

## **John A. Swintosky, PLA, ASLA**

John A. Swintosky is a registered landscape architect with Louisville Metro Public Works Division of Transportation. His formal education and experience is in engineering and landscape architecture. He served as landscape architect with Louisville Metro Parks & Recreation for twenty years prior to joining Metro Public Works staff in 2017. Prior to practicing as a landscape architect, he worked for over a decade as a horticulturist and landscape manager at central Kentucky thoroughbred horse farms. His formal education and training is in engineering and landscape architecture.

Currently, Swintosky is a lead project manager for many bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, notably for the Louisville Loop and the Olmsted Parkways. Another key focus of Swintosky's career has been upgrading the comprehensive planning and standards for quality maintenance of publicly owned living landscapes, especially Kentucky native plant communities and natural systems.

Swintosky has been passionately active in the advancement of knowledge, skills, care, and planting of trees in Louisville since 1994. From participating as member of each mayor's Tree Board, to ordinance updates, to public outreach presentations, and to designing, procuring, and planting trees personally, he is gratified to be a part of the advancement of this community's perspective of the value of trees.

He has been a member of many professional organizations throughout his career. He is a past Kentucky Trustee for the American Society of Landscape Architects and Past President of the Holly Society of America. He currently serves as the Metro Public Works appointee to the Louisville/Jefferson County Environmental Trust board.

As a resident landowner in central KY, Swintosky still maintains a high level of interest and involvement in the historic landscapes of the Bluegrass region. He dabbles in plant propagation and production on his property, Viburnum Valley Farm – but mostly watches his viburnum foster children grow.