

Introduction

The City Horticulturist and a Tree Committee direct planting and care of the city trees, collaborating with the guidelines from the Historic Preservation Planner.

In September 2004, a Park and Open Space Tree Survey was conducted for the City using a grant from the SC Forestry Commission, Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program.

Beaufort is a designated Tree City USA. To build on this reputation, the Lady's Island Garden Club, inspired by a Tree Walk in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, has developed a self-guided Beaufort Tree Walk. Throughout this project we sought to provide a learning experience while enjoying the beauty of our trees. It highlights native and notable trees primarily in the historic area of The Old Point. The project is the result of three years of research and planning by the Garden Club. The Tree Walk committee: Cecile Dorr, Chair, Bonnie Buchanan, Carol Clark, Pam Floyd, Betsi Hilton and Leslie Olsen led the research and development of the walk with the help and enthusiasm of the membership.

Encouragement for the project came from Mayor Bill Rauch, with considerable help and expertise from City Horticulturist, Eliza Hill, and Clemson Horticulturist, Laura Lee Rose. Beginning at Morrall Park, the trail will circle through The Point, traverse the Beaufort County Library grounds, continue past the Historic Verdier House herb garden, and conclude at the Town Clock entrance to the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

The self-guided Tree Walk will be available in the future to residents and visitors with the help of a small booklet and map which will be available at the City Hall, Beaufort County Library, and the City Planning Department in the Carnegie Building on Craven Street. The club has included GPS locations for each tree on the walk. More information can be found at www.LadysIslandGardenClub.org

To enjoy the Tree Walk and locate these special trees, you should...

1. Refer to the Tree Walk map found at the beginning of this booklet.

2. Follow the directions marked  in this guide, set in bold type.

So we invite you to enjoy a refreshing stroll. It will take about an hour and a half.