





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## RESOURCES



### ARBORETUM MANAGEMENT

Resources related to establishing and running an arboretum including administration, organization, planning, marketing, and human resources.

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### EDUCATION + PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Resources related to public outreach and education, including designing a children's garden, garden interpretation, and education program evaluation.

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### TREE COLLECTIONS

Resources related to managing living and non-living collections, including database management, collections policy, garden design, disease and pest management, and maintaining an herbarium.

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### TREE SCIENCE + CONSERVATION

Resources related to science, research, and conservation in an arboretum, including writing applications for funding, improving conservation value of a living collection, and maintaining a seed bank.

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## RECENT NEWS

The aftermath of the Australia bushfires: will the flora recover?

Firefighters save the endangered Wollemi pines or "dinosaur trees"

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# ArbNet Resource Examples



## ArbNet Sample Arboretum Plan

### Arboretum Plan

#### Mission statement

The mission of the \_\_\_\_\_ Arboretum is to provide a place of  
beauty.

#### Objectives

To preserve and care for the trees currently inhabiting the arboretum

- To add and care for new species, both native and exotic.
- To educate visitors about basic tree maintenance and care.
- To celebrate trees through events within the arboretum and



## ArbNet Sample Collections Policy #1

### ABC Arboretum Collections Policy

#### Introduction

ABC Arboretum is operated under a management plan which provides direction for the growth and development of plant holdings and associated facilities and functions. The plan defines guidelines for the arboretum and describes roles for the participating parties. It outlines the manner in which the living collections will develop and grow, and it charts the content of the arboretum and the general nature of its research and educational programs for the future. This policy is subject to the management plan, and is presented here as an extension and interpretation of the plan.

The founders and manager serve as the collections committee, with assistance from ABC College, to implement the plan and to ensure that the collections, especially the signature collections will

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## Labeling/Mapping Resources



### Online Mapping Comparison Guide

The following web sources create digital maps for online display. They can be used by curators for online collections and/or be viewed by visitors via the internet or a mobile device. If you have map-making questions, please share your expertise on our [forum!](#)

Mapping Web Source	What it does:	Who's it best for?	Example Arboreta	
<a href="#">My Maps/Google Maps</a>	Users can import large data sheets of individual accessions and/or full taxonomic collections. Users can also input this information individually. Easy to access/share. Very customizable.	Small or Medium Arboreta	<a href="#">University of Hawaii at Manoa</a>	
<a href="#">Plants Map</a>	Establishes a community/ network of plant-focused institutions. Allows users to create an online and exportable database of accessioned woody plants and plant collections. Allows for specific plant and growing details.	All Arboreta	<a href="#">Edith J. Carrier Arboretum</a>	
GIS ( <a href="#">ArcGIS/QGIS</a> )	<b>ArcGIS</b> provides tools and geographical information to create vector data maps <sup>1</sup> . Maps can be created for free and displayed via the web or mobile apps. Users can purchase advanced software for printing and distribution. <b>QGIS</b> is a free, user friendly open-source software <sup>2</sup> but is less customization than ArcGIS.	Larger Arboreta/ Arboreta with tech department	<a href="#">University of Hawaii at Manoa</a>	\$45 adv free C



### Label Making Comparison Guide

A comparison guide of a few reliable sources for creating plant labels and signs for your arboretum. Please share any thoughts or questions you would like to add on our [forum!](#)

Label Makers	Description	Who is it best for?
<a href="#">Lark Labels</a>	Offers a high variety of custom sign types, sign displays, and sign fastening techniques. Can be shipped outside of the United States.	Great for any size arboreta who need a variety of sign and tag resources.
<a href="#">Plants Map Tags</a>	Allows users to order tags directly from their collections in their Plants Map database. Features a QR Code on the tag to link the specific plant to its information on Plants Map.	Good for any size arboreta, especially those interested in the web-based Plants Map community.
Amazon <a href="#">Labels and Stamp Set</a>	User can create their own signs by purchasing aluminum tags in bulk. They can also purchase a letter and number stamp set to more easily create the tag. Many different vendors and products available, search "tree tags" on Amazon.com. Overall much more economical.	Small to medium arboreta that do not have as much funding or staff to create the tags and have few woody species.  <a href="#">HOW TO USE</a>



## **PLANTSMAP CAN HELP ARBORETA BECOME ACCREDITED WITH THEIR MAPPING TOOLS.**

Plantsmap.com is excited to support the ArbNet Accreditation Program They are inviting ArbNet Accredited Arboreta, or those that wish to become accredited, to digitally document their plantings with their free My Plants Map tools and connect with the ArbNet profile on Plants Map.

