

## THE VISION – MAY 2018

**The Vision Statement:** To provide an ecologically sustainable Arboretum that fosters interaction between the landscape and its visitors. This natural setting will demonstrate stewardship, innovation, and educational programs for the community. People are invited to experience, respect and enjoy the beauty of the East Texas landscape.



Longview Arboretum & Nature Center (LANC) – Arboretum Entry – 706 West Cotton Street



Longview Arboretum & Nature Center (LANC) – Entry to the Nature Center

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- We are moving forward and the pace is quickening:
- **Feb 22, 2018:** City Council *unanimously* approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Longview Arboretum & Nature Center Board of Directors and the City.
- **March 28, 2018:** Construction bids are opened and reviewed.
- **April 26, 2018:** The project is presented to City Council – Contractor selected.
- **May 2018:** Contractor continues Phase One construction for the Longview Arboretum.
- **May 5, 2018:** The first annual Flower Power Fun Run is held at the Nature Center located on Cotton Street.
- The Longview Arboretum & Nature Center Board of Directors purchased a 20,000 square foot building along with a 3 acre tract of land. This purchase allows us to further our mission to enhance the quality of life in Longview and all of East Texas.

### EXCITING NEXT STEPS:

- Design Phase Two of the Longview Arboretum – the remaining 15 acres of natural beauty.
- Complete the renovation of the Nature Center building – opening Spring 2019.
- Fundraising will continue as necessary to complete and sustain the Longview Arboretum & Nature Center.