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## Media Release

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**RE:** *Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Receives Grant from LG&E and KU Energy*

## ***Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Receives Grant from LG&E to Plant 140 Trees***

140 new trees will be added to the landscape of Cave Hill Cemetery due in part to a grant from Louisville Gas and Electric's "Plant for the Planet" program.

The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation received \$1,438.00 from LG&E to purchase the trees, which must be planted by the end of the year. Terms of the grant specify that Cave Hill is required to match the financial award monetarily or through in-kind contributions. Our match contribution is \$8,504.00, bringing the total grant application to over \$9,900.00. Cemetery horticultural technicians will oversee tree planting and maintenance, and the cemetery will provide mulch or any other required materials for the effort (in-kind contribution).

Using this funding, we can continue to add to the variety of plant and tree specimen in the cemetery, bringing our collection to well over 600 varieties. Many of our plants and trees are labeled with small green tags for easy identification.

Trees purchased with this year's grant include an adequate mix of native and non-native species. For example, the following trees will be planted this year: Bihou Japanese Maple, Shin Dehojo Japanese Maple, Hearts of Gold Redbud, Little Woody Redbud, Constellation Dogwood, Blue

Shadow Kousa Dogwood, Aka Tsuki Kousa Dogwood, American Beech, Weeping Wonder Ginkgo, Columnar Tulip Poplar, Colossus Magnolia, and Bur Oak.

The grant also specifies that trees must be planted and maintained under the auspices of the *Right Tree Right Place Program*, which takes into consideration the canopy, height, form/shape, growth rate, soil/sun/moisture requirements, and hardiness of each tree type. Each of these conditions is taken into account when any tree is planted in the cemetery.

Each year, nearly 50 trees are lost to old age and disease. Several years ago, Cave Hill Cemetery experienced the most catastrophic horticultural loss due to Hurricane Ike and the ice storm that crippled the city of Louisville. The cemetery has fully recovered from each of these incidents, but new trees are added each year to complement the existing variety of plant life that makes Cave Hill Cemetery Louisville's most easily recognized arboretum.

The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization associated with Cave Hill Cemetery. Its mission is to "Preserve the past for the future", which is achieved through the Restoration of historic structures and monuments, Preservation of the arboretum setting, and the provision of Educational opportunities for the community at-large.

Cave Hill Cemetery is a Victorian, Garden-style, rural cemetery located in the Highlands area of Louisville. The cemetery was founded in 1848 and is a nationally recognized arboretum with over 600 different varieties of plant species. Currently, over 135,000 people are interred within the cemetery.

