

A LEGACY WORTH **PRESERVING**

A robust horticultural legacy was created over 170 years ago on what was then the outskirts of Louisville. The vision created by the first cemetery superintendent and the successive leaders that followed have created not only a beautiful cemetery, but the city's only accredited arboretum. Now, completely surrounded by the urban landscape, Cave Hill Cemetery is a green oasis in the heart of the city.

Demonstrating our commitment to you and the community, we have embarked upon a major project to increase our level of arboretum accreditation. Long recognized as having our city's premier tree collection, we are focused on being an environmental steward and enhancing our role as a community asset.

A MULTI-STEP **PROJECT**

Cave Hill Cemetery achieved Level II ArbNet Arboretum status in 2014. As we advance our accreditation level, we plan to do so in three phases.

PHASE ONE

Cave Hill is partnering with The Davey Tree Expert Company, a leader in the arboricultural industry. The process begins by walking all 296-acres of the cemetery to create a full and accurate tree inventory, where we will gather crucial data to help us interpret the tree collection. From GPS mapping, numerical tagging, and a formal assessment of every tree's overall health and condition, a tremendous amount of information will be collected. It is estimated that over 6,000 trees will be catalogued in this process.

PHASE TWO

Once the tree inventory is finalized, we can then interpret the results. Our teams will be able to accurately gauge the health and vitality of our canopy, creating a formal management plan and policies that will enhance the value of the tree collection to the community. Issues ranging from invasive pest management to new tree species integration will be carefully reviewed and consolidated in a plan that will guide the current and future generations of horticultural leaders at Cave Hill Cemetery.

PHASE THREE

After becoming fully accredited as a Level III ArbNet Arboretum, our work truly begins. Internally, our teams will have full access to other arboreta around the world to learn best practices and be ahead of issues being faced elsewhere. Externally, you will see enhanced programming and interpretive signage amongst many other things. Collaboration with universities and peer organizations will allow for tremendous opportunities to solidify an environmental stewardship model that addresses long-term landscape management needs and biodiversity within Cave Hill Cemetery, all of which impacts the greater community.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

TO ME?

From cleaner air to a reduction in the urban heat island effect, our community will see tangible benefits from the Cave Hill Arboretum Accreditation Project. As a living laboratory for observation by our university partners, the Cemetery is a model landscape for implementation in the urban setting, where it is too commonly seen that physical and mental health is negatively impacted by inaccessible green space.

Perhaps, most importantly, is you. Like many Louisvillians, your first memory of Cave Hill Cemetery probably involves the ducks or trees. Did you feed the ducks at the lake as a child? Did you conduct your first leaf collection at Cave Hill Cemetery? Just imagine if 170+ years of cemetery leaders did not create a horticultural legacy worth preserving. Now is your time to join us as stewards of an environmental project that will impact many.

What can you do today to impact the outcome of tomorrow?