



## Preservation Parks of Delaware County

# Tree and Park Bench Dedication Program

---

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 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

Donors will receive a dedication certificate which details the person or event being honored, the type of tree planted, if applicable, and the location of the tree or bench. 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 stainless steel plaque (2" by 6" for trees, and 2" by 10" for benches) will be installed. Preservation Parks is not responsible for the replacement of vandalized or stolen plaques.

### TREES

Dedication trees cost \$200.00 for a native flowering tree or \$250.00 for a native shade tree. The cost includes the tree, plaque, installation, and maintenance.

#### You Choose the Location

Donors may request a specific preserve 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 no longer 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, PPD 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 \$1,300.00 each. The price includes the cost of the bench, a 2" x 10" plaque, freight, installation, and maintenance. Upon receipt, it will take approximately six weeks to complete installation of the park bench. Benches can be installed spring through fall.

#### You May Suggest the Location

Donors may request a specific preserve and location, with the exception of Gallant Farm, which is not an option at this time. All location requests must be reviewed and approved by Preservation Parks staff.

**Preservation Parks of Delaware County**  
**Tree and Park Bench Dedication Program**

---

---

**REQUEST FORM**

**Donor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person or event being honored:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Select an Option:**

- Shade Tree** (2 to 2 1/2" caliper, single-trunk)      \$250.00
- Ornamental Tree** (2 to 2½" caliper)      \$200.00
- Bench** (6-foot, recycled plastic park standard)      \$1,300.00

**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 or money order, made payable to Preservation Parks, for the amount listed below for the type of tree requested and return the completed form and your check or money order to:

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

Note: Contributions or donations to PPD's 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.

---

### SHADE TREES

---

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

---

### FLOWERING TREES

---

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

#### ***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.