

TREE PROGRAM

The cost for each tree planted is \$250. This includes the tree, plaque and continued maintenance of the tree (fertilizing, mulching, pruning, etc.)

After the tree is planted, an email will be sent to the donor with a map of the planting location. If the donor wishes, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient's family advising that their loved one has been honored or commemorated in this special way.

Trees will be planted during the fall and spring planting season, but they may be ordered at any time. These trees will be warranted and replaced for the first two years of the original planting. Commemorative trees will remain in place for the duration of the tree's lifespan. At the end of this period, Metro Parks may, at its own discretion, replace or remove the tree.

RECOMMENDED TREES

Tree selection and planting locations are chosen based on species, topography, soil condition, light exposure, mature plant size and appropriateness for placement in a Metro Park. These factors are determined by the Metro Parks arborist and ensure that your commemorative planting will continue to thrive for many years to come.



Dogwood leaves

Use the tree order form to request a certain type of tree for your recognition. A comprehensive list of native trees can be found at metroparks.net/trees. Metro Parks will only plant native species which will thrive in the location(s) requested.

RECOGNITION

Each park will maintain a commemorative plaque which lists all of the commemorative trees planted within that park. The commemorative plaque is located at a park's nature center or other common easily accessible area of a park.

TREE ORDER FORM

Contact name:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Phone #:

Preferred tree species (first choice):

Alternate tree species:

Plaque to read (max 3 lines, 20 letters/spaces per line):

Make checks payable to:

Friends of Metro Parks

Mail check and order form to:

Friends of Metro Parks

Commemorative Tree & Bench Program

1069 W Main Street

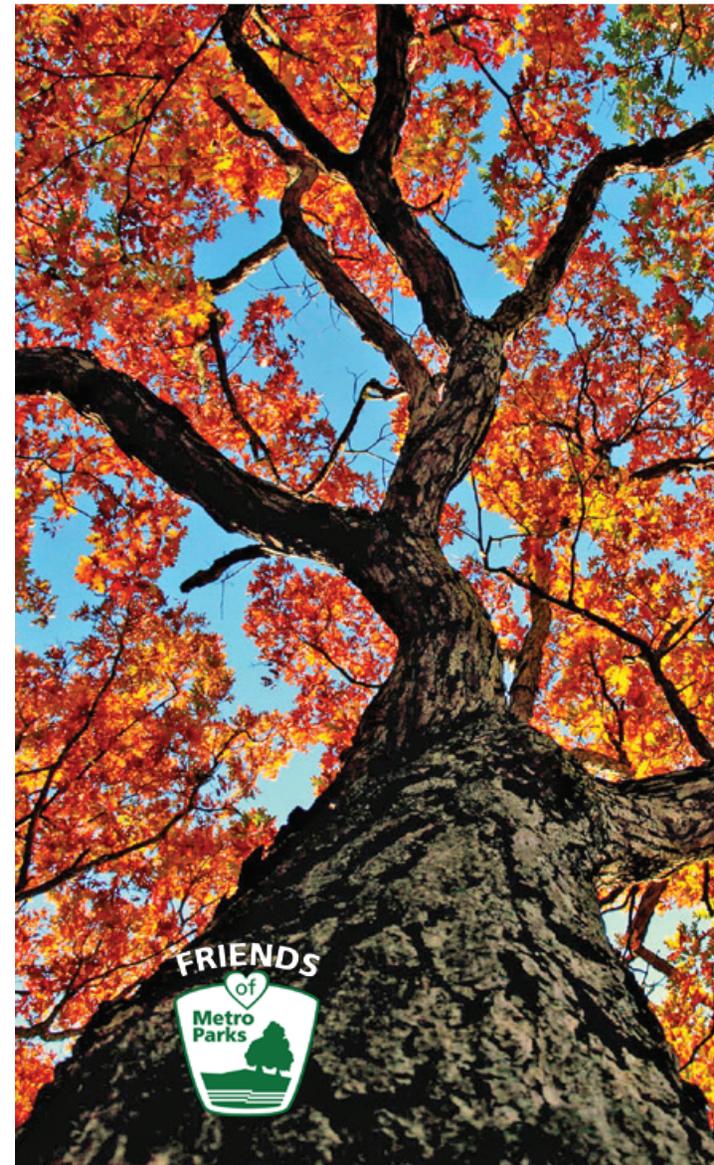
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metroparks.net/about-us/friends-metro-parks/

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COMMEMORATIVE TREE & BENCH PROGRAM



FRIENDS TREES & BENCHES

Friends of Metro Parks is a non-profit, membership-based organization focused on supporting Metro Parks through interactive activities, advocacy and fundraising. The Friends' Commemorative Tree & Bench Program allows groups and individuals to donate trees and benches to honor or commemorate friends or loved ones as well as commemorate special events. Trees and benches purchased through the program are planted or placed in a scenic location at one of the Metro Parks.

Your gift will be a wonderful remembrance or commemoration of a special occasion that adds beauty to the natural environment. It is also a valuable contribution to the Metro Parks system which is utilized by people of all ages and abilities

These donations qualify as a charitable contribution tax deduction. (For more information on charitable contributions see IRS Publication #526)

BENCH PROGRAM

The cost for each bench at a Metro Park is \$1,500.

This includes the bench, installation and a commemorative plaque. Benches are installed at approved sites in the order requests are received. Installation depends on the time of year received and the number of preceding orders. Benches can be requested to be placed at most Metro Parks, until they reach maximum capacity.



You may select the specific park for your bench donation and request a specific area within the park, however the bench's exact location will be determined by park staff based on the needs of the park.

Once the bench is installed, the contact person will receive a letter notifying them that the bench has been placed and a map showing the location of the bench. If the donor wishes, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient's family advising that their loved one has been honored or commemorated in this special way.

A donation period will last 20 years. Within this time, Friends of Metro Parks will replace the bench, in the event of damage, at no cost to the donor.

After 20 years, the bench will be available for renewal for the cost of a new donation, with the first right of refusal given to the original donor. If the original donor opts not to renew, the donated bench and plaque may be removed or rededicated at any time.

BENCH ORDER FORM

Contact name:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Phone #:

Park (first choice):

Preferred location in park:

Plaque 2" x 8" to read
(max 4 lines, 30 letters/spaces per line):

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