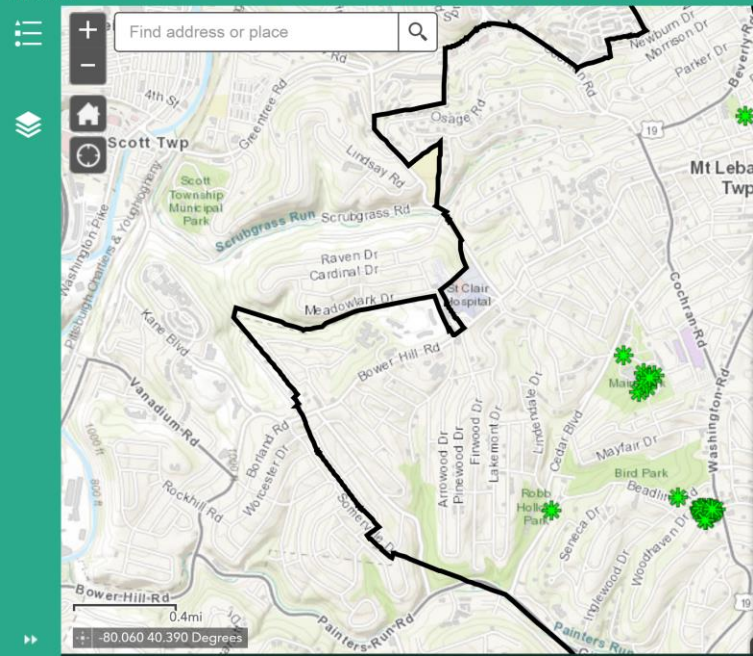
Examples of accredited arboreta that have used PlantsMap:


- [Historic Woodlawn Arboretum embodies the rural cemetery tradition](#)
- [Graceland Cemetery Introduces a Plants Map Interactive Arboretum Tour](#)



# ArbNet Map Examples

LEBO arboretum Arboretum Tree Viewer Mt. Lebanon Municipality




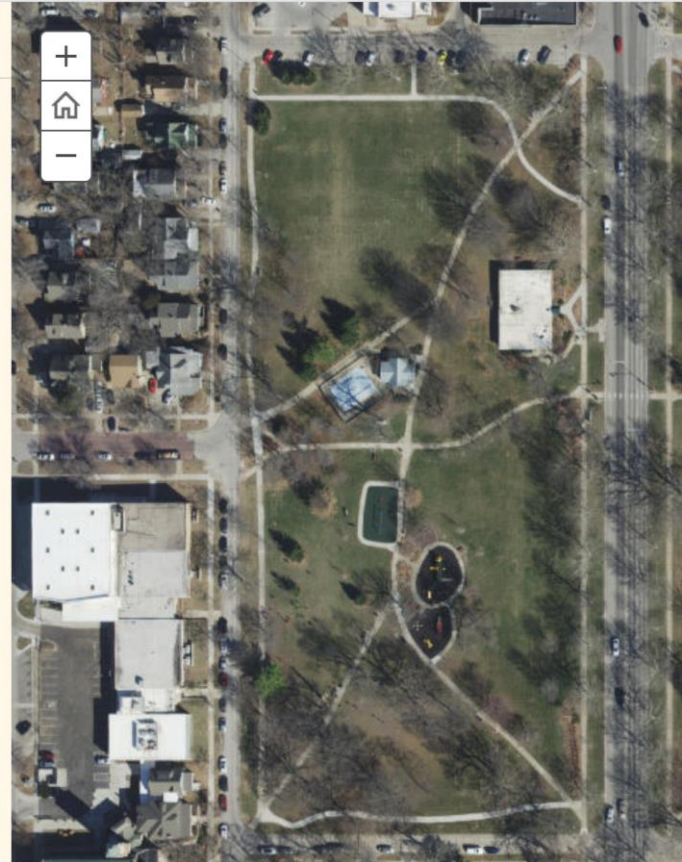
As...  City of Lawrence  
PARKS AND RECREATION

## South Park Arboretum

Welcome to the South Park Arboretum self- guided tour!

