"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 George Washington National Forest, Virginia. Planting season occurs when the ground is moist and warm, typically in late spring, early summer, or early fall. Therefore, the trees will get plenty of water and grow healthy roots.

This planting project is a shortleaf pine restoration project. Shortleaf pine is of particular interest because seedlings and saplings can re-sprout after a fire, which provides them competitive advantages over other species in future climates. Being associated with fire-maintained, open-canopy ecosystems, the presence of shortleaf pine has historically had a positive impact on biodiversity, especially populations of federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. With an abundance of ecological and economic benefits, forestry professionals realized the importance of establishing a formal conservation plan focused on regenerating and managing viable populations of shortleaf pine, which your project will accomplish.



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

https://binged.it/33EDgRf

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 Virginia, the U.S., and the world. 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. Unfortunately, visiting the tree is 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: <u>www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/</u>. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at <u>www.TheGiftedTree.com</u>.

