

Increasing International Standards, Goals, and Capacity for Arboreta

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ARBORETUM ACCREDITATION: STRENGTHENING THE ARBORETUM COMMUNITY

Be recognized and lead the way

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is designed to

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

Accreditation Program Benefits

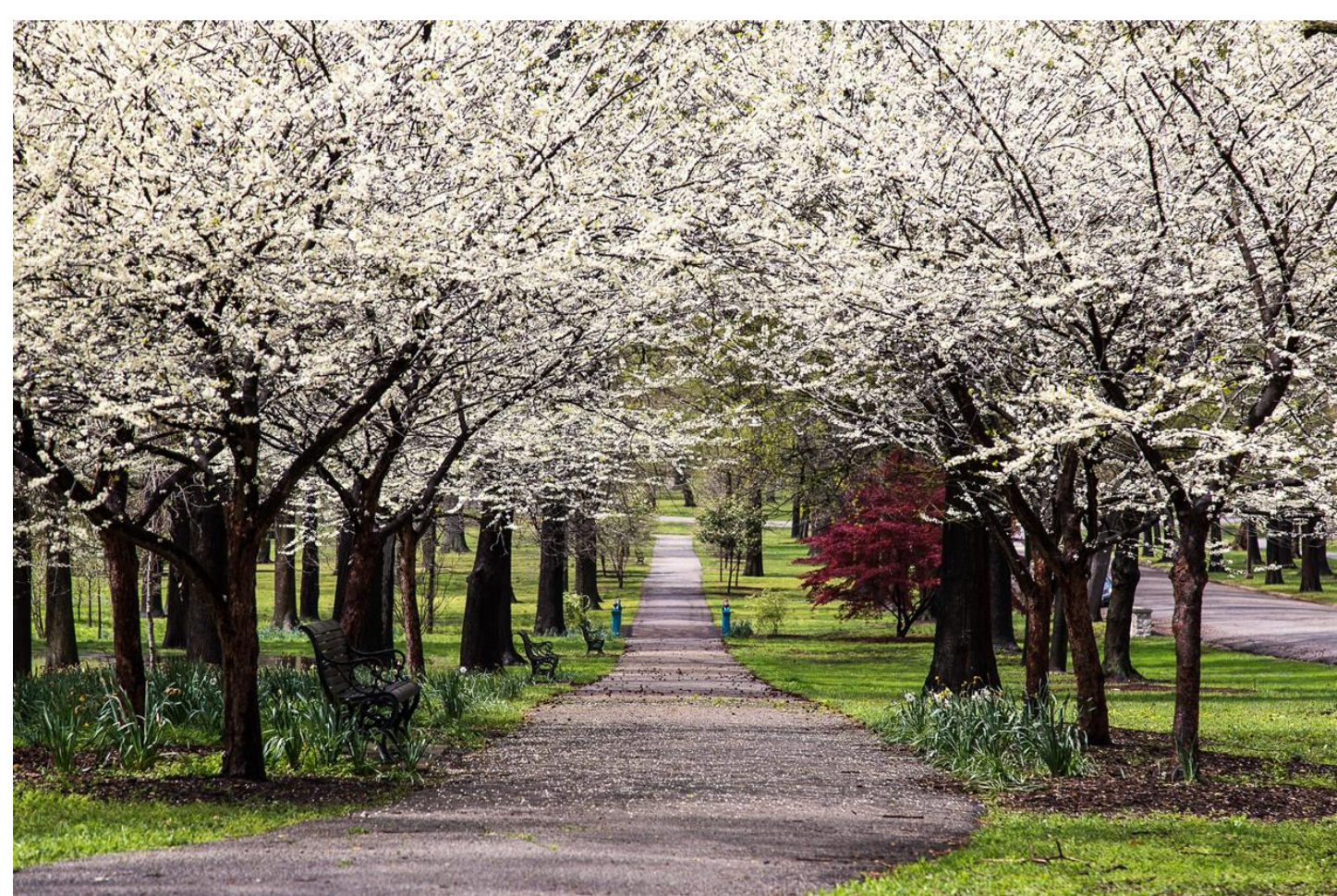
- Be recognized for achievement of specified levels of professional practice
- Work toward higher levels of accreditation
- Provides benchmarks and models for further achievement
- Earn distinction in your professional and local communities
- Exert leadership and influence by serving as a model arboretum
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with other arboreta