Scroll down through our suggested walking route with photos to assist you in identifying tree species or click on a tree to find out the what it is. The vertical dots along the left side of the screen will help you navigate.

[Tree List:](#) 





# ArbNet Tree ID Resources



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# ArbNet Public Engagement Resources



## FOURTH GREENWICH AWESOME TREE CONTEST

### 2012 CONTEST CATEGORIES

Most Interesting Tree Branching  
Most Gnarly Tree  
Fattest Tree  
Most Serene Tree  
Storybook Tree

### PRIZES

FOR ALL WINNING ENTRIES  
WILL BE AWARDED  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012  
AT 3:00 PM AT THE  
GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER,  
ON BIBLE STREET IN COS COB

### SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING

ONE LUCKY YOUTH PARTICIPANT WILL  
WIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM  
LED BY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR,  
DENISE SAVAGEAU, FOR A GROUP OF  
UP TO 12 OF HIS/HER BFFS.

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Center, Bruce Museum, Audubon Greenwich,  
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Clean, Greenwich Libraries & Perrot Library

### PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS BY OCTOBER 22, 2012 TO:

GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY  
Tree Contest, P.O. Box 4215,  
Greenwich, CT 06831

Forms are available on-line @  
[www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org](http://www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org)  
(or from any of our participating sponsors)

## GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY *A Park for All Seasons*

join us for one, two or all three walks of the  
Pomerance-Pinetum Property, to view the  
changing face of the park during three seasons.

### FALL WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008 10AM-NOON

Join us on our forest walk to enjoy the splendor of the fall foliage.  
Led by Greenwich Superintendent of Parks and Trees, Bruce Spaman.  
Group size limited. Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.  
*We will meet at Orchard Street entrance. Parking is at Central Middle School.*  
No charge but reservation required at: [treeconserv@optonline.net](mailto:treeconserv@optonline.net)

### WINTER SOLSTICE WALK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008 4-6 PM

Join us for a twilight walk to enjoy the solace of the winter woods. We will  
start with a short program on the origins of the Christmas tree and then head  
out to discover the beauty of trees in winter. Light refreshments of the season  
in the Garden Education Center will be provided. Walk to be led by Greenwich  
Conservation Director, Denise Savageau and Lisa Beebe, GEC Horticulturalist.  
Group size limited. Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.  
*Meet and park at Garden Education Center.*

No charge but reservation required at: [treeconserv@optonline.net](mailto:treeconserv@optonline.net)

### SPRING WALK

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009 10AM-NOON

Join us for a "spring awakening" as we view vernal pools within the  
forested Pomerance landscape. Walk and observation to be led by  
Greenwich Conservation Director, Denise Savageau and RTM Member  
and professional Wetland Scientist, Michael Aurelia. Group size limited.  
Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.

*We will meet at Orchard Street entrance. Parking is at Central Middle School.*  
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Greenwich, CT 06831



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[www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org](http://www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org)  
for membership information.

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# ArbNet Public Engagement Resources



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ARBOR DAY

## Rotary Street Tree Arboretum

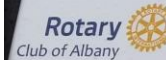
The Rotary Club of Albany was founded on April 2, 1928, and has provided service locally and internationally since then to promote a better world.

To commemorate its 90th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Albany has partnered with the City of Albany by planting and sponsoring this Street Tree Arboretum. Trees planted here were selected from the City of Albany Approved Street Tree List compiled by the Urban Forestry Program.

The purpose of this arboretum is to provide a place for citizens to view trees and assist them in choosing the right tree for the right place, whether it's for the street right-of-way planter strip or in their yard.

### Things to consider before planting a tree:

- **What is the function of the tree?**  
Is it for shade, a wind break, or aesthetics?
- **How large does the tree grow?**  
Is there enough space to plant a small, medium, or large tree at its mature size? Are there overhead utilities?
- **What are the soil conditions?**  
Is the soil fertile, well-drained or compacted?
- **How much care will the tree need?**  
Can you adequately water the tree for its first 3-5 years? How much maintenance will it need in terms of pruning, general cleanup, and pest management?



For more information on the Rotary Club of Albany, visit: <http://www.rotaryofalbany.org>

For more information on the City of Albany Urban Forestry Program, visit: <https://www.cityofalbany.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/urban-forestry>

# ArbNet

## A Connected Community



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Happy New Year!

