

City of Tecumseh's Brookside Cemetery Memorial and Commemorative Tree Program in Partnership with Re-Tree Tecumseh

Introduction

Re-Tree Tecumseh, in partnership with the City of Tecumseh's Brookside Cemetery, has initiated a memorial tree program to allow individuals to create lasting tributes for family and friends while revitalizing and beautifying this iconic property. Brookside Cemetery was established in 1853 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is not only the resting place for thousands of citizens, but also functions as a highly trafficked walking park.

Brookside was well planned and beautifully landscaped and maintained over the years, and has seen multiple additions and expansions over its 170-year history. However, age and weather have taken a toll on Brookside's trees, the oldest of which were present when the cemetery was established. Many of these have had to be removed over the past several years, and eight new sections, added in 2019, lack trees altogether.

The program will allow memorial trees to be planted and marked with dedication plaques to honor family, friends, and even pets. These trees will live for decades to come, providing shade and environmental benefits, revitalizing the landscape, and preserving the look and feel of historic Brookside Cemetery.

Intent

The Memorial Tree Program is designed to add new trees to the grounds at Brookside Cemetery while allowing individuals to create lasting memorials for loved ones, regardless of whether they're buried at Brookside. Each memorial will consist of a young tree and a commemorative plaque (if desired).

This program is offered in partnership with Re-Tree Tecumseh, a non-profit grassroots organization whose mission is to plant trees on public property in the city.

Donors may also contribute any amount to Re-Tree Tecumseh's Brookside Tree Fund without sponsoring the cost of an entire tree.

Cost

The cost of the commemorative trees will be determined by including all materials, hardware, installation, and the price of a memorial plaque if desired. The cost of the trees shall be listed on the application and may increase over time.

Cost for 2023: \$350 including memorial plaque
\$275 without plaque

Tree Species

Applicants may choose from a list of approved species that are available at the time of application. All species will be "street trees" that are larger and have longer lifespans. To ensure proper care, a maximum of 25 trees will be planted each season.

Young trees will be approximately six to seven feet tall at planting, with a trunk diameter of 1.5" to 2." They will be chosen based on species diversity, suitability for the planting site, and availability. Re-Tree Tecumseh will solicit quotes from licensed nurseries to supply trees based on the approved tree specifications.

See page 3 for a list of tree species available for the 2023 planting season.

Commemorative Plaque

Each tree will include a commemorative plaque, if desired. Markers will consist of a 6" x 12" black granite slab with custom engraving, mounted on concrete at the base of the tree.

The cemetery cannot guarantee against damage of the plaque due to vandalism, theft, or normal wear and tear. However, management will make a conscious effort during regular maintenance activities to maintain the integrity and good condition of the commemorative plaques.

A sample plaque may be viewed at the cemetery office.

Locations for Memorial Trees

The locations for the commemorative trees within Brookside Cemetery must be approved by the cemetery superintendent. Donors can request placement of their tree in a specific section and the cemetery superintendent will work with the applicant to determine the exact location within that section. A map of cemetery sections will be provided with the Memorial Tree Program application. When donors have no preference of location, trees will be placed at the cemetery superintendent's discretion based on the requirements of the tree and its suitability for the planting site. **See page 6 for a map of cemetery sections.**

Application

The Cemetery Department and Re-Tree Tecumseh will prepare and regularly update the application form for the Memorial Tree Program. The application shall include at a minimum the applicant's name and contact information, a template for the permitted wording on the commemorative plaque, a description of the approved trees, current costs to include installation by the City, Re-Tree Tecumseh, or its selected vendor, a risk statement and limits of warranty, and a signature line.

Maintenance

All memorial donations become the property of Re-Tree Tecumseh.

- Once installed, the Cemetery Department will maintain the new trees.
- New trees must be watered a minimum of once per week during the growing season.
- Weekly watering must continue for a minimum of two growing seasons.
- Once planted, the tree will be maintained like all other trees at City facilities. If the tree expires within two years, Re-Tree Tecumseh will replace the tree. Following the two-year warranty period, Re-Tree Tecumseh will not be responsible for replacement of dead, diseased, or damaged trees.
- Decoration of the memorial is limited to the commemorative plaque. Any items placed on or near the memorial will be removed as part of the normal maintenance of the cemetery. Flowers, vegetation, crosses, pictures, and other adornments are strictly prohibited on or near the memorial site per cemetery guidelines.

