

## **Ferguson Tree Dedication Program Preferred Species and Registration**

### **Ferguson wants to plant the Right Tree in the Right Place:**

Trees species have evolved with many different adaptations to different environments. Each species exhibits its very own light, soil type, and soil moisture requirements. When trees mature, they can take many different shapes, forms, and sizes. In the spirit of diversity, and the need to grow continual generations of large shade trees in our parks, please choose your dedication tree from the species list below. Each species has special qualities, so please refer to the species fact sheets, located in the Recreation Office, for more information. The need for trees is great in all of Ferguson's parks, so please be diverse in your location selection!

### **Please mark the box below with a “1” for your first and a “2” for your second choice:**

(Trees are based on availability in stock; please select multiple options as trees are not always available at time of dedication)

#### **Small to Medium Sized Trees**

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Redbud	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellowwood
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese “ Ivory Silk” Lilac	<input type="checkbox"/> White Fringetree
<input type="checkbox"/> Thornless Honeylocust	<input type="checkbox"/> Serviceberry
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Maple	<input type="checkbox"/> River Birch
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Black Pine	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowering Dogwood

#### **Large Sized Trees**

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Red Oak	<input type="checkbox"/> American Linden
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp White Oak	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Maple
<input type="checkbox"/> Ginkgo	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinquapin Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald cypress	<input type="checkbox"/> White Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Hackberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Coffee Tree

### **Registration:**

**Donor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient of Certificate:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(work)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **/Honor Of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name/Event** \_\_\_\_\_  
(check one)

**Preferred Park (1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose two parks from the following list)

**Dade/ Forestwood/ Hudson/ January Wabash Memorial Park/ Jeske/ Lang-Royce/  
Nesbit Newton/ Robert Superior/Spring Valley/ Wayside Park Unleashed  
Community Center, Victorian Plaza are options by special request and approval**

You can sign up for a dedication tree at any time of year, however the dedication ceremonies will be held on Arbor Day (the first Saturday in April), and in the Fall (the fourth Saturday of October).

*“A Society grows great when its elders plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”* -Greek proverb



## FERGUSON TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### **Program Objectives:**

- To raise funds to plant additional needed trees in Ferguson Parks, replacing trees lost due to damage, disease or age.
- To give residents an opportunity to honor a person, or a special event by way of a living tree memorial.
- To generate community awareness of the need to replace trees, an objective of the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program, which the City has been named each year since 1989.

### **Background:**

- In 1988, the Missouri Dept. of Conservation completed a Community Forestry plan for all of the Ferguson Parks. The plan identified the location and condition of existing trees and made recommendations as to future locations for trees.
- The Tree Dedication Program began in 1991 and has provided over 300 trees to Ferguson Parks to help meet the recommendations of the Conservation Dept. plan.
- Persons requesting a tree dedication may select a park and tree species from the preferred tree list on the other side.

### **Registration:**

- A **\$200** tax deductible contribution to the program entitles the donor a planted tree with a plaque at the base and a framed certificate.
- The contribution and registration for the program are accepted at the Recreation Office, 1050 Smith Ave Ferguson, MO 63135.
- At the time of the registration the donor requests the preferred tree species and location, along with the honoree's name for the tree plaque certificate.
- The City will work with the donor to meet the requested species and location.
- Program donations are deposited in a separate enterprise account used only to purchase the trees and program supplies.

### **Dedication:**

- A Spring and Fall dedication ceremony are held to dedicate the trees. The Spring ceremony generally is on Arbor Day (first Saturday in April) and the Fall date is generally the fourth Saturday in October, dates are subject to change.
- Dedications will be accepted up to one month prior to the ceremony date. The appropriate number of trees will be purchased and planted, and the tree plaque will be installed prior to each dedication ceremony.
- At the dedication ceremony the donor will receive a framed certificate acknowledging the donation and naming the person or event for which the tree is dedicated.
- The City will guarantee the tree and plaque for two years.

**Please call Ferguson Recreation Dept. (314-521-4661) for additional information**