



ARBORETUM CELEBRATION

In 2019 the resident Arboretum Committee at Woodcrest Villa (WCV) embarked on a journey to grow the natural habitat that surrounds the campus by adding an arboretum.

Over the last four years, committee members have dedicated countless hours to building and maintaining this tranquil addition to the landscape.

In August 2022, WCV became a Level 1 Accredited Arboretum site by ArbNet, The Interactive Community of Arboreta. ArbNet is a global network that focuses on recognizing, collaborating, and conserving tree-focused public gardens. The Level 1 accreditation requirements include a minimum of 25 species of woody plants (WCV has 44 species), one or more volunteers, a governing body or committee, an arboretum plan, and a public dimension.

“We are very fortunate to have such a beautifully landscaped campus to live on. We need to commend WCV for our beautiful campus and for keeping part of the campus natural and providing space for the Nature Trail and Arboretum. Now that the campus is an accredited arboretum, WCV receives well-deserved recognition.” states resident and Arboretum Committee member, Steve Henning.

As WCV celebrates the one-year anniversary of this accreditation, residents are incredibly grateful for the hard work the committee has devoted to the arboretum.

According to Dan Mortensen, Vice President of Operations, the accreditation of the arboretum is a well-deserved tribute.

“The arboretum is a fantastic addition to Woodcrest Villa and perfectly complements its many beautiful wooded acres. Accreditation of the arboretum by ArbNet recognizes its beauty, as well as the hard work and dedication of the many resident volunteers, whose efforts have made the arboretum such a special place. Many thanks to these volunteers and the donors who have made the arboretum possible.”

Did you know Lancaster County, PA has approximately 78 native tree species.