Installation Time Frame

Applications for the Memorial Tree Program will be accepted year-round; however, due to seasonal weather limitations, trees will be planted twice a year, in spring and fall, by Re-Tree Tecumseh volunteers.

The application paperwork and payment of all fees must be submitted prior to the deadline in order for the installation to occur in the following planting season.

When applications and/or payments are received after the deadlines, installation will occur at the next scheduled planting.

- **Deadline for spring planting: March 15**
- **Deadline for fall planting: August 15**

In NO case shall the applicant or someone other than Re-Tree Tecumseh, the City of Tecumseh, or their approved vendor(s) be allowed to install a commemorative tree.

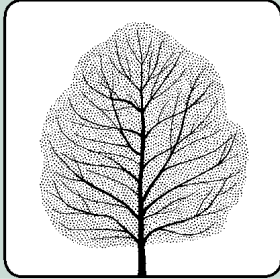
**For questions,
contact Cheri Hinkleman,
Re-Tree Tecumseh president
517-423-5906
chinkleman@comcast.net**

**Learn more about Re-Tree Tecumseh or donate online at
www.retreetecumseh.org**

Brookside Cemetery Memorial Tree Program Available Trees – 2023

Acer x freemanii 'Celzam'

Celebration® Maple



Zone: 4
Height: 50'
Spread: 35'
Shape: Broadly oval
Foliage: Green
Fall Color: Yellow to orange

Leaves are deeply cut and resemble those of Silver Maple, but the tree has better form. Open branch angles and strong wood resist storm and ice damage. Tolerant of urban soils.

Carpinus betulus 'JFS-KW1CB' PP 22814

Emerald Avenue® Hornbeam

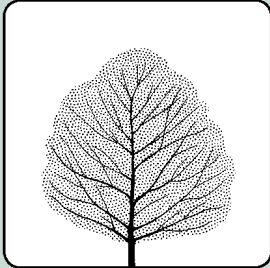


Zone: 5
Height: 40'
Spread: 28'
Shape: Broadly pyramidal to ovate
Foliage: Deep green
Fall Color: Yellow

A stout trunk, strong central leader, and sturdy branch arrangement led to our nicknaming this brawny tree "The Hulk." Vigorous and easy to grow, its performance is impressive on the street. When others look tired during the dog days of summer, Emerald Avenue® maintains healthy deep green foliage, thanks to its superior heat tolerance.

Acer rubrum 'Brandywine'

Brandywine Maple

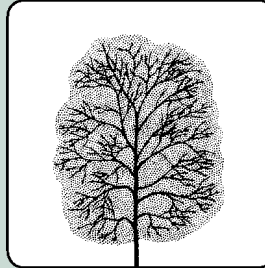


Zone: 4
Height: 40'
Spread: 30'
Shape: Oval
Foliage: Dark green
Fall Color: Deep red
Fruit: Seedless

Introduced by the National Arboretum, Brandywine is a cross of October Glory® and Autumn Flame. Seedless, it produces deep red fall color ten days later than most red maples and has proven to be well adapted in the South.

Celtis occidentalis

Hackberry

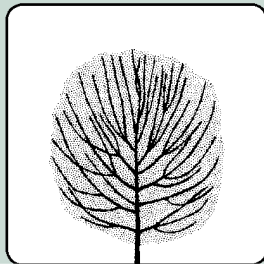


Zone: 3
Height: 45'
Spread: 35'
Shape: Broad top with ascending, then arching branches
Foliage: Light green
Fall Color: Yellow

Tolerant of harsh climatic conditions as well as urban abuse, this deep rooted tree rarely lifts sidewalks. The rough, corky bark adds interest and resists damage.

Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'

Green Mountain® Maple



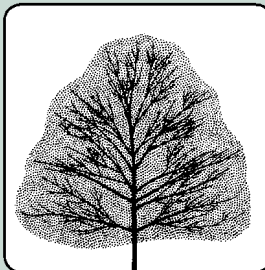
Zone: 3
Height: 50'
Spread: 40'
Shape: Broadly oval
Foliage: Dark green
Fall Color: Reddish-orange to red

INSECT RESISTANCE: Japanese beetle

Green Mountain® is the standard for comparison in Sugar Maples. It is the most widely planted selection and has proven itself well over time. It is probably the hardiest Sugar Maple and is the best choice for northern areas. It provides reliable fall color.

