



Preservation Parks of Delaware County "Celebrate Your Roots"

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

If so, Preservation Parks of Delaware County (PPD) has a creative way for you to celebrate significant people and noteworthy events. "Celebrate Your Roots" allows you to choose a tree that will be planted in the preserve of your choice -- providing lasting recognition of the significant people and occasions in your life.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Your Dedication Tells the Story

Donors will receive a tree dedication certificate which details the person or event being honored, the type of tree planted, and the planting location. The dedication certificate is suitable for framing; it bears the logo of Preservation Parks, and is signed by the Executive Director and the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners. A customized 2" by 6" stainless steel tree plaque will also be placed on your tree. PPD is not responsible for the replacement of vandalized or stolen plaques. Additional plaques may be purchased for a fee of \$55.00.

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 by knowledgeable PPD staff with regard to the requested tree's hardiness, availability, and suitability for use in natural areas. Where a special request cannot be accommodated, PPD staff will work with the donor to find an appropriate alternative.

You Choose the Location

Donors may request a specific preserve and planting location. All location requests are reviewed and finalized by PPD staff in coordination with the donor. Dedication trees may only be planted on PPD property and will be installed by PPD staff.

Planting Seasons

The spring planting season is typically March 1st to June 1st; fall planting is September 15 to November 15. Planting seasons are approximate and may vary according to weather and other factors. Please place your request as early as possible in spring to ensure the greatest availability of species.

Tree Guarantee

If a tree dies or fails to thrive within two years, it will be replaced in the next appropriate planting season, free of charge.

Questions?

Please call Preservation Parks Planning Department at (740) 524-8600, ext. 2 if you have any questions or comments, or would like further information about our "Celebrate Your Roots" program.

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STEPS FOR DEDICATING A TREE

1. Fill out the "Celebrate Your Roots" Form on this page.
2. Attach a check or money order, made payable to Preservation Parks, for the amount listed below for the type of tree requested.
3. Return the completed Request Form and your check or money order to:

"CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS" PROGRAM
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, OH 43074

"CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS" REQUEST FORM

Donor Name: _____

Donor Address: _____

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

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Person or event being honored: _____

Type and size of tree you would like to dedicate:

Quantity	Type of Tree	Size	Form	Cost per Tree
_____	Shade Tree	2 to 2-1/2" caliper	Single-trunk	\$250
_____	Ornamental Tree	2 to 2-1/2" caliper	Single-trunk	\$200

Tree type requested (see attached lists): _____

Park and general location within the park in which you would like your tree planted:

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

Contributions or donations to PPD's "Celebrate Your Roots" Program is tax deductible under section 170 [c] of the Internal Revenue Code.

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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. Native trees and woodlands also help to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases by trapping carbon dioxide, as well as improving soil and water quality by reducing run-off and erosion. The species listed below are native to Ohio and well adapted to the climate and growing conditions in Delaware County.

Please note that due to the limited nursery availability of true native species, it is recommended that orders be placed as early as possible in spring; however, cultivars of native species, which are generally more available, also will be considered, as appropriate.

SHADE TREE LIST

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, producing masses of tiny red flowers along smooth gray branches in early spring. The hybrid Red Maples grow quickly and have excellent fall color.

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.

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 grey bark and yellow fall foliage make this tree an asset to the landscape year-round.

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. In winter the pale tan dead leaves are retained on the trees. Beeches are slow growing but can live to 120 years.

Platanus occidentalis **Sycamore**

Sycamore trees are often seen along rivers and floodplains. Their exfoliating mottled bark is especially showy in winter after the leaves have fallen. Rapidly growing and coarsely textured, Sycamores are very tolerant of wet soils but often lose their leaves during periods of drought.

Quercus bicolor **Swamp White Oak**

Swamp White Oak is a large rounded shade tree, noted for its bi-color foliage, that 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, with a deep tap root system that penetrates to the water table during the dry summer periods. 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. Individual trees begin to produce acorns after 25-50 years and they can live 250-500 years - a heritage tree for future generations.

FLOWERING TREE LIST

***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, providing one of the best displays of autumn color.

***Cercis canadensis* Eastern Redbud**

Redbud flowers are actually bright purplish-red in bud, opening to rosy-pink. In mid-April the tiny flowers are borne in profusion along the twigs and stems of this small, spreading tree. The new leaves, which appear as the flowers fade, are reddish-purple, changing to a lustrous dark green in the summer.

***Crataegus crusgalli inermis* Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn**

An excellent Midwestern ornamental tree, this thornless Hawthorn is covered with white flowers in mid-to-late-May. In the summer, lustrous dark green foliage provides a backdrop for masses of small deep red fruit, which ripen in September and persist through the winter. Fall leaf color is bronzy to purplish-red.

