

## **Report to KORA Horticulture Committee**

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### **Arbnet Accreditation Achieved**

The John Bartram Arboretum at Kendal at Oberlin has been accredited by Arbnet as a Level I Arboretum (there are four levels). The Morton Arboretum created the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program to establish and share a widely recognized set of standards for the purpose of organizing the global arboretum community and providing benchmarking and guidelines for arboretum practices and development.

### **Benefits of Arbnet Accreditation**

- Recognition for our current level of achievement and practice, and a path towards achieving higher levels of accreditation as we develop and expand our activities. Arbnet will publicize our inclusion in the network.
- Access to Arbnet resources to develop and enhance our capabilities.
- Networking opportunities with arboretums and public gardens at similar or higher levels of accreditation to provide comparative benchmarks and models for further achievement.
- Distinction in our local community, an avenue to providing leadership and influence in arboriculture and environmental stewardship.
- Opportunities for collaboration with other arboretums and public gardens in scientific, collections and conservation activities.

### **Arbnet Resources**

- Arboretum Management - establishing, running and marketing an arboretum.
- Education and Public Engagement - community outreach, program and event planning, interpretive signage and programs
- Tree Collections - collection policy, practice, and tools, including design/maintenance, collections tracking systems, disease and pest management
- Tree Science and Environmental Conservation - programs to improve stewardship and contribute to development of improved practices throughout the network.