## The Botanical Society of Lower Merion's Tree Program

Trees are a great way to honor your loved ones or commemorate special events as they provide beauty and benefit future generations.

<u>If you adopt an existing tree</u>, your contribution will help care for that tree. You may choose to protect any of the trees in Merion Botanical Park except for the invasive species and already adopted ones. Adopting a tree helps pay for disease treatment like Emerald ash borer and Dutch elm disease, and also can pay for pruning.

<u>If you would like to have a new tree planted</u>, you may choose from a list of species to add to our collection. Due to the nature of the botanical park our list changes over time. Contact the Society for the most up to date list. The location of the tree will be determined by the Society based on the growing requirements of the tree species.

A memorial note will be included on the botanical sign of the tree. Size of the sign is 3x5". Signs might be installed at a later date- based on availability from manufacturer.

*Who buys the plant?* The Botanical Society of Lower Merion.

## Who does the planting?

The Botanical Society of Lower Merion or a contractor hired by the Society.

When are trees planted? In the fall and spring.

## What do I get for my money?

You may choose from a list of species. Prices depend on size, species and availability. You will receive a certificate of planting. <u>Newly planted trees have a one year warranty</u>. A black memorial marker will be attached to the tree in the same style as existing memorial signs. Stone markers will not be used. Markers will be replaced as needed. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by the law.

Your contribution pays for the tree, delivery, installation and maintenance for the critical first 3 years. For existing trees, it pays for proper pruning, fertilizers and protecting mulching around the trunk. Part of your money will also pay for maintaining other trees in Merion Botanical Park.

## To receive the current tree list and prices, please email us, or fill out a contact form on our web site:

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