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Northern Kentucky University has been awarded a \$7,990 Urban and Community Forestry Assistance grant to build an arboretum along the curving sidewalk between Loch Norse and the Applied Science and Technology building.

Bill Moulton, NKU's superintendent of horticulture and grounds, said there will be approximately 44 shrubs and trees planted.

"As you walk through it you will have plants on both sides of the path. It's a very high-traffic area and a focal point of the campus. It's our largest green space on campus," said Moulton.

**ADVERTISEMENT** The main purpose of the arboretum will be education, which is reflected in the design.

"For example, there are eight different maples represented in one grouping but they are all different species and varieties," said Moulton.

Moulton said the design was inspired by his own experience in horticulture school. During the course of a semester, his professors would point out different varieties of the same tree sometimes weeks apart, but Moulton was never able to see them side-by-side at the same time.

"I was thinking students and people studying trees would enjoy having them all together - so they could see their differences and similarities."

The grant will be used to purchase labels and plant trees.

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