



Park System Donations

Walworth County welcomes donations for the acquisition, development and maintenance of its park system. There are two methods of donations -- restricted and unrestricted. Restricted donations are for those who wish to identify a specific purpose for the donation, or make the donation contingent upon a certain action by the county. Unrestricted donations are those that do not impose any conditions for use of the donated funds. An unrestricted donation in the amount of \$5,000 or less can be authorized and accepted by Eric Nitschke, Director of Central Services.

Restricted donations, regardless of the value, and all unrestricted donations over \$5,000 must be recommended by the Walworth County Finance Committee and adopted by the full County Board of Supervisors as a resolution. The County Deputy Administrator-Finance assesses values of non-cash donations (i.e. land).

Contributions to Walworth County for public purposes are allowable as itemized income tax deductions in accordance with established IRS regulations. Donations will be received by the Public Works Department for cash donations of \$5,000 and less, and by the Finance Department for cash donations over \$5,000, and for all non-cash donations.

Tree Donations

Walworth County has developed a Tree Donation Policy to provide the opportunity for members of our community to donate trees to our park system. In order to allow for a coordinated and consistent program for soliciting and recognizing contributions, we have established certain guidelines.

The Walworth County park system is continually growing and trees are a great way to increase the beauty of our county and provide countless benefits to this community. A tax-deductible contribution will be used to purchase tree(s) to be planted in the County parks system, however, trees shall be self-supporting, e.g. all costs related to a donated tree shall be at the expense of the donor(s), including repair or replacement, if requested by the donor and deemed necessary. The County does not guarantee tree survivability, and accepts no liability for damage to any donated item from vandals or third parties. The County reserves the right to remove any donated trees that have been damaged, and are, in the view of the Parks department, beyond repair. It is the County position/policy that markers or plaques are not allowed to be placed by the tree. Although we accept tree requests year round, trees will only be planted in the spring or fall to give the trees the best chance to survive. Through communication between the Walworth County Park's staff and the contributor, an approved species will be chosen based on the desired planting site in accordance with the Approved Tree List. It is recommended that deciduous trees

be at least 1.5 inches in diameter (approximately 6 feet tall) and evergreen trees be 5 to 6 feet in height to give the tree the best chance of survivability.

Please refer to the Tree Donation Application and Approved Tree List that are published on the County Recreation Home Page on our Walworth County Parks website.

We appreciate your willingness to support Walworth County's commitment to provide and maintain park space for the enjoyment of its residents and visitors. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Walworth County Public Works Assistant DPW Superintendent Fleet, Parks & Facilities Mark Klusken at 262-741-3114.