

Sponsor a Tree or Bench

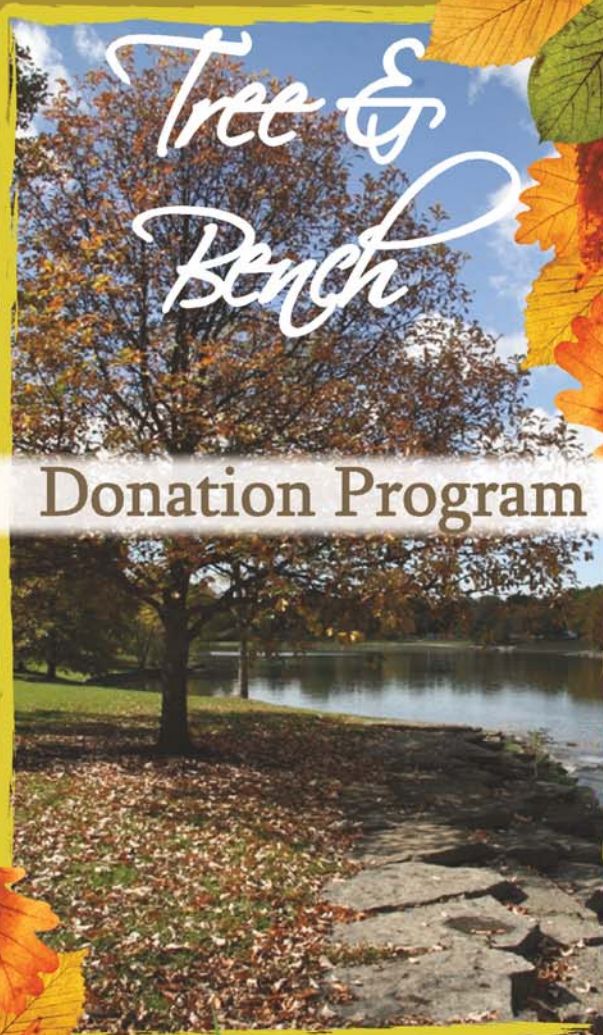
The Downers Grove Park District's Park Donation program adds beauty, color and texture to our suburban landscape and benefits the entire community.



You can sponsor a tree or bench:

- to remember loved ones
- to recognize special people
- to celebrate a marriage; the birth of a child; or a special anniversary
- to keep our community growing

Businesses and civic groups can also contribute to the community's beautification through tree and bench sponsorship.



**Downers
Grove
Park District**

your chance to play

935 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
(630) 963-1300
www.dgparks.org

Tree Donation

Tree sponsors can select the type of tree to be planted from a variety of tree species suitable for planting by the Park District, depending on the season. The Park District Forester will work with tree sponsors to choose the parks and specific planting sites for the trees. As a final dedication, sponsors may also purchase engraved plaques for permanent placement at the base of the trees.



Types of Trees

Shade Trees

Commonly taller than 50 feet at maturity, these trees cast cool shade, provide wildlife habitats and contribute an array of fall color to our autumn season.

Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Northern Catalpa, Green Ash, White Ash, Kentucky Coffee Tree and American Basswood.

Spring planting only:

Red Oak, Bur Oak and Swamp White Oak.

Ornamental Trees

Intermediate in size, most ornamentals reach a height of 15 to 30 feet. They contribute interest to the landscape through flower, fruit, fall color and form.

Serviceberry, Blue Beech, Crabapple and Hophornbeam.

Spring planting only:

Black Alder, River Birch and Red Bud.

Conifers

These cone-bearing trees grow to heights greater than 50 feet and have needles, some on their twigs singularly or in groups. Most are evergreen, but some drop their needles in the fall. All evergreens transplant best in spring.

Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern White Pine, Bald Cypress (Deciduous), Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Blue Spruce and Douglas Fir.

Donation Program Information

The Downers Grove Park District, a tax-exempt entity, accepts donations to restore and improve Downers Grove's parks and open spaces. Trees and benches make great gifts to both your beneficiary and your favorite park. Best of all, your donation is tax deductible and supports parks community-wide!

Park Benches

People may donate new or dedicate existing park benches. Whether existing or new, a donor recognition plaque will be installed on the bench.

Park Trees

Choose any Downers Grove park with planting availability. A donor recognition plaque will be installed at the base of the tree when the tree is planted.