### 2019 year in review

We'd like to reflect on what ArbNet accomplished this past year. In 2019, we grew substantially as a network, reaching out to new countries and becoming more globally focused; our community of accredited arboreta now includes over 350 institutions in 28 countries! One of our key focus areas last year was tree conservation. This was made possible by a grant from Fondation Franklinia, which enabled us to identify gaps and opportunities to support the conservation needs of our arboretum community, and to provide resources, guidance, and new international collaboration opportunities. 2019 was the first year of this three year grant, and we are very excited with what we have been able to achieve thus far.

As you may recall, we conducted a tree conservation needs assessment in 2019, which consisted of a series of survey questions that were answered by nearly 600 members of the ArbNet community. The purpose of the assessment was to obtain a better understanding of what the global community of arboreta and tree experts is currently doing to advance tree conservation and to identify key gaps and needs. We analyzed the survey results and compiled a [detailed report](#), which includes a selection of relevant resources that address the major gaps highlighted by the analysis. We will use the results of the analysis to guide the development of new resources, programs, and funding opportunities that address the needs of our community. Thank you to all who completed the survey.

Last year marked the third annual [BGCI/ArbNet Partnership Programme](#). We received 28 applications—more than ever before! This funding opportunity supports the development of international collaborations between gardens and arboreta for the purpose of exchanging skills, resources and expertise to advance

### FEATURED ARBORETA



This quarter we are highlighting the arboreta that were awarded funding through the third annual BGCI/ArbNet Partnership Programme:

[The Blue Mountain Botanic Gardens](#), Australia (Level IV) & [Tropical Rainforest Conservation & Research Centre](#), Malaysia (Level II)

[Grigadale Arboretum](#), Argentina (Level I) & [Peckerwood Gardens](#), U.S.A.

[Northwestern University Ecological Park & Gardens](#), Philippines (Level II) & [Dr. Cecilia Koo Botanic Conservation Center](#), Taiwan (Level I)

[Bo Arboretum](#), Sierra Leone (Level I) & [Ghana Permaculture Institute](#), Ghana (Level I)

[Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden](#), Laos PDR (Level II) & [Yale University, Tropical Resources Institute](#), U.S.A.

You can read more about their funded tree conservation projects [here](#).

### FEATURED RESOURCES

#### TREE SCIENCE + CONSERVATION

Resources related to science, research, and conservation in an arboretum, including writing applications for funding, improving conservation value of a living collection, and maintaining a seed bank.

Check out these resources:

[2019 Tree Conservation Needs Assessment Report](#): A report that highlights the key results of the needs assessment and provides links to relevant resources to address the identified gaps. For questions or comments, please email [here](#).

[CPC Rare Plant Academy](#): online, collaborative platform for the plant conservation community, to learn, share and educate. Hosted by the Center for Plant Conservation.

### Upcoming Events

January 16-17: International Conference on Urban Forestry and Forest Preservation; Rome, Italy

March 2-6: Southeastern Partners in Plant Conservation Conference; Atlanta, GA, USA

March 23-27: Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa (AETFAT); Livingstone, Zambia

April 22-23: The Sibbonia and PlantNetwork Conference; Edinburgh, Scotland

April 24: National Arbor Day, USA

[VIEW ALL EVENTS >](#)

### Trending News

Sydney's Botanic Gardens Prioritize what to Save

Fossil Trees in New York

Bushfires Spread to Blue Mountains Botanic Garden

Genetic Resistant Port-Orford-cedar

### New Accreditations



# ArbNet

## A Connected Community



Lisa Ferrel is leading Level I #ArbNet Accredited @ChesterfieldVa Arboretum to grow and thrive. "Whatever we can do to keep this place as green as possible is the goal". Read to learn more about her work and the history of the arboretum.



Speaking for the Trees  
The Chesterfield County arboretum takes root.  
richmondmagazine.com



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Congratulations to The Forest Park Arboretum for earning ArbNet Level II Accreditation! We are so glad to have you be a part of the ArbNet community! [Regreen Springfield](#) To learn more about The Forest Park Arboretum: <http://regreenspringfield.org/.../forest-park-plant-collecti.../>



REGREENSPRINGFIELD.ORG

### Forest Park Plant Collection Accredited as Class II Arboretum

The Forest Park Arboretum in Springfield has been awarded a Level II Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The...



