



Tree and Park Bench Dedication Program

Do you know someone extraordinary whom you would like to honor? Is there a special person or occasion you would like to memorialize?

If so, Preservation Parks of Delaware County has a creative way for you to celebrate significant people and noteworthy events by planting a tree or installing a bench to provide lasting recognition of the significant people and occasions in your life.

Your Dedication Tells the Story

Preservation Parks will email the donor a picture with details the type of tree planted, if applicable, and the location of the tree or bench. Preservation Parks is not responsible for the replacement of vandalized or stolen plaques.

TREES

Dedication trees cost \$340 for a native flowering tree or a native shade tree. The cost includes the tree, plaque, installation, and maintenance.

You May Request the Location

Donors may request a specific park and planting location. All location requests are reviewed and finalized by Preservation Parks staff in coordination with the donor. Dedication trees may only be planted on district property and will be installed by district staff. Please note that dedication trees may be planted at Gallant Farm; however, tree tags are not permitted in this park in order to keep the experience as authentic to the time period as possible.

Installation

The spring planting season is typically March 1 to June 1; fall planting is September 15 to November 15. Planting seasons are approximate and may vary according to weather and other factors.

You Choose the Type of Tree

Donors may select any tree variety from the attached lists of trees native to Ohio. Special requests for trees not on the lists will be evaluated for hardiness, availability, and suitability. Where a special request cannot be accommodated, PPDC staff will work with the donor to find an appropriate alternative. If a tree dies or fails to thrive within two years, it will be replaced in the next appropriate planting season, free of charge.

PARK BENCHES

Dedication park benches cost \$1,900 each. The price includes the cost of the bench, a 2" x 10" plaque, freight, installation, and maintenance. Upon receipt, it will take approximately 13 weeks to complete installation of the park bench. Benches can be installed spring through fall.

You May Suggest the Location

Donors may request a location, with the exception of Gallant Farm, which features unmarked historical bench styles. All location requests must be reviewed and approved by Preservation Parks staff. If a requested park already has the desired number of benches, staff will recommend an alternative park.

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REQUEST FORM

Donor Name: _____

Donor Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Person or event being honored: _____

Select an Option:

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|--------------------------|---|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shade Tree (2 to 2 1/2" caliper, single-trunk) | \$340.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ornamental Tree (2 to 2 1/2" caliper) | \$340.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bench (6-foot, recycled plastic park standard) | \$1,900.00 |

Tree type requested (see attached lists): _____

Preferred park and general location:

Specific wording for plaque (up to 30 characters per line for trees, 56 characters per line for benches; 3-4 lines maximum):

Please attach a check made payable to **Preservation Parks of Delaware County**, for the amount listed above for the tree or bench requested and return the completed form and your check to:

Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
Attn: Fiscal
2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, OH 43074

For additional questions, contact:
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Contributions or donations to Preservation Parks' Tree and Park Bench Dedication Program are tax deductible under section 170 [c] of the Internal Revenue Code.

NATIVE TREE LISTS

In addition to providing shade and beauty to our natural landscape, trees provide numerous benefits for people and wildlife including habitat for chorus frogs, little brown bats, migratory birds, and flying squirrels. The species listed below are native to Ohio and well adapted to the climate and growing conditions in Delaware County. Cultivars of native species, which are generally more available, also will be considered.

***Acer x freemanii* Red Maple Hybrid**

Best known for its fiery red leaf color in the fall, the hybrid Red Maple is a cross between Red and Silver Maple, growing quickly and producing masses of tiny red flowers along smooth gray branches in early spring.

***Acer saccharum* Sugar Maple**

Sugar Maples provide some of the most spectacular fall color in the Midwest, turning brilliant red and orange. Moderately-fast growing, Sugar Maples tend to develop a broad, rounded head and furrowed gray bark with age.

***Aesculus glabra* Ohio Buckeye**

The official state tree of Ohio! This medium sized tree is usually found on moist rich soils but adaptable to a variety of conditions. Its flowers are visited by a variety of pollinator species.

***Amelanchier x grandiflora* Apple Serviceberry**

One of the earliest flowering ornamental trees, this multiple-stemmed Midwestern native produces masses of white flowers in early-to-mid-April. The small red berries, which ripen in June, are a favorite with birds. Blue-green summer foliage changes in the fall to a spectacular range of yellows, oranges, and reds.

***Celtis occidentalis* Common Hackberry**

Common Hackberry, a tree native to the forests of the Midwest, is rivaled only by Oaks in its potential longevity. Beautiful pale gray bark and yellow fall foliage make this tree an asset to the landscape year-round.

***Cercis canadensis* Eastern Redbud**

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***Fagus grandifolia* American Beech (limited availability)**

A natural beauty, American Beech is a fairly common large tree of rich bottomland forests. The smooth bark, sharply toothed leaves with straight veins, and long, sharply-pointed buds make this tree very easy to identify.

***Platanus occidentalis* Sycamore**

Sycamore trees are fast growing trees often seen along rivers and floodplains. Their exfoliating mottled bark is especially showy in winter after the leaves have fallen.

***Quercus bicolor* Swamp White Oak**

Swamp White Oak is a large rounded shade tree, noted for its bi-color foliage, which performs best in wet soils, but also adapts well to dry sites.

***Quercus macrocarpa* Bur Oak**

Bur Oaks have a bold texture and majestic appearance in the landscape. Although somewhat slow growing, they are one of the most drought-tolerant large trees. The large fringed-capped acorns produced are the largest of any oak and are an important source of food to wildlife.

***Quercus palustris* Pin Oak and *Quercus ellipsoidalis* Northern Pin Oak**

A medium-to fast-growing oak, Pin Oaks are large pyramidal trees with unique branching patterns; the lower branches are pendulous, the middle branches horizontal, and the upper branches ascending. Most Pin Oaks have excellent reddish-bronze fall color and prefer wet conditions, but will tolerate dry soils as well.

***Quercus rubra* Red Oak**

Large and stately, Red Oaks are one of the fastest growing oaks, producing deep green glossy summer leaves that turn shades of brick red to scarlet in the fall. They can live 250-500 years - a heritage tree for future generations.