

## A Living Memorial through the Westchester Parks Foundation Tree Trust and Memorial Bench Program



The Westchester Parks Foundation offers a unique opportunity for you to honor or memorialize a special person by making a contribution in their name. Pay tribute to someone you love, commemorate an event, or celebrate a friend or family member through the gift of a tree or bench in their honor.

By making a donation to the fund, you are not only supporting the WPF, but you are taking an active role in preserving and protecting Westchester's forests, parks and trails, enhancing public gardens and providing horticultural programs that are offered in county parks.

### **Tree Trust Program**

Why support the Tree Trust?

- By planting or preserving a tree, you are creating a living memory that will last for generations, while caring for the environment. Trees are a lasting tribute that provide clean air, ease noise pollution, create habitats for wildlife, and control erosion.

How much does the tree trust program cost?

- A new memorial tree will cost \$2,550.00. Purchasing an existing tree is \$1,900.00. The cost of both includes a bronze plaque designed by the family, installation and perpetual care.

- Can I choose the inscription on the plaque?
- Yes, however, there is a 15 word maximum.

Is there a list of trees I can choose from?

- Below is a list of trees available through our program:
  - o Red Maple
  - o Sugar Maple
  - o Sweetgum
  - o Red Oak
  - o White Oak
  - o Pin Oak
  - o Sycamore
  - o Flowering Dogwood
  - o Redbud
  - o Shadblow
  - o White Pine
  - o White Spruce
  - o Winter King Hawthorn
  - o Sweetbay Magnolia
  - o Bald Cypress
  - o River Birch
  - o Tupelo
  - o Hackberry
  - o Tulip Tree

\*Species selection will depend on the location chosen.

Where will my tree be planted?

- Trees are planted in any Westchester County Park, with the approval of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation. Plaques are no longer available at Bronxville Lake.

Can I make a dedication for other occasions besides memorials?

- Adopting a tree makes an excellent gift for any occasion. Trees symbolize growth, strength, and success. They are a unique present for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and much more!

How does the process work?

- Parks Department staff will work with you to determine an ideal location for your tree
- After sending the payment along with the wording of your choice to the Westchester Parks Foundation, the plaque will be approved and a blueprint will be created
- The process can take between 8-12 weeks from the time of approval.

How should I make my payment?

- Check should be written out to: **Westchester Parks Foundation** and mailed to:

**Westchester Parks Foundation**  
**450 Saw Mill River Road**  
**Ardsley, NY 10502**

## Memorial Bench Program



Historic Bench



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Teak Bench

Why support the memorial bench program?

- By adopting a bench, you can honor your loved one while enhancing the aesthetics of the Westchester County Park System. Adopting a bench will improve a park by offering a resting place for leisure and relaxation.

How much does the memorial bench program cost?

- The program price depends on the type of bench selected. A new bench ranges from \$3,000.00 - \$4,400.00. Purchasing an existing bench ranges from \$1,800.00 - \$2,100.00. The package includes the bench as well as a bronze plaque designed by the family, installation, and perpetual care.

Can I choose the inscription on the plaque?

- Yes, however, there is a 15 word maximum.

Where will my bench be installed? Can I choose the location?

- Benches are available in all Westchester County Parks, with the approval of Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Benches are no longer available at Bronxville Lake. Only existing benches are available at Kensico Dam.
- Not all benches are available at every park. Please discuss your preferences with the Westchester Parks Foundation.

Can I make a dedication for other occasions besides memorials?

- Adopting a bench makes an excellent gift for any occasion. They are the perfect way to honor someone you love or remember a special event. They are a unique present for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and much more!

How does the process work?

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