Commemorative Tree & Bench Program

The National Trail Parks & Recreation District commemorative tree and bench program provides opportunities for meaningful tributes in beautiful public settings, and the donations help support much needed park infrastructure. The gift of a tree is a lasting tribute and will benefit the community by enhancing the natural environment. Tree donations also offset carbon footprints and to be appreciated by visitors for decades to come. Memorial benches have increased in popularity as a special remembrance of a loved one. National Trail welcomes inquiries from families, friends or businesses who wish to make a donation towards a tree or bench in honor or in memory of a family member or friend.

BENCHES

The commemorative bench program includes customized bench, materials, inscription and ongoing maintenance. A photograph will be emailed to the donor after installation is complete.

4' ● $1000
6' ● $1300

TREES

The commemorative tree program includes materials, planting, 4" x 8" commemorative brick and maintenance. A photograph will be emailed to the donor after planting is complete.

$250

Please fill out this form and mail to National Trail Parks & Recreation District, 1301 Mitchell Blvd. Springfield, OH 45503. Checks can be made payable to the National Trail Parks & Recreation District. Please write Commemorative tree or bench in the memo line.
Commemorative Tree & Bench Program Policies

National Trail Parks and Recreation District is responsible for the installation of your bench or brick and tree. Specific selection and placement of trees or benches are at the sole discretion of National Trail, but the general location will be determined in collaboration with the donor. All commemorative trees and benches become the property of National Trail and are subject to removal or relocation. There may be an extended lead time in order to acquire suitable trees, benches or in the installation process. The planting of some tree species may also be delayed in order to wait for the best planting time.

REPLACEMENT

Commemorative Trees will be replaced by National Trail, at no charge to the applicant, within two years of the original planting date or a subsequent replanting date if required. Commemorative benches and commemorative tree bricks will be maintained by National Trail for a maximum of 2 years respectively, at no cost to the applicant. Bench repair/replacement at National Trail’s discretion. Memorials shall be self-supporting e.g., all expenses related to the memorial shall be the responsibility of the donor. If memorials are deemed unsafe, it will be removed by National Trail.

BENCH & BRICK INSCRIPTIONS

All wording that is used on either bench or brick inscriptions must be approved by National Trail staff. Bricks will be placed at the base of each tree at ground level. Benches are personalized with an engraved message. The lettering will be filled with a glossy resin inlay to ensure wording stands out.