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Happy new year, Facilities Management!

The FM-led Campus Arboretum Committee, which is a collaboration between Facilities Management, the Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture, Colorado State Forest Service, CSU Extension, Plant Select, and the City of Fort Collins, recently shared with me some good news. The CSU [President's Sustainability Commission](#) (PSC) approved their application for funding through a newly created [Sustainability Fund](#) that advances sustainability efforts at CSU. This project was approved for \$4,500!

As part of their commitment to educating the public and CSU community about the value and potential of trees, the Campus Arboretum Committee is developing a self-guided tree tour featuring 15 notable trees on main campus. They will post a map of the route and locations this spring at <https://www.fm.colostate.edu/arboretum>. Accompanying the tour will be a series of short 3-5-minute videos that discuss the 15 notable trees, which will be completed as the trees regain their foliage in late spring and summer. It is standard for arboreta to add interpretive signage to call attention to the significance of the trees for people visiting or walking past them. The signs, placed near the 15 trees, will provide a brief description, including Latin name, species, cultivar and common names. Additional content may include approximate age and any special designations if applicable.



This project supports sustainability by providing formal infrastructure that highlights special trees within the CSU Campus Arboretum. The self-guided tree tour and associated components help to educate students, employees, and visitors about the diversity within the campus-wide arboretum: different species of trees, how they grow, what they need, and how they contribute on many needed levels (economically, environmentally, physically and mentally for health, aesthetically, etc.). The specific outcome of the project is ongoing education, fulfilling our commitment as a [Tree Campus Higher Education](#) leader and [ArbNet Level III Arboretum](#). This project increases community awareness for the significant impact trees have on our local and global environments.

Best,

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