



# FACT SHEET

## NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION

**NASHVILLE TN** ---The Betty Brown Tree Trail at Riverfront Park, is a partnership between Metro Parks and the Nashville Tree Foundation to plant a variety of native and heirloom trees that will survive the soil and weather conditions in the area while enhancing the sustainability and aesthetic beauty of Riverfront Park. The trail is named in honor of Brown whose passion and dedication to planting and saving trees for the present and future generations.

**WHO:** Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation and the Nashville Tree Foundation

**WHAT:** Betty Brown Tree Trail at Riverfront Park

- Creation of the trail was made possible by gifts in the name of Betty Brown to the Nashville Tree Foundation and by friends and family. A \$250,000 grant gift – that includes monies from the USDA Forest Service and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Common Division of Forestry. – also endows tree maintenance for at least 15 years post contractors’ warranty.
- The Trail was designated an arboretum by the Nashville Tree Foundation in 2015. Nashville’s first-ever urban arboretum, the Betty Brown Tree Trail features 225 individual trees representing 36 different species Park. Bronze medallions in the concrete delineate the meandering course along Riverfront Park.
- Native tree families include oak, hickory, maple, magnolia and tulip poplar. Non natives of interest include Chinese pistaches, Deodar cedars and London planetrees. With proper care and depending on species, these trees can last from 50 to 500 years.
- NTF is a nonprofit organization established in 1986 to enhance and preserve Nashville’s urban forests through a range of efforts. NTF has planted more than 10,000 trees, recognized over 750 of the largest and oldest trees in Davidson County and designated more than 25 arboretums throughout the county.
- Throughout the year, the NTF will hold tree tours to educate the public on this lovely feature of Riverfront Park.

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The Nashville Tree Foundation works to preserve and enhance Nashville’s urban forests by planting trees in urban areas, identifying the oldest and largest trees in Davidson County, designating arboretums, and educating the public about the value of trees.

### **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

511 Oman Street, Nashville, TN 37201

The 11-acre Riverfront Park is one of 127 managed by the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation. The new park features: a 1.5-acre lawn known as The Green, over one-mile of multi-use greenway trails, Riverview Garden, Nashville’s first downtown dog park, public WIFI in select areas, and exercise and sports facilities, including: two custom ping pong tables, nine custom swings, two basketball half-courts, game boards for chess and checkers and active workout area including an 11-station fitness circuit.