



Muncie-Delaware  
**Clean & Beautiful**

## **The Jim Reese Memory Tree Program**

FAQ and Supplemental document with details

### **What is the mission and goal of this program?**

There are many reasons we partnered to revive this program. One of them is to honor the legacy and work that a former director, volunteer and committee member did throughout his lifetime in dedication to our community. Jim Reese also had originally created this program years ago and has planted many memory trees throughout Delaware County. We also felt that it would be important to continue to plant new trees in our community and parks because we have some very old trees whose health is dwindling or being effected by the infestation of Emerald Ash Borer. Both entities also need to fundraise to be sustainable in accomplishing our goals and programs. All funds collected from this program will be split by Muncie Urban Forestry and Muncie-Delaware Clean & Beautiful to support beautification projects and more tree plantings throughout our community.

### **If I purchase a memory tree, when will it be planted?**

The planting date for the spring will be the second Saturday in April and the backup date (in case of bad weather) will be the third Saturday in April. The planting date for the fall will be the last Saturday in October and the backup date (in case of bad weather) will be the first Saturday in November. The Saturday plantings will be done by family members and/or volunteers, but holes shall be pre-dug by the Parks Department. The remaining plantings will be done the next Monday through Friday by the Park Department.

Trees ordered from 10/16 to 3/15 will be planted the second Saturday in April. Trees ordered from 3/16 to 10/15 will be planted the last Saturday in October.

### **Why are there two options for prices?**

We wanted to offer mature trees that were 1.5" inch in trunk diameter or greater to encourage better survival. While this is a fundraiser for Muncie Urban Forestry and Muncie-Delaware Clean & Beautiful to support our programs, we felt having two options to choose from would give more opportunity for people to purchase a memory tree based on what they can afford. All trees planted will mulched, watered and maintained and a memory plaque will be placed at the base of the tree. If a tree happens to die within the first year it will be replaced at no cost.

### **Where can I choose to plant my memory tree?**

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We are encouraging all memory trees to be planted in one of the City of Muncie parks in order to replant these parks for future generations to enjoy. The parks we have prioritized to be planted in first include Heekin Park, Westside Park, McCulloch Park and Thomas Park. Another option for the donor will be to have the tree planted where the Urban Forester thinks it is most needed. Special requests for planting locations from the donor will be considered and the decision will be made by the Urban Forester.

### **What trees species can I choose from to plant?**

We will try our best to accommodate your preference of tree based on what we can purchase from our selected wholesale grower. We are recommending that you choose an Indiana Native Tree and all trees will need to be approved by Muncie's Urban Forester. You may consult our [Tree Guide](#) (page 5) for help with choosing a specific tree.

Other Sources for Tree selection include:

[Native Trees of Indiana](#)

[Indiana Tree Selection Guide](#)