

LEGACY TREE DONATION PROGRAM

Description

Seattle Parks Foundation's Tree Program provides opportunities for meaningful tributes in beautiful public settings, and the donations help support much needed park infrastructure. Donations to this program make a great living gift that improves air and water quality, reduces erosion and global warming, and provides wildlife habitat while greening our city. We work directly with Seattle Parks and Recreation staff to provide opportunities for the general public to invest in their city parks and leave a lasting, nurturing legacy in the parks system.



Donation

A Legacy Tree donation of \$750 covers the maintenance and care for the tree during its three-year establishment phase and we insure the tree during that period so if it does not live we will replant it for free. Most trees planted are approximately 1 – 2" in diameter. A temporary tree tag is hung on the donated tree and meant to be removed by the donor upon visiting the tree and a commemorative card will be sent to the recipient of your choice.

Seattle Parks Foundation's Role

Seattle Parks Foundation works closely with donors and the Parks Department in several ways.

Donor support

- Steward tree donation
- Research tree location opportunities in Seattle parks
- Communicate City policy concerning donations to Seattle parks
- Provide donors with relevant tax information

Donation management

- Process donation
- Maintain consistent records of each donation
- Transfer funds to Seattle Parks and Recreation

Coordination with Parks & Recreation

- Coordinate with the City's Urban Forestry department for the tree planting
- Create temporary tree tag template and send to foundry to be manufactured
- Park specific planting and timing concerns

A successful program

Since the launch of this program in November 2006, more than 110 trees and 1,000 understory plants have been funded by over 300 donors raising over \$65,000 for trees Seattle parks. Tree donations serve the dual purpose of providing a meaningful way to make a living tribute to a Seattle park, while helping Seattle re-plant our urban canopy. For more information on other ways to contribute to the Tree Program, call 206.332.9900 x18.