

Caswell Community Arboretum



In 2004 the Caswell Horticulture Club and the Caswell County Commissioners began work on the Caswell Community Arboretum, a park where trees and plants are grown for exhibition and study. Located on county property in the Yanceyville National Historic District, behind the storied Caswell County Courthouse, the project has reclaimed unused county property and created a place of beauty for Caswell County residents and visitors. Designed by OBS

Landscape Architects of Raleigh, with input by a local committee, the arboretum is two acres of diverse native plantings that emphasizes wildlife sustainability. A ½-mile paved trail guides visitors by the Poteat School House, an old one-room school that was relocated and restored, and the old Caswell County Jail. The trail meanders through the



arboretum's feature gardens, a butterfly garden, an evergreen garden, and a young pine grove. There are benches placed throughout, and a rustic shelter was completed in June 2009. For information contact: Project Director, Yancey Smith (336) 234-7375 (ymsmith@mebtel.net), Caswell County Government Offices at (336) 694-4193, or the Town of Yanceyville (336) 694-5431.

“What does he plant who plants a tree?

He plants in sap and leaf and wood,

In love of home and loyalty

And far-cast thought of civic good –

His blessing on the neighborhood

Who in the hollow of His hand

Holds all the growth of all our land

A nation's growth from sea to sea

Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.”

From ***“The Heart of a Tree”*** by Henry Cuyler Bunner (1855-1896)

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