

City of Rochester

Park Bench & Tree Program

The City of Rochester gratefully accepts gifts and donations from individuals, businesses and community organizations for the park system. This guide is intended to provide information for potential donors. To obtain additional information about the gift program, please call 248-651-9061.

Many types of gifts are welcome, especially where there is a desire or need for particular amenities. There are several parks in the City, and many would benefit from additional amenities. Thank you for considering donating to the park system.

The program provides a visible and living reminder in the community. Items can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone.

RECOGNITION OF GIFTS

Plaques or signs at the gift site are recognized for any gift. Gifts and on site recognition will be maintained by the parks for a period of 10 years, after which time, the amenity may need to be replaced, and the donor may re-adopt the amenity, or it may be replaced by another donor.

APPROVAL OF GIFTS

The gift idea will be discussed with the representatives of the city. If a plaque is being placed the language must be approved by the City.

GIFT IDEAS

The Rochester park system has a wide variety of play areas and resting spots that would benefit from new amenities. Please see the price list for items currently available for donation. In addition, we are open to suggestions and welcome creative ideas!

TREES

Trees may be planted in a park for a donation of \$600. The site is selected with assistance from city personnel. A plaque can also be installed next to the tree. If the tree does not survive due to pests, weather, soils, or failure to adapt during the first year after planting, it will be covered by nursery warranty and will be replaced. After the first year, replacement costs will need to be provided by the donor if replanting is desired.

BENCHES

Benches can be dedicated for a donation of \$2,000. Benches take approximately 6 weeks to be shipped, so the donation must be received 8 weeks before they can be installed. Plaques can be affixed to a bench. Benches will be maintained for a minimum of ten years, after which the bench will be evaluated on an on-going basis for safety.



TREE & BENCH COMBINATION

Tree and Bench combinations are also available for a price of \$3,000. This includes the tree, bench, signage, cement slab and stone landscaping.

PICNIC TABLES

Picnic tables can also be dedicated and include donor signage for a cost of \$1,200. Picnic table will be maintained for a minimum of ten years, after which the picnic table will be evaluated on an on-going basis for safety.

MILITARY DISCOUNT

We are proud to offer a 25% discount for items purchased for or by active or retired military.

TO PLACE AN ORDER

To place an order, complete the order form on the City's website at: rochestermi.org/433/Order-Form---Bench-Tree-Program. For questions, please contact the City Beautiful Commission at cbc@rochestermi.org or call 248-651-9061 and speak with Nik Banda, Deputy City Manager and Community & Economic Development Director.

