

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE TREE PROGRAM

TOWN OF SWANSBORO

A. Purpose

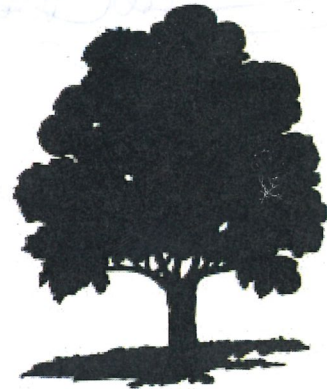
The purpose of the Town of Swansboro Memorial and Tribute Tree Program is to allow friends, family members, residents, and organizations to: (a) honor the memory of loved ones and friends; (b) express their appreciation or thanks for friends, loved ones, employees, persons in public or military service, persons of accomplishment, or community organizations; and (c) to celebrate special events – such as births, birthdays, graduations, weddings, retirements, anniversaries, Father’s or Mother’s Day, and similar events – in tribute to others.

B. Participation

Individuals, families, groups, and organizations may participate in the Memorial and Tribute Tree Program by making donations to plant trees in public places, in a manner consistent with the Town’s urban forestry program and this policy.

C. Tree Plantings

In order to insure that trees to be planted are appropriate and have a good opportunity for survival, tree species will be selected by the Town and will normally be native tree species or hybrid species with a proven history of durability in the Swansboro area. Tree plantings will be made within the appropriate season of the year to allow root establishment and to support the best opportunity for survival. Donors may express a preference for (1) a shade tree, (2) a flowering tree, or (c) an evergreen tree. The Town will provide appropriate care for trees planted under the program, but cannot guarantee tree survival.



D. Planting Locations

Trees to be planted in the Memorial and Tribute Tree Program shall be planted on public property or within landscaping easements obtained by the Town. Planting locations shall be determined by the Town, based on urban forestry program needs,

soils, light, topography, water availability, site plans, and maintenance considerations.

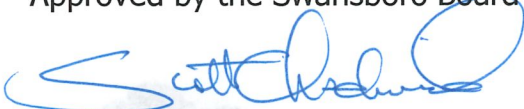
E. Donations

The donation required for a Memorial or Tribute Tree is \$150 per tree. The trees to be planted for each donation will normally be 1.5 to 2 inches in caliper, 5-8 feet in height, in 25 gallon containers. The donation amount is designed to cover the cost of the tree, transportation from the nursery, planting and soil amendment materials, planting labor, basic recognition, and early stage care.

F. Recognition

The Town will provide an acknowledgement of donation to the contributor, a notification will be sent to the honoree (or, in the case of a memorial donation, to a designated family member), the contributor's and the honoree's name will be entered in a registry of memorial and tribute tree donations, and the name of the honoree will be read at the Town's annual Arbor Day celebration.

Approved by the Swansboro Board of Commissioners, March 15, 2011.


mayor



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