Tree Care

Donations for tree care will be used for ongoing planting, watering and maintenance of trees. A donor recognition plaque will be installed at the base of the tree.

Other Opportunities**

Contact the District regarding additional park amenities, including fountains, pavilions, playgrounds, sundials, bird houses, etc.

Donation Element	Neighborhood Parks	Flagship Parks*	Corporate Donors
New Park Bench	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$3,000
Existing Park Bench	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Park Tree	\$750	\$750	\$1,000
Tree Care for Existing Tree	\$500	\$500	\$750

*Flagship Parks are: Golf Course, Museum, Recreation Center, Lyman Woods, Belmont Prairie, Doerhoefer Park, Downer Burial Place, Fishel Park, Gilbert Park, Hummer Park, Memorial Park, McCollum Park, Patriots Park, Prince Pond and Washington Park.

**Contact the Park District for ornamental park amenities available for sponsorship.

Tree and Bench Donation Program

1. This program is designed to enable residents and park users to support Downers Grove parks through a tax-deductible contribution. Contributions will be acknowledged by a donor recognition plaque. The recognition plaque is symbolic of the donation and does not entitle the donor to ownership of the particular donated element.
2. Only tree and bench donations are covered by this program. A donor requesting any other donation, dedication or memorial must apply to the District.
3. Donation applications will be reviewed throughout the year; however, plaques, trees and benches will be installed only twice per year — Spring and Fall.
4. Complete funding for the donation must be processed before the commencement of any work. The current donation levels are stated herein. These amounts are adjusted periodically.
5. A donation period will last 10 years. Within this time, the District will replace a park tree or bench donation and/or plaque up to one time if deemed necessary by the Design Review Staff. Tree donations will be replaced once within two years of the original planting date if deemed necessary by the Design Review Staff.
6. After 10 years, the donated element will be available for renewal for the cost of a new donation with the first right of refusal given to the original donor. If the original donor opts not to renew, the donated element and plaque may be removed or rededicated at any time.
7. The District retains the right to relocate a donated element and plaque at any time. If an element needs to be relocated the District or representative will contact the donor to discuss alternative locations; the District will make the final determination.
8. The District, in collaboration with the donor, will determine the tree species and location.
9. The donor shall select a bench from the existing undedicated park benches. A bench may only be installed in a new location with the approval of the District.
10. A maximum of 3 lines of text and 40 characters per line is permitted on the dedication plaque. No corporate logos will be permitted. Text is subject to the approval of the District Design Review Staff.
11. This program does not supersede the regulations or ordinances of the Downers Grove Park District.



Donation Program Application

Before filling out this form, please call (630) 963-1300 and ask to speak with the Public Information Supervisor about your donation. All applications are reviewed for appropriateness and subject to approval. Please type or print legibly.

1. Applicant Information

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Fax _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

2. Donation Information (Please indicate the donation type - The District will accommodate request if possible)

New Bench Existing Bench Park Tree Tree Care Other

3. Location Information (Please indicate the location of donation type - If tree, indicate desired tree species, The District will accommodate request if possible)

4. Donation Amount (Please see the reverse side for donation levels)

Neighborhood Park Flagship Park Corporate Donor \$ _____

5. Plaque (Maximum of 120 characters - reviewed for appropriateness and subject to approval)

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6. Payment

The Downers Grove Park District is a tax-exempt entity. Donations to the District may be tax-deductible. Please make your **check** payable to the "Downers Grove Park District" or for credit card payment, please contact the Registration Office Manager at (630) 963-1300.

7. I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the Tree and Bench Donation Program.

My signature below indicates that I have read this document in its entirety, consulted with the Downers Grove Park District, Public Information Supervisor, and understand that:

- A. The District makes all final decisions, including but not limited to availability, bench location, bench style, tree location and tree species.
- B. All language used on recognition plaques is subject to approval.
- C. As a tax-deductible donation, all donated items are the property of the Downers Grove Park District and will be maintained according to District priorities.
- D. At the end of the dedication period, the donated item will be available for renewal with the first right of refusal given to the original donor.

Signature of Donor _____ Date _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY	Public Information Supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	Park District Design Review Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	District Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	Date Installed _____
	Public Information Supervisor _____	Design Review Staff _____	Director of Administrative Services _____	Installed By _____
				GPS Location Data _____