Robert J. Huckshorn

Arboretum

“I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.”
- John Burroughs
Dr. Robert J. Huckshorn, after playing a variety of key roles at Florida Atlantic University, currently serves as Vice President Emeritus of Florida Atlantic University. When Dr. Huckshorn retired, the University set aside a part of the campus to be dedicated as an Arboretum in honor of his many years of service, especially his last eleven years when he presided over the development of the John D. MacArthur Campus.

**Why an Arboretum?**

“I have always found that an arboretum provides a calm and tranquil place for students, faculty, staff and townspeople to visit and to momentarily escape from the bustle of everyday life. The arboretum will become a part of the unique Greenway that is a central part of the Abacoa concept. As such, it will serve as a teaching and research resource, expanding the educational mission of the MacArthur Campus. And that will make a lasting contribution to the campus and to the community.”

Robert J. Huckshorn, Ph.D.
A Lasting Legacy

While most people value nature, few of us take the time to actually enjoy and connect with our natural environment. The Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum will provide our community with a unique opportunity to explore that connection. When complete, the Arboretum will highlight our Florida ecosystems by featuring native trees and shrubs. Pathways will wind their way through the landscape, inviting the local community to explore and enjoy this peaceful haven. Benches will be scattered throughout, allowing visitors a chance to slow down and take pleasure in a moment of solitude in their otherwise hectic daily lives.

The Arboretum will also be a place for learning. Signage throughout the Arboretum will identify trees and shrubs, giving both their common and scientific names. Teachers and students will retreat to the Arboretum from the traditional classroom setting, adding depth to their learning experience.

The Arboretum Design:

The Arboretum features a variety of native trees and shrubs from several different ecosystems:

**Tropical Hardwood Hammock** - Gumbo Limbo, Paradise Tree, Satin Leaf, Geiger Tree.

**Cabbage Palm/Oak Hammock**

**Pine Flatwoods** - Slash Pine, Saw Palmetto, Coco Plum, Beauty Berry.

**Mixed Hardwood Swamp** - Cypress, Red Maple, Sweet Magnolia, Red Bay.

The Arboretum also features a beautiful Butterfly Garden and the FP&L Right Tree, Right Place Demonstration Project.

A donation to the Arboretum will become a lasting legacy to the entire community.

Join us!

Through the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum Sponsorship Program, a tree, bench or brick can be purchased to memorialize a loved one, honor birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, or contribute to the ecology of the community.

Your contribution to the Huckshorn Arboretum will serve as a living legacy for future generations. Your tree or bench contribution will be recognized on a plaque with the wording of your choice.
The Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum is a joint project between the MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University and FAU’s Center for Environmental Studies.

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