



ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

GREAT PUBLIC SPACE DESIGNEE—2022

This east Texas community has a longstanding and inclusive effort to provide a sustainable natural space to the region, and with the creation of the 26-acre Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, the more than 80,000 residents of Longview reap the benefits. Nestled amongst trees and gentle cliffs, the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center helps the community create a positive relationship with nature. The arboretum sits adjacent to a proposed extension of the city's Paul G. Boorman Trail and next to the Grace Creek Mountain Bike Trail.

In addition to providing a space for a quiet reprieve throughout the year, the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center also serves as home to a host of traffic-generating events to support the economic health of Longview. Since its opening in 2019, the arboretum has hosted many festivals, civic events, reading clubs, and even a concert series. While the arboretum regularly charges a nominal fee for entrance, many of the special events are provided free to the community.

The arboretum was a community-wide regional project that had been discussed for some time. It was the City of Longview's Comprehensive Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan that determined the facility would be a key strategy to promote equal access and quality education for the Gregg and surrounding counties. Today, this beautiful testimony to nature welcomes people from all over who can meet and live life.