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Congratulations Downers Grove Park District on being awarded Level I #ArbNet Accreditation! We are so pleased to have you join the ArbNet community! #trees <https://www.buglenewspapers.com/.../downers-grove-pa.../747.html>

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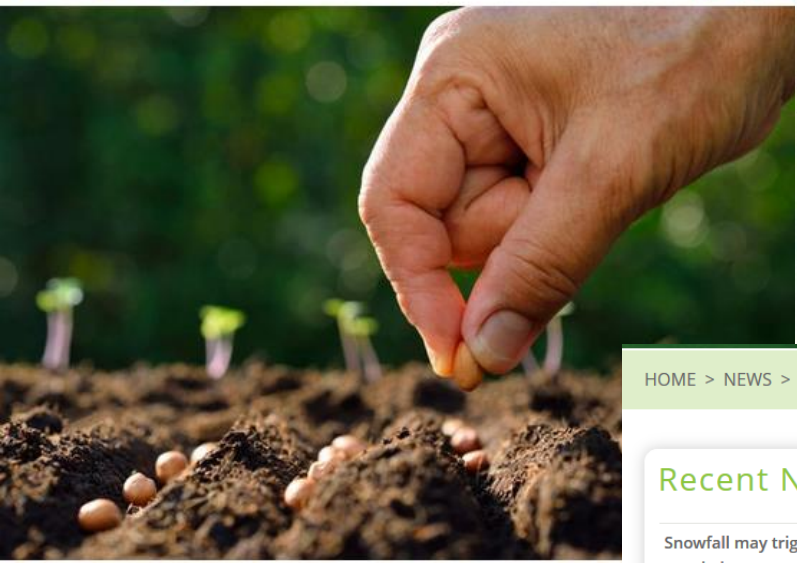
## Greenwich Town Arboretum Awarded Level II Accreditation

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April 13, 2015 - Decades of commitment to nurturing, diversifying and protecting its urban forest has earned Oak Park recognition as Illinois' first - and the nation's fourth - municipal arboretum.

The accreditation was announced in a letter to the Village from Gerard T. Donnelly, Ph.D., the president and chief executive officer of the venerable [Morton Arboretum](#), which created the accreditation program to encourage knowledge, experience and resource sharing among keepers of tree-focused public gardens.

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“ArbNet accreditation for Smale Riverfront Park was important not only in demonstrating and recognizing our commitment to maintain our park and its woody plant collection to a high standard of excellence, but also provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with a worldwide network of research institutions, arboretums and knowledgeable professionals.”

“The West Chicago Park District has always been known for its amazing forests and wooded parks. The Level II Arboretum accreditation awarded by ArbNet has given new life to an ever aging and growing forest.”

“After 10 years of working on the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, Trees Atlanta is so excited to be officially accredited.” The Arboretum is a great way for the community to get involved with the Atlanta Beltline project and reconnect to Atlanta’s trees and urban ecosystem. This accreditation will add yet another accomplishment for the Atlanta BeltLine, as well as, confirm the quality of the Arboretum.”

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## ARBNET ARBORETUM ACCREDITATION APPLICATION FORM

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program provides standards and guidelines for the establishment and development of an arboretum. The goals of the accreditation program are to:

- 1) *foster the establishment and professionalism of arboreta;*
- 2) *identify arboreta capable of participating or collaborating in certain scientific, collections, or conservation activities; and*
- 3) *advance the planting, study, and conservation of trees to improve the world.*

Arboreta that are accredited are encouraged to become leaders and serve as models to promote professional development and engagement with other arboreta.

Different levels of accreditation have been established to recognize arboreta at varying degrees of development, capacity, and professionalism. Accredited arboreta are encouraged to continue their growth and development to achieve higher professional standards.

Arboreta and public gardens are eligible to apply for accreditation by submitting this form along with supporting documentation to demonstrate their level of achievement according to the specified standards. Once the application is completed, a decision will usually be made within four weeks. A site visit by an ArbNet representative may be required as part of the accreditation process.

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is sponsored and supported by The Morton Arboretum, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), and the American Public Gardens Association (APGA).

Arboreta and public gardens completing an application for ArbNet Accreditation Level III or Level IV are able to provide additional information to be considered for BGCI Botanic Garden Accreditation: <https://www.bgci.org/our-work/services-for-botanic-gardens/bgci-accreditation-scheme/botanic-garden-accreditation/>.

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