

# NEWS RELEASE



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## ADKINS ARBORETUM ANNOUNCES HIRING OF ABBY LORENZ AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Adkins Arboretum announces that Abby Lorenz of Millington was hired recently as its first director of public engagement. Lorenz has more than 10 years of experience in horticulture, strategic development, communications and other fields that make her a valuable asset to the Adkins team.



“Having grown up on the Eastern Shore, I’ve developed a lifelong love for this region’s natural beauty and the people who live here,” said Lorenz. “Being able to combine my love for this area with my experience in public gardens and community engagement feels like coming full circle. I’m excited to contribute to the incredible work being done at Adkins.”

Prior to joining the Arboretum staff, Lorenz was plant records manager for Mount Cuba Center in Hockessin, Del. She also recently completed the Longwood Fellow Program, an immersive working and learning experience that prepares high-potential professionals for high impact roles in public horticulture. She previously served as the manager of plant records and horticultural programs at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and as a landscape designer for Unity Landscape Design/Build. She holds a B.S. from Virginia Tech and a BFA in ceramics from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago.

Throughout her career, she has been driven by a desire to create spaces where people can find a sense of belonging and connection. She believes that public gardens are not just places to visit but spaces where people can find a sense of community, healing and inspiration.

"" said Ginna Tiernan, Adkins' executive director. ""

The director of public engagement designs, facilitates and supports a broad range of programs, events and guest engagement to provide exceptional experiences in nature and promote native plants.

The mission of Adkins Arboretum, a 400-acres native garden and preserve at the headwaters of Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County, is to provide exceptional experiences in nature. For more information, visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847.

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