



Lady's Island Garden Club

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A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF SOME BEAUTIFUL AND NOTEWORTHY TREES

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The City of Beaufort, South Carolina became **Tree City USA** in 1986, an honor bestowed on the city by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The local Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs was instrumental in helping the community achieve this notable status. The City has continued to be honored as a recipient of **Tree City USA** awards over the past years for demonstrating progress in its community in the areas of tree inventory and analysis.

Introduction

The City Horticulturist and the 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 South Carolina Forestry Commission, Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. Beaufort has been designated a **Tree City USA** through efforts of these organizations and others.

To build on this important designation, Lady's Island Garden Club, inspired by a Tree Walk in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, has developed the self-guided Beaufort Tree Walk. Throughout this project we sought to provide a learning experience while enjoying the beauty of our trees. The Walk 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 our Garden Club. The original Tree Walk committee included Cecile Dorr – Our 'Inspiration' and Chair, Bonnie Buchanan, Carol Clark, Pam Floyd, Betsi Hilton and Leslie Olson. They led the research and development of the walk with the help and enthusiasm of the Lady's Island Garden Club membership.

Encouragement for the project came from then Mayor Bill Rauch, with considerable help and expertise from City Horticulturist Eliza Hill and Clemson Horticulturist, Laura Lee Rose.

Beginning at the corner of Craven and Carteret Streets in Morrall Park, The Walk will circle through 'The Old Point', then past the Arsenal and ends on the Beaufort County Library grounds.

**NOTE: A MAP OF THE COMPLETE BEAUFORT TREE WALK
CAN BE FOUND IN THE CENTER OF THIS BOOKLET.
Refer to it for additional location information.**



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Congratulations!

You have now walked a little over a mile and admired over 30 trees. Beaufort is very proud of our beautiful trees and of the efforts of the homeowners and the City to keep them healthy and attractive. What a world of difference these trees make to the historic homes, the City and the business area! Not only do they add beauty and value, but also contribute to conserving energy, providing shade, help clean the air we breathe and provide habitats for wildlife.

To paraphrase philanthropist Warren Buffet –
*‘Someone is walking in the shade today because
someone planted a tree a long time ago.’*

Lady’s Island Garden Club would like to thank the following for their enthusiasm, encouragement and help:

The Homeowners of ‘The Old Point’ for their stewardship of the trees
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Eliza Hill, Former City Horticulturist, and the Tree Board
Laura Lee Rose, Former Clemson Horticulturist
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Accommodations Tax Grant Committee
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The dedicated members of the
Lady’s Island Garden Club who had the foresight to develop this beautiful Walk
Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs
And a special ‘Thank You’ to all who have assisted us in many ways as we
developed this Tree Walk Project.

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