

“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 the area around Sighișoara in the historic region of Transylvania, Romania. The area was densely forested until tremendous windstorms in February 2020 brought down a wide swath of trees. The degraded forest is in the vicinity one of Romania's largest rivers, the Olt river, thereby affecting the water runoff into the river.

Your project aims to restore the natural forest type and enhance it with species capable of making structural changes in the future forest stand in order to create a resilient forest with often occurring natural disasters such as high intensity storms causing windfalls. The restoration activities include planting species which are tolerant to higher temperatures and drought in order to prepare the future forest for eventual climate change. These species include Norway Spruce, Larch, Sycamore, Rowan, and Wild pear. Not only will your planting help in improving water quality, but by using species which offer fruits (pear, rowan) we will be able to help with habitat reconstruction and wildlife retention, including the brown bear, which will hopefully readapt and survive without having to descend into the surrounding villages.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/43sPoij>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Romania, Europe, and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

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.

