

ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM

Description

Seattle Parks Foundation's Adopt-a-Tree Program provides people an opportunity to adopt mature trees in a Seattle park for \$250. Trees within our urban forest make great living gifts that improve our air, protect our water, and reduce erosion and global warming while sustaining the character of our neighborhoods.

Adopting a tree can be a wonderful gift for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. We work directly with Seattle Parks and Recreation staff to provide opportunities for the general public to invest in their city parks by protecting mature trees and promoting canopy restoration.



Donation

A donor can either choose to adopt a mature tree that is special to them or choose to adopt a tree in a prominent Seattle park that Seattle Parks Foundation has previously identified. Either way, the donor will receive a Tree Adoption Certificate to be sent to the recipient of their choice. This certificate has been designed to be able to be cut and fit into a standard 8" x 10" frame if the donor chooses.

The Tree Adoption Certificate includes a photograph of the tree, its GPS coordinates, species information, and information regarding the benefits of adopting a mature tree in Seattle's public parks.

Seattle Parks Foundation's Role

Donor support

- Steward tree donation and meet with donor at park to site tree location if needed
- Communicate City policy concerning donations to Seattle parks
- Provide donors with relevant tax information

Program management

- Process donation
- Maintain consistent records of each donation

Coordination with Seattle Parks & Recreation

- Provide Seattle Parks & Recreation with a list of adopted trees

A successful program

Since the launch of the Tree Program in November 2006, more than 110 trees and 1,000 understory plants have been funded by over 300 donors and over \$65,000 has been raised for tree planting and watering in Seattle parks. Tree donations serve the dual purpose of providing a meaningful way to make a living tribute to a Seattle park, while helping Seattle re-plant and sustain our urban canopy. For more information on other ways to contribute to the Tree Program, call 206.332.9900 x16.