The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) provides the occasional opportunity to place benches at preserves and other locations for memorials. The availability of memorial benches depends on need and location. We strive to use benches made of natural materials. The bench construction and materials may vary based upon availability. To inquire about placing a memorial bench at an MHLC Preserve please, contact the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy at (518) 436-6346 or email mhlc@mohawkhudson.org.

Bench Policies:

Ordering Information
- The total donation for each bench is $2,500. Cast brass plaques are available for benches at an additional cost of $250.
- Orders for benches and plaques will be placed by MHLC once full payment is received. Benches are usually custom made, so please be patient as it may take time for your bench to be made after ordering.
- Any donations for benches in excess of the cost of the bench is used to support MHLC’s stewardship and maintenance of our preserves and trails.

Plaques
- Benches will have one engraved 2” x 8” brass plaque, which will have 2 lines available for inscription with 25 characters allowed for each line (including spaces.) Bench donors will provide inscription to MHLC in writing to ensure accuracy.
- Benches will have only one engraved plaque, ordered through MHLC. No additional plaques can be added to the bench without the expressed permission of MHLC.
- MHLC reserves the right to refuse any plaque inscriptions.

Bench Location
- The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy staff will recommend available locations for benches and will be responsible for installation. We may work with donors and volunteers to place benches at the selected location.
- We have a limited number of locations for benches and opportunities may not be available at the time of the request.
- The location where the bench is placed is not available to the donor for gardens, signs, or any other permanent or semi-permanent installations without the expressed permission of MHLC.
- Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy reserves the right to move a bench to a new location if necessary. We will do our best to inform donors should a relocation be necessary.

Replacement
- MHLC owns the memorial bench, and we expect them to have a life of at least ten (10) years. We will provide basic maintenance to ensure their safety during the life of the bench and we are not responsible for long-term weathering and wear and tear from use. Once a bench has exceeded its useful life span, MHLC will either repair or remove the bench at its discretion.
• Should a bench require replacement at the discretion of MHLC, the donor shall have a right of first refusal, and may make a donation for a replacement bench within sixty (60) days. If the donor fails to make such a donation, the bench may be purchased by another individual or institution after the sixty-day period, or the location may be retired.

• If a bench is vandalized or lost it may be repaired or replaced at the discretion of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy.

MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

MHLC provides the occasional opportunity to plant a tree at preserves and other locations for memorials. To inquire about planting a memorial tree at an MHLC Preserve please, contact the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy at (518) 436-6346 or email mhlc@mohawkhudson.org.

Memorial Tree Planting Parameters:

Native trees will be selected from Hewitt’s Garden Center. This will provide a lifetime or one-year guarantee to replace the tree should it die in the first year. Dead trees need to be reported to Stewardship staff to facilitate replacement.

Contact MHLC for available planting locations. Placement of trees will be dependent on soils and ability to dig for tree planting. Should soils be too difficult to dig, another location may be suggested for your tree.

A certificate with a photo of your tree will be given to you to commemorate your tree. We do not allow for individual tree marking to avoid vandalism and reduce maintenance long-term. This also ensures your memorial tree blends in with the surrounding habitat for birds and wildlife.

AGREEMENT:

I have read the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Memorial Bench Program Policy/Memorial Tree Planting Parameters thoroughly and understand all terms and conditions. My signature below constitutes my acceptance to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

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MEMORIAL BENCH

Although styles may vary, all memorial benches are always skillfully handcrafted using natural materials. Optional cast brass plaques are also available.

MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

For the health of the forest and wildlife, MHLC uses native species for memorial tree plantings. A certificate with a photo of your tree will be given to you to commemorate your tree.