Cercidiphyllum japonicum

Katsura Tree

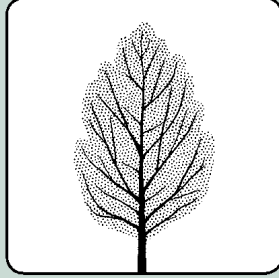


Zone: 5
Height: 40'
Spread: 40'
Shape: Upright and pyramidal when young, rounded with age
Foliage: Bluish-green
Fall Color: Yellow or apricot orange

A tree of variable form: Single stem trees are usually upright when young, while multi-stem plants are usually spreading. The beautiful heart shaped foliage and the delicate, fine texture make this tree an eye catcher in parks and gardens.

Ginkgo biloba 'Magyar'

Magyar Ginkgo



Zone: 4
Height: 50'
Spread: 25'
Shape: Narrowly pyramidal
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Faster growing than Princeton Sentry® with a slightly broader form, this narrow, upright cultivar has an excellent form for use as an urban street tree.

Ostrya virginiana 'JFS-KW5'

Autumn Treasure® Hophornbeam

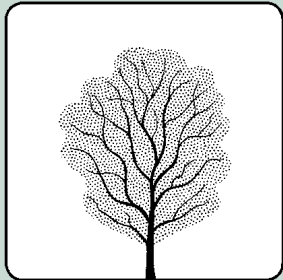


Zone: 4
Height: 40'
Spread: 20'
Shape: Upright pyramidal to oval
Foliage: Dark green
Fall Color: Golden yellow

At last, a hophornbeam suited for city living. Predictably upright narrow form facilitates uniform street tree plantings. Unlike many trees of seedling origin that hold brown leaves throughout the winter, fall leaf drop is clean and complete.

Gymnocladus dioica

Kentucky Coffee Tree

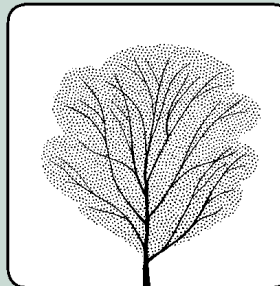


Zone: 4
Height: 50'
Spread: 35'
Shape: Oval to vase with upright arching branches
Foliage: Green, doubly compound
Fall Color: Yellow

Stark and rugged in the winter, this picturesque native of the midwest becomes tropical in appearance in the summer. Huge fans of doubly compound green leaves emerge to cast filtered shade.

Phellodendron amurense 'His Majesty'

His Majesty™ Cork Tree

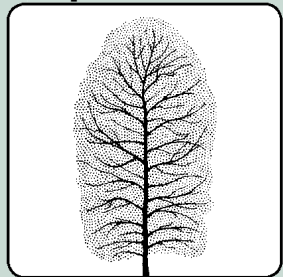


Zone: 3
Height: 40'
Spread: 35'
Shape: Broad vase
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Yellow
Fruit: Generally seedless

Fast growing, upright spreading and hardy, this seedless selection features a better branching habit than the species. Introduced by Harold Pellett of the University of Minnesota, this cultivar appears to be a hybrid of *P. sachalinense* and *P. amurense*.

Liriodendron tulipifera

Tulip Tree

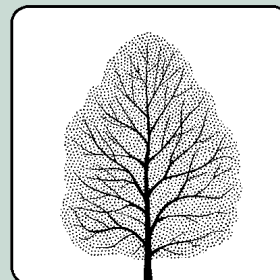


Zone: 5
Height: 60'
Spread: 30'
Shape: Oval
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright, clear yellow
Flower: Yellow to greenish yellow with orange center

A large, fast growing tree, native to the eastern U.S. It flowers in late spring to early summer. Flowers are large, yellow-green with an orange center, and their shape resembles that of a tulip.

Platanus × acerifolia 'Morton Circle'

Exclamation!® Planetree

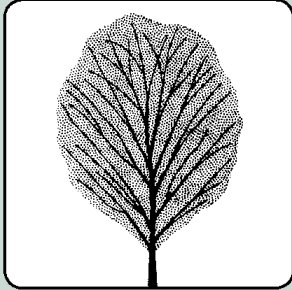


Zone: 5
Height: 55'
Spread: 35'
Shape: Upright pyramidal
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Yellow

A strong central leader and upright pyramidal shape make this tree easy to grow in the nursery. A carefree performer on city streets, it is urban tolerant, anthracnose resistant, and moderately resistant to powdery mildew.

Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'

Green Vase® Zelkova



Zone: 5
Height: 45'
Spread: 30'
Shape: Vase with upright arching branches
Foliage: Green
Fall Color: Orange

A vigorous Zelkova selection, producing a taller, more graceful tree than 'Village Green'. Its finer textured foliage produces dappled shade.

Metasequoia glyptostroboides - Dawn Redwood

Amber Glow™

Zone (6) Height: 30' Spread: 20'

A dense, pyramidal habit and mature to a more compact size than other gold foliated varieties. Bright golden foliage in the spring, gains an attractive orange color in the fall. The golden foliage holds up well in the heat and doesn't burn in full sun.

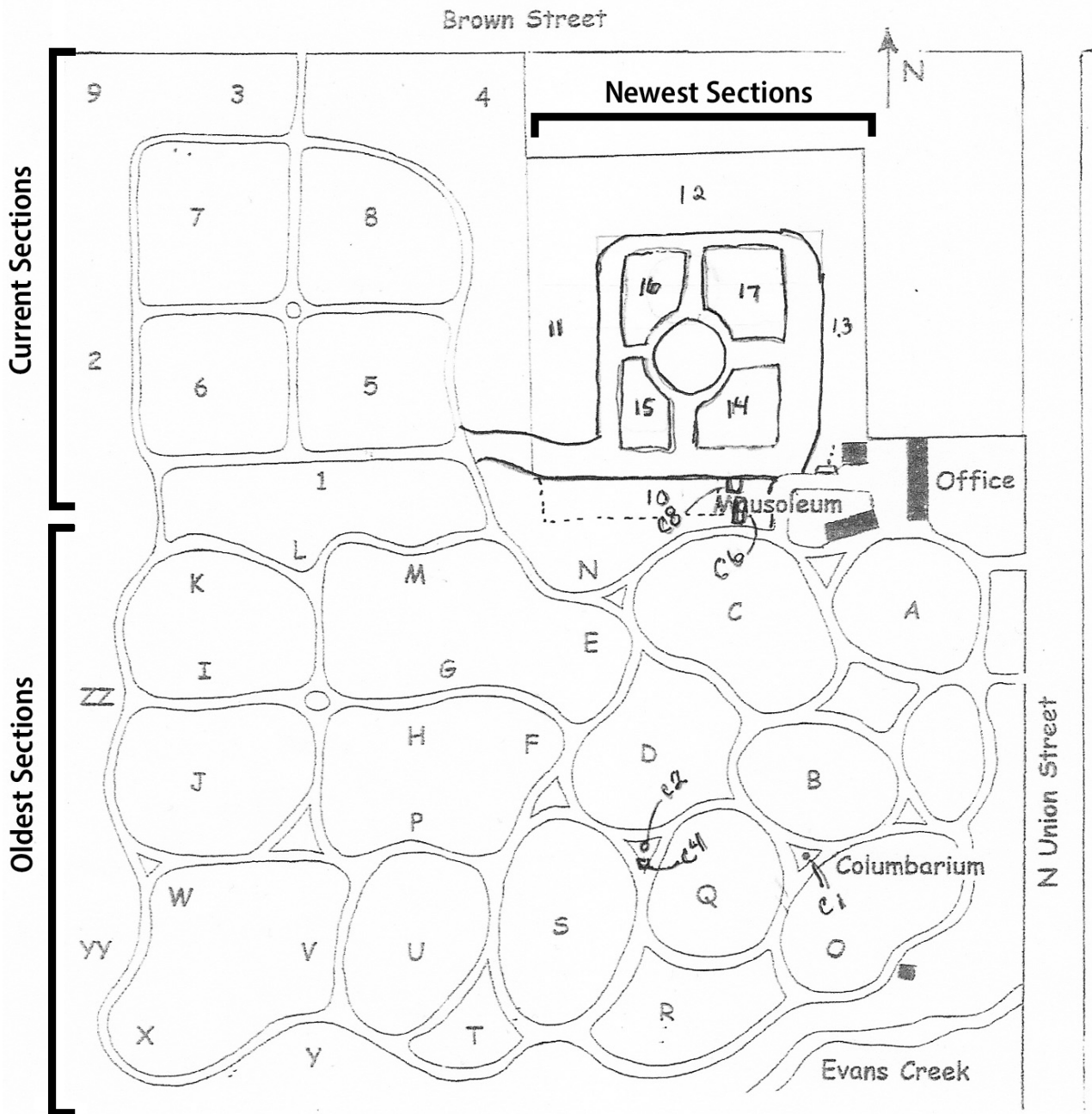
Nyssa sylvatica - Blackgum

'Majestic'

