NASHVILLE CITY CEMETERY ARBORETUM DESIGNATION

The Nashville City Cemetery features many tree-named streets, including Oak, Willow, Cherry, and Magnolia, and it is home to more than 300 trees, which have lined the streets and shaded the graves for nearly two centuries. Five of its majestic trees were nominated by NCCA board member Lyn C. James for the Nashville Tree Foundation's Big Old Tree Contest during its 25th anniversary year in 2011. Following the announcement that all five trees were winners of the annual contest, the Tree Foundation encouraged the City Cemetery to apply for designation as an arboretum.

The ensuing project has resulted in our deepened appreciation for the diversity of tree and shrub species within this historic site. Robert Mather and Lyn James, both of whom are Master Gardeners and NCCA board members, applied to the Nashville Tree Foundation for arboretum designation. With the invaluable assistance of fellow board member Steve Sirls, they identified 30 different species of trees and 10 species of shrubs within the cemetery. A label has been affixed to each of these 40 specimens identifying its common and scientific name, and an arboretum map was created to highlight the location of each within the cemetery. In addition to identifying the various species, gaining approval for arboretum status required the completion of a detailed application and a site inspection by a professional forester.

In addition to designating arboretums, the Nashville Tree Foundation seeks to preserve and enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the public, planting trees in urban areas and identifying the oldest and biggest trees in Davidson County. We are grateful for their efforts on our behalf.



1001 Fourth Avenue South

DIRECTIONS

From South and West Nashville via I-65 North/I-40 East

Take the I-65/I-40 split to I-40 East toward Knoxville. Take Exit 210C to 4th Avenue and 2nd Avenue. Turn right on 4th Avenue South. Go one block to Oak Street. Cemetery entrance is on the right at the corner of 4th Avenue South and Oak Street.

From North and East Nashville via I-24 South/I-40 West

Take the I-24/I-40 split to I-40 West toward Memphis. Take Exit 210C to 2nd Avenue and 4th Avenue. Go past 2nd Avenue. Turn left on 4th Avenue South. Go one block to Oak Street. Cemetery entrance is on the right on the corner of 4th Avenue South and Oak Street.

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