

Yes, I am interested in purchasing a bench and/or tree. Have someone from the Somerset County Park Commission contact me.

Name

Company/Organization Name (if applicable)

Address

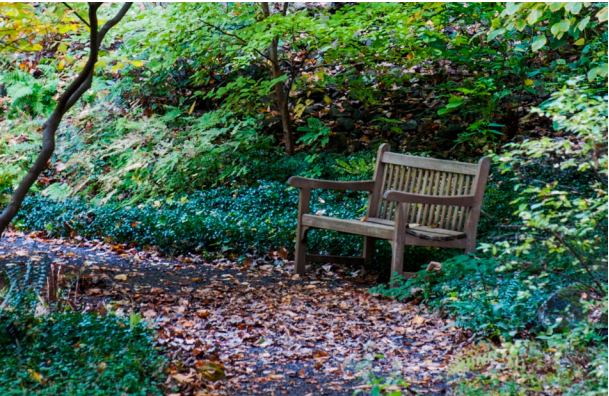
City

Telephone

Email Address

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Fill out form, tear off, place in envelope and mail to:

Attn: Tribute Bench & Legacy Tree Program  
Somerset County Park Foundation  
P.O. Box 5147  
North Branch, NJ 08876



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# Tribute Bench and Living Legacy Tree Program



For questions or for more information,  
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## About the Program

Honoring a loved one through a donation of a tree or park bench is a thoughtful way to recognize and pay tribute to family and close friends. The Somerset County Park Foundation provides the opportunity for members of the community to donate these within the park system through guidelines that allow for a coordinated and consistent program. The cost for a bench is \$3,000 and is tax-deductible. The cost for a tribute tree or tree plaque is \$1000 and is tax-deductible. The Somerset County Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) created to preserve, support, and promote Somerset County Park Commission programs, facilities, and open space through advocacy and fundraising.

The Park Foundation will maintain a listing of all plantings and benches. The records will also contain information concerning the donor and the person being honored or memorialized.



## Tribute Benches

There are three bench styles depending upon the type of park in which the bench is to be placed. The bench style is based on park design and maintenance. The criteria for the site list per park is based on the needs in each park, as well as a determination of the maximum number of benches appropriate for each park. We hope to keep the park system beautiful for all to enjoy, while also honoring the memory of your loved one.

A Park Commission representative will meet with you to discuss the park in which you would like to have the bench located. The maintenance of the bench will be the responsibility of the park staff. The order time for benches is approximately eight weeks. Upon receipt of the bench, park staff requires a minimum of two weeks to arrange installation.



**Gardens:** The plaques on benches located in the gardens are 2" x 4" anodized aluminum plate, and are black with silver letters. The font is Roman, block style, with upper and lower case letters.

**Parks and EEC:** The plaques on benches located in the parks and at the EEC are 8" x 5" cast bronze plate, and have a leatherette background texture, dark oxide stain background finish, with bronze letters. The font is Optima, block style, with upper and lower case letters.

The wording you select is written on the application, and will be ordered and installed by the park staff, along with the bench. All plaques must be located on the bench and not on the bench base. The Park Foundation will replace the plaque for up to ten years if it is damaged or vandalized.

## Living Legacy Tree Program

The Living Legacy tree program provides individuals and organizations with the opportunity to honor people and commemorate special events by planting trees in Somerset County Park Commission parks. Trees may be donated by individuals in memory of a loved one or to celebrate special events, such as births or weddings.



Although we accept living legacy requests year-round, trees will only be planted in the spring or fall to give the trees the best chance to survive. Through communication between Park Commission Horticulture staff and the contributor, an approved species will be chosen based on the desired planting site. Deciduous trees will be at least 1.5" to 2.5" in diameter and Evergreen trees will be 5' to 6' in height.

A donor may also choose an already established tree, designated as a Tribute Tree. A commemorative plaque engraved according to the donor's specifications will be placed at the base of the tree. All newly planted and already established trees will be maintained by Park Commission staff. If disease or any other unforeseen circumstances affect the tree within a ten-year period of its planting or endowment, Park Commission staff will replace the tree with a species of its choosing.