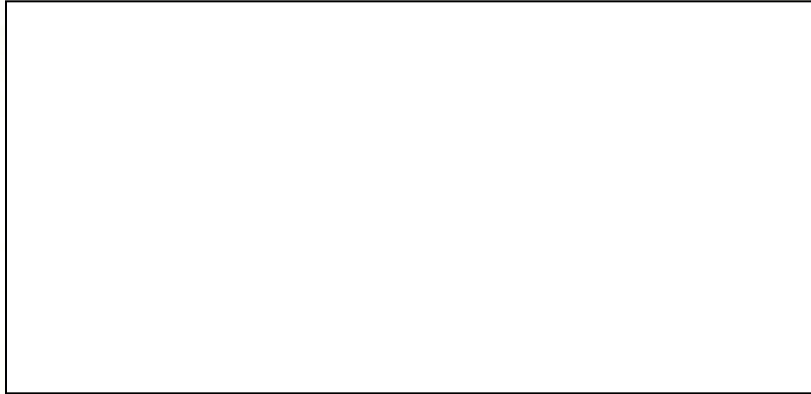


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Tribute Trees

The Tribute Tree program is designed to allow a donor to designate a tree or group of trees be planted in a park in a local community. The donor receives a thank-you letter and the honoree receives a hand-written note and certificate, announcing the gift. A map is also sent to the recipient after the planting in the summer.

It is a meaningful way to memorialize a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, commemorate an event, for numerous other reasons, or for no reason in particular. It makes a great gift for that person who has everything or is just plain and simply difficult to buy for.

It is the only program of its kind in the country. While other cities may accept donations for trees to be planted in parks, no other program includes a map which shows the location of the trees.

As with any donation to our non-profit organization, the contribution is fully tax-deductible. It is a great way to plant more trees in our community, an increasingly vital and important task.

The Friends coordinated the planting of nearly 300 trees in over 20 communities around the Twin Cities metropolitan area in 2014. Tribute Trees accounted for 89 of these plantings while the others were purchased through the generous monetary contributions from our members.

Since we began our two different tree donation programs nearly 25 years ago, over 6,000 trees have been donated to local parks.

Due to the devastating effects of pests such as Emerald Ash Borer and changes to the growing environment due to climate change, replacing lost and damaged trees is more important than ever.

Please consider giving a donation to help with this effort. You can choose which community you wish to receive your donation. The park staff will choose the park. A check, made out to Friends of the Parks, can be mailed to our address listed above, or credit card payments are accepted online at our website, www.FriendsoftheParks.org. Thank you for your help in greening our community.