

## **Commemorative Trees**

Trees are living, growing, renewing and majestic. At Exploration Green trees play an essential, even permanent role as homes for wildlife as well as our “back to nature” yearnings in our perpetually protected green space.

The Exploration Green Commemorative Tree Program encourages you to participate in the creation of Exploration Green in a very special way. For a reasonable donation, you may donate a tree planted and maintained by the Exploration Green Conservancy (EGC). Exploration Green has hundreds of trees already planted that may be selected as a commemoration.

You may donate a commemorative tree for a variety of reasons. A tree may be donated in memory of a loved one, as a gift for a graduating student, to celebrate a marriage or birth, or recognize environmental commitment, honor a retiree, for nearly any special occasion. The EG Conservancy reviews and approves all tree, bench and table donations.

Our commemorative trees are high quality Live Oak or other tree native or naturalized to Texas. Larger trees will be marked with an engraved plaque, while small trees are not be marked as part of donation. Donation amounts are related to the approximate size of the trees; small, medium and large.

Small trees have 15 gallon pots or are about 1-2 inches in diameter for a \$200 donation. Medium are 30 gallon pots or about 2-3 inches in diameter for a \$500 donation. Large trees are in 45 gallon or bigger pots or are about 4 inches or greater in diameter for donation of \$1,000.

The special \$200 donor opportunity for our smaller trees enable contributors to commemorate or memorialize someone with a young, small tree at an entry level donation. A marker with inscription for small trees can be added for a fee to be determined, either initially or at a later date.

Tree location will be determined by EGC in an Exploration Green section selected by the donor. Currently Phase 1/Section 1 is area available for donated trees. Planting will typically occur between October and February, and trees will be irrigated for a year or more to ensure survivability. Special opportunities to donate for specific trees to be planted may occur during planting season.

### Plaques and Inscriptions

For the larger trees, an inscription plaque will be ordered along with the memorial tree. The plaque may contain the honoree’s name, important dates, or a short statement memorializing or commemorating an individual and their commitment, leadership or achievement. Many will be honored for their interest and support for Exploration Green, exploration or environmental action. Inscription is subject to approval by Exploration Green Conservancy. Additional inscriptions, symbols, or extraneous content are not permitted.

### Special Considerations

- Tree order form must be completed and submitted with payment when tree is ordered
- Donors are free to organize small, informal ceremonies at tree site when plaques are ready
- Exploration Green Conservancy will replace any tree that does not survive at least 12 months from the time of planting if planted between October and February.

- Should a tree not survive or a marker becomes degraded beyond one year, the donating party will be notified through U.S. mail or email, and given option to replace the tree or marker, at their expense, or to remove the marker. The donor is responsible for informing Exploration Green Conservancy of current mailing address.

- Trees may not be decorated, i.e. wind chimes, ornaments, signs, bird houses, ribbons, etc.