Zone (3-9) Height: 40' Spread: 20'

Upright Vase shape with dark, glossy, green foliage. An improved ornamental variety of an often underrated landscape tree. White flowers in the spring, excellent red-orange fall color, a nice specimen tree.

Brookside Cemetery Section Map



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2023 APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Commemorative Tree with plaque without plaque

INSCRIPTION ON PLAQUE

The Commemorative Plaque includes three areas that can be personalized as follows:

AREA 1:

- In honor of
- In memory of
- In loving memory of
- In celebration of the life of
- Other (up to 30 characters, including spaces):

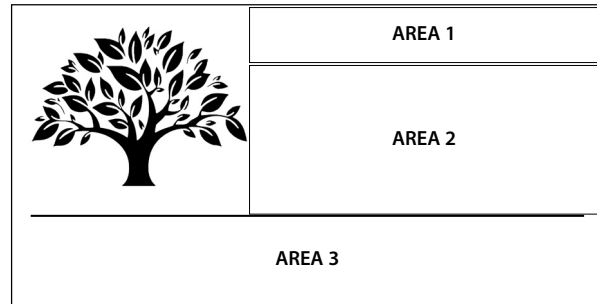
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AREA 2:

May contain up to five lines of text consisting of up to 25 characters (including spaces) each. Font size will be adjusted as needed.

AREA 3:

May contain up to two lines of text consisting of up to 50 characters (including spaces) each.



*Applicant will receive a proof copy of the inscription for approval, by email, before the marker is created.
The City of Tecumseh reserves the right to reject any inscriptions deemed inappropriate.*

TREE SPECIES

No species preference:

2023 Species (choose only one):

- 'Celebration' maple
- 'Brandywine' maple
- 'Green Mountain' maple
- 'Emerald Avenue' hornbeam
- Hackberry
- Katsura
- 'Magyar' ginkgo
- Coffee tree
- Tulip tree
- 'Amber Glow' dawn redwood
- 'Majestic' black gum
- 'Autumn Treasure' hophornbeam
- 'His Majesty' cork tree
- 'Morton Circle' planetree
- 'Green Vase' zelkova

PREFERRED LOCATION

No location preference:

Preferred section number (see map, page 6) _____

FEE WORKSHEET

payment to be made by check only

Cost of Tree _____

Cost of Plaque _____
(if desired)

TOTAL _____

**Total cost is due in full at time of application.
Please make checks payable to Re-Tree Tecumseh.**

Donors may also contribute any amount to the Brookside Re-Tree Fund without sponsoring an entire tree.

The City of Tecumseh distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided. If a tree is damaged or destroyed, the donor has the option to purchase a one. Re-Tree Tecumseh reserves the right to determine if the tree is damaged beyond sustainability and/or has deteriorated to a poor condition and must be removed.

I have read and understand the above disclaimer and release the City from any and all responsibility for repair or replacement of the commemorative tree.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
Tracey Roberts, Superintendent
Brookside Cemetery
501 N. Union St.
Tecumseh, Michigan 49286**

For Cemetery Department Use Only

The application meets the intent and requirements of the commemorative tree program. Yes No

The required fees have been PAID IN FULL for the installation of the commemorative tree. Yes No

The handwriting in the INSCRIPTION section is clear and legible. Yes No

I have reviewed the proposed location and approve with comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Title: _____

Forwarded to Re-Tree Tecumseh on date: _____

For Re-Tree Tecumseh Use Only

Applicant's name: _____

Dedicant's name(s): _____

Date purchased: _____ Tree species: _____

Marker layout approved by applicant on date: _____

Marker ordered date: _____ Marker received date: _____

Tree installed date: _____ Marker installed date: _____

Proof of planting sent to applicant on date: _____ By email By postal service

Comments: _____
