



WORCESTER COUNTY TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM
Recreation and Parks Department
6022 Public Landing Road
Snow Hill, MD 21863
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TREE OF LIFE DEDICATION PROGRAM
ORGANIZATION APPLICATION

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Representative: Name: _____

Telephone (____) _____ Residence (____) _____ Work

Park Selection: _____

Species Selection: _____

Number of trees: _____

Program Summary

The Tree of Life Dedication Program was designed to encourage individuals to commemorate any special occasion by planting a tree or by having a permanent park bench placed in an available Worcester County park of their choice. Individuals can honor that new arrival, graduation, anniversary, memory of a loved one, or special event. In addition to a living tribute, the trees will help provide shade, clean the air, and beautify the park for all citizens and visitors. In addition to individuals we are expanding our program to allow organizations to plant trees in Worcester County parks.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AND RETURN TO THE WORCESTER COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

This agreement is made between _____ ("User) and the County Commissioners of Worcester County by the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department ("County") and permits the planting of trees in _____.

• USER UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. User must coordinate any planting with County.
2. The Tree of Life Dedication Program fee of \$400 will be waived for organizations with the following duties being assumed by User. These responsibilities include the purchasing of the tree and any commemorative plaque, dedication ceremony, maintenance of the dedication site, replacement planting if necessary, and all maintenance services involved to insure the health of the tree after planting. User will be responsible for the planting, mulching, watering, fertilizing, pruning, and any other maintenance required for the life of the donated tree. County will assume no responsibility for the health and maintenance of the tree at any time.

3. County will only be responsible for mowing around the planting site.

4. Any dead or diseased tree may be removed at County's discretion any time County staff believe these trees are detrimental to the safety of park visitors or the health of other trees located in the park.

5. There are to be no commemorative memorabilia, such as, flags, wreaths, plastic flowers, or other adornments placed at tree sites

6. **The tree must be selected from the following species list and be a minimum of 2" diameter.** User is responsible for purchasing the tree.

Tree Species Available

●Flowering:	*Crab Apple *Eastern Redbud *Fringe Tree Mimosa Weeping Cherry	Crape Myrtle Flowering Pear Japanese Pagoda Okame Cherry Yoshino Cherry	*Dogwood Flowering Plum Kwanzan Cherry *Serviceberry
●Shade:	*American White Ash English Oak *Honey Locust *Pin Oak *River Birch Weeping Willow Zelkova	*American White Elm Ginkgo Kentucky Coffee Tree *Red Maple *Shagbark Hickory *White Oak	*American Beech *Hackberry London Planetree *Red Oak *Sugar Maple *Willow Oak
●Evergreen:	American Green Arborvitae Deodar Cedar *Red Cedar	*American Holly Hollywood Juniper Southern Magnolia	Black Pine *Loblolly Pine *White Pine

*denotes native species

Only trees native to the area will be planted at Herring Creek Nature Park.

Planting Locations Available

●Parks

Bishopville Neighborhood Park - Rt. 367, Bishopville

Greys Creek Nature Park – Rollie Road East, Bishopville

Herring Creek Nature Park - Nature Park Dr., West Ocean City

John Walter Smith Park - Public Landing Road, Snow Hill

Newark Neighborhood Park - Newark Road, Newark

Newtown Park - Corner of Stockton and Groton Road, Pocomoke

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex - Buckingham Lane, Berlin

Showell Recreation Area - Rt. 589, Showell

Stockton Neighborhood Park - Rt. 366, Stockton

Whaleyville Park - Rt. 610, Whaleyville

Girdletree Neighborhood Park, Box Iron Road, Girdletree

To User

- Complete and sign the application.
- Return the application to:

Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department
Attention: Bill Rodriguez
6030 Public Landing Road
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Questions or Concerns

- Please feel free to contact Bill Rodriguez if you would like to discuss any aspect of the TREE OF LIFE Dedication Program for your organization. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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We strive to give the Tree of Life Dedication Program User the best available service and ask your understanding in these matters. The health and life of the tree area depends on intelligent planting and maintenance decisions. Your cooperation will permit us to maintain a park atmosphere. On behalf of Worcester County's residents and visitors, thank you for your cooperation.

•PENALTIES - Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement may result in action by County. County will work with User to attempt to correct any problems. If User is unable or unwilling to correct problem, County then has the right to restrict the offending individual/organization privileges to participate in the Tree of Life Dedication Program in the future.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY GUIDELINES FOR THE TREE OF LIFE DEDICATION PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZATIONS.

By Organization Representative User (Print Name) Date

By Organization Representative User (Signature) Date

County Commissioners of Worcester County

By Worcester County Recreation And & Parks Department

Signature Date By Authorized