Washington Township Memorial Bench and Tree Program



Township residents are invited to mark a personal milestone with a reminder by placing a donation for a Memorial Bench or Tree, to be placed in a local park. Help us beautify and green our community parks & nature preserve with a Memorial Bench or Tree in honor of a friend, family member, loved one, or beloved pet! Donors may choose their bench or tree from the approved lists and will be notified when the bench is installed, or the tree is planted. All donations will be noted in the Township's Memorial Bench & Tree Roster, located on the township's website.

Memorial Benches

Due to the upcoming development of master plans for both our community parks, the benches may not be installed until late 2025 or spring 2026. *Final bench location is at the sole discretion of the Township and is based on each park's master plan*.

APPROVED MEMORIAL BENCHES:



Adopt an existing bench donation - \$250

Memorial Trees

Current tree purchases will be for the 2026 planting season. Due to the upcoming development of master plans for both our community parks, this program will not be available for the 2025 planting seasons. Trees are guaranteed for one-year; any time after this period, trees can be replaced by the purchaser at the cost of the replacement tree. *Tree location is at the sole discretion of the Township and is based on each park's master plan*.

APPROVED MEMORIAL TREES:

Tree Species	Donation Amount
Acer Saccharum (Sugar Maple)	Donation amount will vary and is based on current tree costs, availability and caliper. Typical donation amount will range from \$400 - \$700 per tree.
Betula lenta (Sweet Birch)	
Betula nigra (River Birch)	
Carla Ovata (Shagbark Hickory)	
Carya Sp. (Hickory)	
Fagus grandifolia (American Beech)	
Liriodendron tulipifera (Tulip Tree)	
Ostrya Virginiana (Hop-hornbeam)	
Sassafras Album (Sassafras)	
Quercus alba (White Oak)	
Quercus rubra (Northern Red Oak)	
Tilia americana (American Linden)	
Adopt an existing tree	\$250



Memorial Tag - \$50

This above-noted tree species list is a comprehensive list of all approved species that may be planted in the parks and nature preserve. However, these species are considered site-specific based on mature size, habitat needs, long-term growing requirements, and must be approved by the township via the master plan of each community park before being selected as a Memorial Tree.

The donation period for 2026 spring plantings closes on December 31, 2025. If purchased after that deadline, your tree will be planted in the spring of 2027.



Washington Township Parks & Recreation



Memorial Bench & Tree Program Application

Applicant Information				
Name: (First, Last)				
Email:				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Mobile Phone:	Home Phone:	l		
Tell us a little bit about who and why you are requesting	g to put a bench or tree in one o	f Washington	Township's parks?	
Type of Memorial (Check one): New Memorial Bench Adopt an existing Bench New Memorial Tree Adopt an existing Tree	Preferred Park (Check one): Barto Community Park Washington Township Park Naigle Nature Preserve & Woodlands			
Honoree Information				
Name: (First, Last)				
Bench or Tree:				
Bench Selected or Adopted Bench Location:				
Tree Selected or Adopted Tree Location:				
Message to be engraved on plaque (5 lines, 63 characters each, a proof will be provided before being ordered). Tree tags already include "Planted in loving memory of" and "Forever in our heats", only provide the honoree name and dates below:				
Total Donation Amount:				

Application Procedure:

- Review the attached Memorial Bench & Tree Program Information and complete the application form.
- Select the type of memorial you wish to have installed (bench or tree).
- Submit the form to Washington Township.
- A review will be completed by Township Manager*.
- If approved, a meeting will be scheduled with the applicant, the Parks & Recreation Board, and Road Master for installation and location information.
- Donation and specifications will be discussed at the scheduled meeting. Requested donation amount is subject to change based on materials and shipping cost at the time of order. Please see the attached Memorial Bench & Tree Program Information with approximate donation amounts for memorial benches, trees and plaques.
- Payment will be submitted and made payable to Washington Township. Once payment is processed, the order will be placed by township administration.
- Memorial plaques or tags can also be ordered at an additional cost for both benches and trees.
- Benches, trees, and plaques/tags will be installed as soon as the schedule allows after they are received.

Please complete the form and return to the Washington Township, 120 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504 or email to parks@washtwpberks.org. For more information, please call 610-845-7760.

^{*} Note: Township Manager has the right to review and approve all requests and locations. Not all requests may be approved.