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TENNESSEE GROVES

A Tennessee Department of Transportation Program
Administered by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council

A unique gift

A lasting tribute

Your contribution to a healthy environment

THE PROGRAM

The new Tennessee Groves program is part of the TDOT Tennessee Roadscapes initiative. Tennessee Roadscapes seeks to beautify Tennessee's interstates and highways in ways that protect and enhance the natural environment.

The program is administered by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council, a nonprofit organization dedicated to public awareness and understanding and improving Tennessee's urban forests.

Through the Tennessee Groves program, you can purchase trees or flowers to be planted at welcome centers, rest areas and other locations. These plantings may honor or memorialize loved ones, commemorate birthdays or anniversaries, or simply contribute to the natural beauty of our wonderful state. With the purchase of a Tennessee Groves planting, you can:

- **Honor someone with a unique gift**
- **Offer a lasting tribute to a loved one**
- **Beautify Tennessee's welcome centers and rest stops**
- **Clean the air**
- **Control erosion**

A contribution to the program benefits not only you and your loved ones, but also the entire state of Tennessee and its visitors.

BENEFITS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The effects of planting trees and flowers are not just aesthetic. Everyone who has driven past an interstate median graced with wildflowers blooming in the spring knows what a difference beautiful plantings can make. They instill community pride and leave a positive and lasting impression on visitors.

Additionally, plantings actually improve the natural environment. Here's how:

- Trees capture carbon dioxide produced when fossil fuels are burned. Through the process called photosynthesis, they convert this carbon dioxide to beneficial oxygen. Also, when plants give off water vapor through their leaves—the process of transpiration—they cool the air. Trees also trap harmful particulate matter. The net result is air that's healthier for everyone.
- Trees catch and slow rainfall, allowing it to gradually soak back into the ground. The root systems of plants control erosion, which can pollute waterways. Protecting the water quality of our rivers and streams preserves delicate ecosystems.



AVAILABLE PLANTS

You may choose one of three types of plants. Individual tree species choices will be made by TDOT, depending on what is regionally native to the planting site.

- Shade trees (including sugar maples, red oaks and magnolias)
- Flowering trees (including dogwoods and redbuds)
- Flowers (including daffodils, tulips and daylilies)

AVAILABLE LOCATIONS

Currently, there are four welcome centers and rest areas participating in Tennessee Groves. You may choose from:

- I-81 Sullivan Co. (Bristol)
- I-55 Shelby Co. (Memphis)
- I-75 Hamilton Co. (Chattanooga)
- I-65 Giles Co. (Ardmore)



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1) Complete the attached order form and mail it with your payment to the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC). Multiple donors may contribute to a planting(s), but only one order form and payment should be submitted. If there are multiple donors, please include all donor names and contact information (attach additional pages to your order form as necessary). For those who do not wish to donate a plant, you may contribute a donation in any amount to support the Tennessee Groves program. The TUFC is a tax-exempt organization; your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

2) Applications will be accepted throughout the year; however, plantings will only take place in the fall. Planting schedules may be affected by construction, weather and availability of plants.

3) Each donor will receive a certificate with the donor's name and the person or event being honored. Individual trees will not be labeled; however, the TUFC will inscribe the names of donors and those being honored or memorialized in a book at each Tennessee Groves site.

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TENNESSEE GROVES ORDER FORM

Donor Information

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Comments _____

Dedication Information

Dedicating your planting is optional, but if you would like to do so, please check one of the following boxes and fill in the blanks. Please print legibly and limit each item to eight (8) words or fewer. This information will appear on your certificate.

In Honor of In Memory of
Person or event to be honored or memorialized:

From (name of person or group): _____

Please specify below where you want your certificate(s) mailed.

Check here if same address as above.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of Planting (Please check one.) Qty. Total

Shade trees (\$275) _____
 Flowering trees (\$150) _____
 Flowers (\$25) _____

Planting Location

I-81 Sullivan Co. (Bristol) I-55 Shelby Co. (Memphis)
 I-75 Hamilton Co. (Chattanooga) I-65 Giles Co. (Ardmore)

I would like to make a contribution to the Tennessee Groves program: \$ _____

Mail Form and Payment

Make checks payable to the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council. Mail to:

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If you have questions about the Tennessee Groves program, please e-mail us at tufc@comcast.net, call 615-352-8985 or visit our website at www.tufc.com.

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Date received/paid _____ Species selected _____
Date planted _____ Comments _____

