The 30 trees on this walk are identified with labels showing the common and botanical names. There are also QR codes for visitors with smart devices.
Elmwood Cemetery was established in 1846 and incorporated in 1849 as a non-profit corporation by an act of the Michigan Legislature. In the 1890s, prominent landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted was hired to provide guidance to the cemetery Trustees on how best to re-design the grounds. The cemetery incorporated Michigan’s native plants and trees that would thrive in our environment, large stands of trees to provide shade for visitors and roadways designed to follow the natural slope of the land. In 2015 Elmwood Cemetery was certified as a Level 1 Arboretum by Morton Arboretum and the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program, making Elmwood Detroit’s first certified arboretum. Visitors enjoy Elmwood’s park-like setting every day of the year, using the grounds to walk, ride bikes, bird watch, picnic and of course contemplate the serenity of the area while visiting family.