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## EXPAND THE FOREST PROGRAM INFORMATION

As part of the City's Urban Forest Management Program, the City is providing an opportunity for residents to commemorate a loved one or special event with the purchase and planting of a dedication tree in a City Park. Planting a tree in a City Park is a special way to honor a loved one and also provides a gift to the whole community. Trees are planted in public parks so everyone can enjoy the shade, beauty and enjoyment a living tree provides. A dedication tree can be planted for many occasions: in memory of someone who has passed away; in honor of a dedicated service member; to celebrate a birthday, graduation, wedding, retirement, or other occasion.

### **Why Plant a Dedication Tree?**

A dedication tree can be a living remembrance of a loved one or a celebration of a special life event. It provides a sense of belonging and community and the trees are intended to become a part of the existing landscape within the City's park system and contribution to the expansion of the City's Urban Forest. These trees will increase the beauty of our park system, provide food & shelter for wildlife, and bring a sense of peace when visiting Placentia's parks. The benefits of the Expand the Forest Program include:

- A unique gift
- A lasting tribute
- Beautify the parks
- Clean the air
- Control erosion
- Ease noise pollution

### **Who does the planting?**

The Public Works Department will arrange to have the tree planted by the City's landscape maintenance contractor. After planting, the City will assume maintenance responsibilities to care for the tree. The donating sponsor can participate in the planting of the tree if they choose to do so.

### **Where will my tree be planted?**

Dedication trees are only permitted in City parks. The planting locations have been pre-determined by the City with the applicant having the option to choose which pre-determined location(s) the tree(s) will be planted in. Each park has a pre-determined number of allowable trees species based on the types of trees currently located at the park, giving the tree every opportunity to survive and become a healthy living part of the City's Urban Forest. The locations have been chosen to ensure that open spaces used for active recreational activities is not lost to new trees.

### **How can I view the available locations and tree species?**

A City Park Guide map of the available planting locations and species for each park is available online at: [www.placentia.org/urbanforest](http://www.placentia.org/urbanforest) or in-person at City Hall through the Public Works Department.

### **What happens if my tree doesn't live?**

In the event that an Expand the Forest Tree must be removed because it has died, or is diseased or in declining health, the sponsor will be notified as to the location of the alternative site and/or replacement

tree. If a tree must be removed, the City will for removal of the existing tree and replanting of is replacement.

**How will my tree be recognized?**

- Every sponsor will receive a certificate signed by the Mayor in appreciation for their tree sponsorship of planting for the tree.
- Each quarter, all new tree sponsors would be acknowledged in the City’s Palm Newsletter.
- A bronze 5”x7” memorial plaque may be purchased for an additional fee and will be placed at the base of the memorial tree site two years after the tree has been planted. This will ensure that the tree has taken in its planted location so that the plaque does not have to be removed and reinstalled should the tree fail within the first two years. The plaque can include a dedication for the person or special event the tree memorializes.

**How much does the purchase of the tree cost?**

The cost to purchase and plant a tree will be funded by the tree sponsor and the City will be responsible for its care and maintenance thereafter. The cost of the tree will be based on the current contract price paid by the City for 24-inch box trees. The current cost is \$280 for an Expand the Forest tree.

**How do I become a tree sponsor?**

You can fill out the Expand the Forest Program application and submitted it to the Public Works Department via email at [urbanforest@placentia.org](mailto:urbanforest@placentia.org) or via address at 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870.

**Who do I contact if I have any questions about the Program?**

For more information on the Expand the Forest Program, contact the Public Works Department at [urbanforest@placentia.org](mailto:urbanforest@placentia.org). or (714) 993-8148.

