



Commemorative Tree Policies and Procedures:

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy will plant trees that are consistent with the species and types approved for the Tree Fund. This is to ensure the greatest success of the tree in benefiting the community. Species that are considered invasive or are susceptible to known threats to our urban forest will not be planted.

Trees will be planted in the spring and fall each year. Specific timing of the planting will be determined by PPC horticulture staff based on a variety of factors including tree availability and weather conditions.

All Commemorative Trees will receive developmental care from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy horticultural staff including watering, mulching, pruning and the use of bark guards as needed, for the first two years after the tree is planted. This care may be extended beyond those two years if PPC resources permit, but it is not guaranteed. Once the two year period is over the tree will receive regular maintenance as provided to the park by the City of Pittsburgh.

Trees which are planted per the recommendation of the PPC horticultural staff will receive a five year replacement guarantee in the instance that the tree becomes diseased or dies.

The Parks Conservancy horticulture staff will thoughtfully suggest trees and locations that are compatible so that the tree will have the greatest opportunity for success. Trees types that are planted in locations where the PPC cannot ensure their success may not qualify for the five year tree replacement guarantee. If this is the case, the donor will be notified as such before the planting takes place. (For example – a small flowering tree may not do well directly next to a playground where children are likely to play in or around it.)

We do not physically tag the tree or install a plaque. This is for the health of the tree as well as to ensure efficient, cost effective park maintenance for Pittsburgh's Dept. of Public Works. Your tree will be pinned on the Parks Conservancy's map of commemorative trees for that park (coming soon).

Payment for Commemorative Trees can be made in a single payment or from multiple donors. We can also set up a monthly payment plan. The tree must be paid for in full prior to planting.