



The
Bexley
Arboretum

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Bexley Certified As a Level II Arboretum by the Morton Arboretum

For Immediate Release

In March of 2013, the City of Bexley was accredited as an arboretum by the Morton Register of Arboreta, making it the first City in the United States to successfully obtain arboretum accreditation.

For nearly 25 years the City of Bexley has been a participant in the Tree City USA program, with over 14,000 trees that are managed by the Bexley City forester within the City's right-of-ways and public parks. The City of Bexley employs three certified arborists, and oversight of the City's trees is provided by the Bexley Tree and Public Gardens Commission. Trees within the City are carefully catalogued and tracked using the City's proprietary tree database software, which helps City arborists keep notes and metrics on trees under their care.

"We are delighted to be recognized as an arboretum," said Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler. "This certification is a culmination of many years of hard work by dedicated residents and City personnel, and it's wonderful to bring recognition to this aspect of our community."

The Arboretum certification was sought and achieved by the Bexley Arboretum Committee, chaired by longtime resident and tree enthusiast Ginny Salamy. "Living in Bexley has always felt like being in an arboretum. Now we have the registration to support this," said Ginny Salamy.

Susan Quintenz, Chair of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission, has long advocated for and believed in the unique asset that is Bexley's natural environment. "The designation of Bexley as an arboretum reinforces the decisions made by those before us to prioritize the urban forest as a community asset and a long term goal," said Susan Quintenz.

A first-ring suburb of Columbus, Bexley is known for its historic and close-knit neighborhoods, its highly ranked public school system, its classic and walkable Main Street environment, the prestigious private schools located within its borders, and its status as the home of Capital University. Bexley was incorporated in 1908. Today, Bexley has a population of over 13,000 residents, with over 4,000 households in the City. It is geographically compact, located within a 2.5 square mile footprint bounded by Alum Creek to the west, Gould Road to the east, Delmar Drive to the north, and Livingston Avenue to the south.

Questions?

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