Four Levels of Accreditation

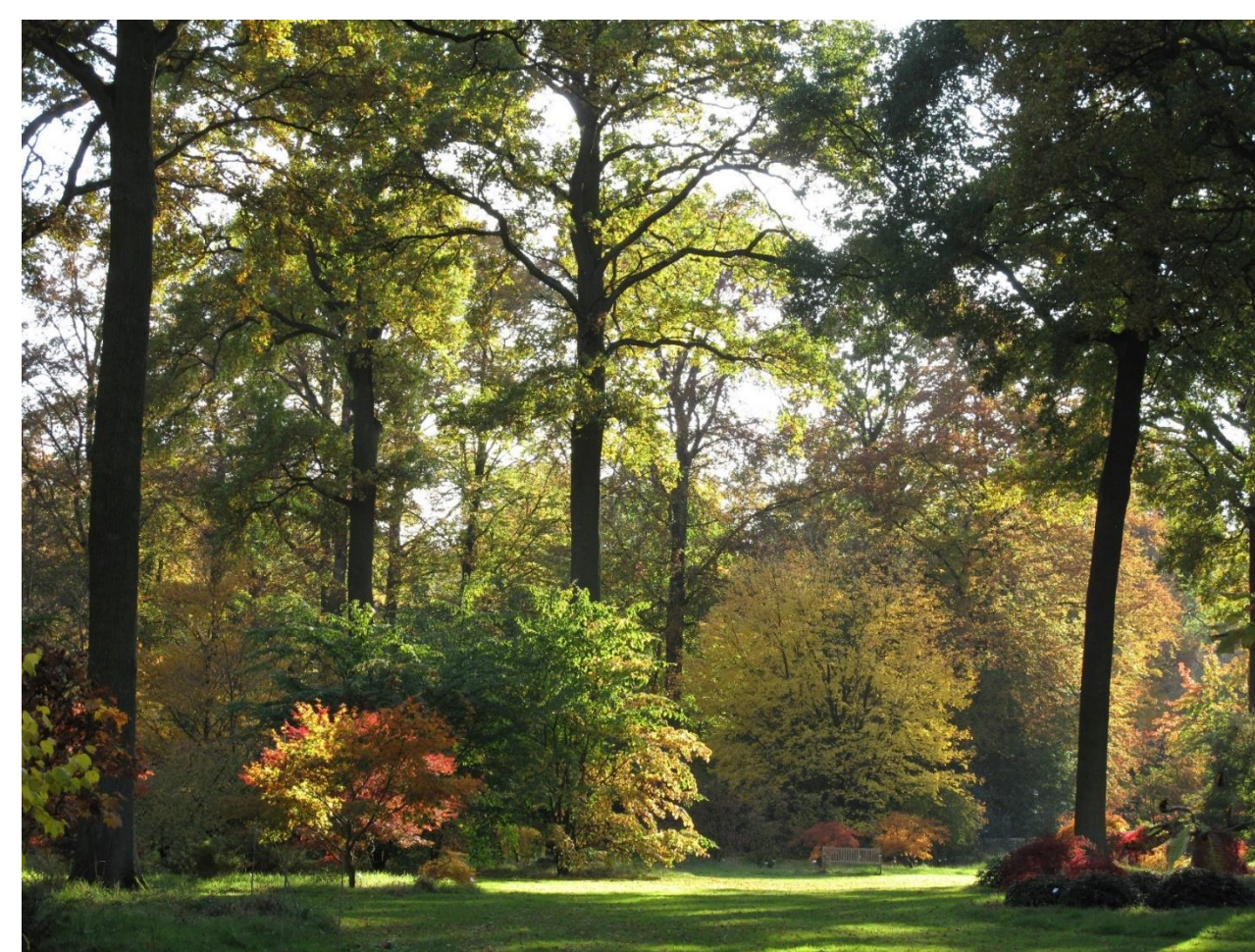
	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV
Arboretum plan	■	■	■	■
Organizational or governance group	■	■	■	■
Labeled trees/woody plant species				
25+	■			
100+		■		
500+			■	■
Staff or volunteer support				
Volunteer or paid	■			
Paid management		■	■	■
Curator			■	■
Scientific or conservation staff				■
Public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



Průhonice Park (Czech Republic)
Level III



Tower Grove Park (USA)
Level II



Arboretum Wespelaar (Belgium)
Level IV

Visit www.arbnet.org/accreditation for specific accreditation requirements.

An international network of tree-focused professionals

In addition to accreditation, ArbNet offers:

- A website with helpful, open-access resources
- Online forum discussions and social media channels
- Arboretum-focused news and events
- The Morton Register of Arboreta
- Access to a diverse global network of colleagues for collaboration and information exchange

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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ArbNet Funding and Collaboration Opportunities

5th Anniversary Capacity Building Grant

- Recognizing ArbNet's 5th anniversary in 2016
- Six accredited arboreta received \$5,000 in funding
- Supported proposals advanced:
 - Arboretum management
 - Educational programming
 - Tree collections
 - Tree science and conservation



Vallarta Botanical Garden (Mexico)
Level I

BGCI/ArbNet Partnership Programme

- International partnership building initiative
- Facilitates sharing of knowledge, skills and resources within the botanic garden and arboretum community.
- Pairing gardens based on mutual interests to work towards a common goal or project.
- Annual funding opportunity strengthens partnerships
- \$11,000 awarded to partners in 2017



Tasmanian Arboretum (Australia) & Vilnius University Botanic Garden (Lithuania)