

# Botany Hills *Covington, KY*

## Northern Kentucky's Best Kept Secret



Located just west of I-71/I-75 and bordered by the Ohio River and Devou Park, Botany Hills is a hillside community that boasts some of the most spectacular views of the Ohio River and the Cincinnati skyline. Its unique physical characteristics, along with its proximity to cultural and recreational activities in Devou Park, Downtown Covington and Cincinnati, makes Botany Hills one of the most desirable neighborhoods that is now being newly re-discovered.

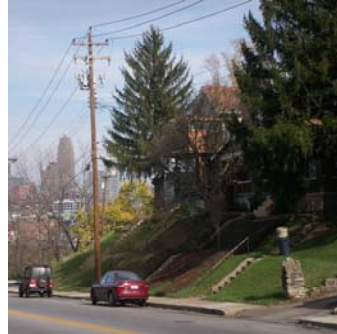
Botany Hills is within walking distance to many area attractions such as Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ball Park, MainStrasse Village, Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Wedding, Art, and Restaurant Districts, and is only a short drive to the CVG International Airport. Mass transit and shuttles run through the neighborhood, making convenient connections to Cincinnati and many other points in Northern Kentucky for both work and play.

Next door is the splendid 700-acre Devou Park where residents enjoy year round activities including theater, symphony, nature trails, tennis, fishing, biking, picnic facilities, the Behringer-Crawford Museum, and the 18-hole Devou Golf Course.

While Botany Hills has many longtime residents, in recent years the convenient location, sought after vista and affordable housing stock have become attractive to many young professionals as well as empty nesters. Older brick and frame houses are being transformed into quaint homes with front porches and small gardens. Upscale residences are being built along the river and hillsides for those who prefer larger interiors and modern floor plans. Real estate investments have appreciated steadily in the past 5 years.

Inspired by its rich variety of plantings, Botany Hills was originally named by Edwin Forrest, the first native-born American actor, who purchased 45 hillside acres along the Ohio River in 1839. When Edwin Forrest left, people called the area Forrest Hill. The area was later named Economy, then West Covington before being annexed by Covington in 1916. Recently, the residents and neighborhood association have reinstated the name of Botany Hills to reflect its history, natural beauty, and unique identity.

A neighborhood association was recently formed. Meetings are held on every third Thursday evening. The current effort is focused on smart development planning, community building, neighborhood safety and beautification. The association is also working with relevant agencies to create neighborhood focal points, riverfront access, and a dedicated walking/bike trail along the river to downtown Covington.



Covington is a historic "City of Neighborhoods." Botany Hills is joining other neighborhoods such as Austinburg, Kenton Hills, Lewisburg, Wallace Woods, Peaselburg, and Licking Riverside to help make Covington a rich and diverse community.