

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in Illinois. This is a unique type of planting project as the plantings occur in urban areas as opposed to wilderness areas of National Forests. Your gift tree sapling was grown from native tree acorns and includes a variety of saplings including Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Shagbark Hickory, and Shellbark Hickory.

The project only plants mast producing trees. Mast is the botanical name for the nuts, seeds, buds, or fruits of trees and shrubs that are eaten by wildlife. Hard mast includes hard nuts and seeds such as acorns, hickory nuts, and walnuts. Soft mast includes berries and fruits such as crabapples. This is critical so that wildlife have access to nuts and fruits as a viable food source. Trees are planted in the Chicagoland area and communities around the state to reduce the impacts of climate change, increase biodiversity, reduce erosion, and provide shade to rivers systems to help reduce algae blooms and eutrophication, the process by which an entire body of water, or parts of it, becomes progressively enriched with minerals and nutrients causing the death of animal life from lack of oxygen.



Due to the nature of this planting project, and the fact that your gift tree is planted in communities across the state, there is no way to virtually view the general area of the planting of your tree. Please understand that there is no plaque designating your gift tree and it is not possible to visit the tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

