

## KENDAL CROSSLANDS ARBORETUM (KCA)

### 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

We experienced our second year under COVID protocols. Both Arboretum teams and the KCA Committee had several Zoom meetings and a few in-person events outdoors. In April, we conducted our first Zoom Annual Meeting complete with election of officers, approval of new Bylaws and a program by speaker Dale Hendricks. In the fall, we repeated the Zoom procedure for a second speaker program by Paul Meyer.

Early in the year, two members of the Arboretum leadership attended an eight-week Zoom workshop conducted by The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science and USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub. The training in Adaptation Planning and Practices was a major assist in the planning of KCA activities related to climate change and tailored to our geographical location.

Earth Week was celebrated with numerous activities on both Campuses. For Arbor Day, we planted two Bitternut Hickory trees, which remain hardy in a warmer environment.

As we pursued our Strategic Plan implementation, much of the year was spent defining and improving our Arboretum procedures, initiating new goals including a Climate Change Adaptation plan. By mid-year, we finished a review of our original Strategic Plan, evaluated which of our goals we had completed, and decided which were beyond our reach. This led to a close out of the original plan and the initiation of planning for a Volume 2 Strategic Plan, an activity that took the remainder of the year.

Donations of Gift Trees continue to grace both our campuses and to provide income for related expenses. We completed the installation of larger and more visible Display Tags for our Gift Trees. We now have 90 Gift Trees on the K/C campus.

Plans for the coming year include implementation of Volume 2 of the KCA Strategic Plan. Two new initiatives are tree protection methods for upcoming construction projects and defining significant trees that should be protected by advanced architectural planning before construction begins.

We finished 2021 on a sound financial footing and have the necessary resources to undertake new initiatives in 2022.

Despite renewed Covid uncertainties, we are grateful for the excellent care we (and our trees) continue to receive. We look forward to getting out and about and gathering with others among our lovely trees in the coming year.

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