

ANTIETAM MEADOW PARK DONOR TREE AGREEMENT

1. The donor agrees to the following:

- a. Select a tree from the attached list of native species.
- b. The selected tree must be a healthy, substantial specimen tree native to this area of Pennsylvania. A minimum purchase price is \$150.00, not including delivery and planting fee, unless a suitable, less expensive tree can be located.
- c. The site selection in Antietam Meadow Park will be made in coordination with an Antietam Meadow Park Committee representative.
- d. Donor will cover the full purchase price of the tree and any planting or transportation fees directly to the grower or garden center.
- e. Donor may make arrangements for planting the tree with the grower or garden center or the donor is welcome to plant the tree. In either case, the planting will be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of a member of the Antietam Meadow Park Committee.

f. If the donor elects to plant the tree, these directions must be followed:

(1) Dig a hole six inches wider than the root ball and deep enough so that the tree flare is level with the surrounding ground. If the tree is ball and burlap stock, cut and completely remove any wire cage before placing in the hole. Burlap is to be cut away from the trunk of the tree below the surrounding ground or tucked around the root ball so that none of the burlap protrudes above ground level to wick away moisture.

(2) The entire surface area of the planting hole is to be covered with soil, keeping soil away from the tree flare.

(3) A saucer of earth will be made around the outer edge of the hole to retain water.

(4) Soil around the root ball must be muddied-in to settle soil and adequately irrigate the root ball.

(5) Two sturdy stakes will be securely placed at the edge of the hole and fabric or plastic ties will be used to brace the tree.

(6) One stake will be placed to the side of the tree closest to the creek.

(7) A two-inch covering of shredded bark mulch (not cypress mulch) will be placed over the soil, leaving a two-inch area free of mulch next to the tree trunk circumference.

2. The AWA responsibilities, in addition to those listed above, are:

- a. Provide proper water to sustain the tree for three years from the date of planting.
- b. Ensure that stakes remain in place and that the ties do not constrict the growth of the tree.

3. The donor is welcome to invite guests to attend the tree planting and to conduct a memorial service or a quiet celebration, if desired.