



FAYETTE ALLIANCE

GROWING OUR CITY, PROMOTING OUR FARMS

The Arboretum

The Arboretum was started in 1991 as a partnership between the University of Kentucky and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. In March of 2000, The Arboretum was named the “Official State Botanical Garden for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

The mission of The Arboretum is to showcase Kentucky landscapes and serve as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research and conservation. Boasting more than 100 acres of year-round color and plants, The Arboretum serves more than 200,000 visitors every year.

One of The Arboretum’s main attractions is the Walk Across Kentucky. Accessible by a two-mile paved walk, it takes visitors through a variety of landscapes representative of Kentucky’s seven physiographic regions. The Arboretum also features distinct gardens including a rose garden, fragrance garden, home demonstration garden, Flight 5191 memorial garden, and the Kentucky Children’s Garden.

The Fayette Alliance Awards Committee selects the Arboretum for the 2015 Environmental Stewardship Award because it provides an incredible outdoor green space in Lexington that also actively educates and engages the public about the importance of promoting our unique environment.

Thanks to The Arboretum, Lexington-Fayette County is creating a vibrant city that is balanced with, and connected to, our unique Bluegrass landscape.