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**Project: Legacy Giving Program** 



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# **Overview:**

# Why this project?

Written Answer= Because we desperately needed it.

Better Answer= See visual display next four pages







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**Fitton Green** 

**Natural Area** 



**Problems with donations and memorials at Fitton Green Natural Area:** No standard- Free for all • \*Maintaining these Memorial Benches is nearly impossible to budget, life expectancy varies wildly. \*All materials are different sizes, shapes, wood species \*Assembly methods, types of joints all different \*Finishes are all different, colors vary \*Fasteners are all over the spectrum, nails, screws, bolts, rebar! \*Labor hours to repair each bench difficult to assess, skilled carpenter to make repairs. Our department has around twenty-five locations, multiple sites are like this example. Its Problematic



Speaking of problems- Graffiti

Lots of artists in Corvallis Oregon...

My emotional reaction

## The Solution:

Unify the memorials and donations allowed within Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department, managed properties, throughout Benton County, Oregon – Simple

\*Set standards for donations

\*Standardize items such as benches, plaques and trees- commonly requested

Have contracts for each donation or memorial, specify exactly what we will maintain and how long.

Charge fees up front for maintenance and repairs for specified time period on site.

Allow for all members of public to participate equally, no special allowances

Ensure a vast array of options to choose from, make it enjoyable

Ensure items do not detract from given location-

Headstones donated to historic cemetery- great, headstones donated to county courthouse no!

# Academy correlation/questions: (To ensure I pass this class)



# How has my project changed from my proposal?

Its still changing, at every step of involvement, currently with Parks Board. Huge support



# How does this project make a difference in our agency?

Hopefully I've answered this one. Unification, written plans, known expectations both parties

where and when



### Status of the project?

Its on going.... and going.... and going Hope to complete by end of year.

Commissioners approve



# What lessons have I learned?

The more people I involve in this project the better it gets. The end result will be awesome.

Level of engagement from others, oversight boards, etc has been surprising. Dedicated to assist project.

cont.

Keep an open mind, ideas from others makes for better product.

What did I learn in the academy that aided in making me a better leader.

For me, it was specifically, Emotional Intelligence

### Self:

Understanding my emotions, how to utilize them Managing myself for betterment of team, understanding why I feel the way I do

### External:

Taking time to think about the emotions of the team and why they are as they are How can I best utilize and influence the team to push forward Try to understand from their perspective, manage accordingly, empathy

Try to be an inspirational leader

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# Draft of Project



# Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department 541 766- 6521

Legacy Giving Program

# Welcome, Thank you for your interest in Benton County Natural Areas Parks and Events Department.

In order to unify donations, memorials and other public support we have designed and cataloged all items that are approved for placement in or on public property managed by Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department.

If you wish to make a request or placement at a county property, please contact our main office.

An application request will be provided.

Thank you for your consideration,



Benton County's Legacy Giving program provides opportunities for citizens and organizations to make donations that enhance the county parks, natural areas and fairgrounds.

### General:

Donations are accepted for the purpose of enhancing the public experience while visiting county sites. Donations will not be accepted where human activities are discouraged, in order to protect sensitive areas, habitat and wildlife.

### What can be donated:

The county will accept cash donations and in-kind donations. This includes plants, site furnishings and memorial plaques.

**Cash Donations:** To be paid to Benton County Natural Areas Parks and Events Department c/o AFRANA, PO Box 101 Corvallis OR 97339

**Plants:** Tree species native to Western Oregon, other native plant species by request.

**Site Furnishings:** See items approved, below.

**Plaques:** Bronze only

Miscellaneous Donations, by special request only. Must be approved by Benton County Commissioners.

Donations maintained by NAPE for a period of ten years. Maintenance will be for minor repairs only. After this time, we reserve the right to pull donations if needed for repair or replacement or if they pose a danger of injury to the public. Donation's in need of major renovation or replacement will be at the expense of original purchaser. Purchaser agrees to keep NAPE informed of current phone number and or mailing address in case contact regarding memorial is warranted. NAPE makes no claim of warranty beyond this statement/ point in time.

### **Donations Policy:**

### Purpose:

To provide guidance to the Benton County Natural Areas Parks and Events Department when making decisions regarding donations or memorials to County lands and facilities managed by the department. Allowing for a consistent program for establishing and recognizing contributions, the following guideline criteria are established. The criteria are based on the requirements and resource capabilities of NAPE and the desire of citizens to provide specific lasting donations or memorials that are cost neutral to NAPE.

### Definitions:

- 1. "County Lands" means those lands under the ownership or control of the County.
- 2. "County Facilities" means those facilities under the ownership or control of the County. The term "county facilities" includes improvements to real property, such that as buildings and bridges, but does not include streets.
- 3. "Donation and memorials" means those physical items placed into County facilities or lands and are used interchangeably in the donation policy.

### Approval Criteria:

- 1. Donation must be site specific, both appropriate and consistent with the site and or plan.
- 2. Permanent memorials should convey a sense of timelessness, significant and relevant over time and for future generations.
- 3. In locating a memorial, there should be a strong justification of the relationship of person or subject to the specific location.
- 4. The donation or memorial should not detract from the quality of a visitor's experience to the setting; existing natural scenery and architecture should dominate the natural setting. Limit site to single memorial; every effort should be made to avoid creating a "memorial garden" feature.
- 5. The donation or memorial should reflect broad community values or appreciation.
- 6. All donations or memorials must be cost neutral to Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department; the donor must cover all costs, including anticipated and future upkeep and maintenance.

### Guiding Principles:

- 1. Preserve the integrity and artistry of parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces.
- 2. Establish the highest design quality associated with parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces; individual memorials should be part of a landscape design plan and incorporated into site designs elements.
- 3. Provide relevance to parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces through appropriate interpretive works or publication.
- 4. Provide a recognition of "quiet reverence" that contributes to the quality of the site.
- 5. Limit site to a single memorial; avoid a "memorial garden" feature.

### Procedure:

- 1. Potential donor to submit a proposal in writing to the Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department Office. The proposal must indicate who or what is being commemorated, type of donation/ memorial desired and preferred location. The proposal must meet all the approval criteria and guiding principles.
- 2. Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events staff will evaluate the proposal and make recommendations to the departmental Director.

  The advisory board will receive copies of all approved memorials generated quarterly.
- 3. Staff will issue a donation agreement between the County and the donor.

### Alternate Opportunities:

If the proposed memorial or donation is not acceptable to the department or advisory board the donor may consider submitting a proposal to the Benton County Board of Commissioners for review and consideration. Department staff and advisory board synopsis and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

### **Dedication Ceremony or Memorial Event:**

Family and friends are welcome to hold a dedication ceremony/ event for the person(s) being memorialized; however, due to staff workload, it will not be possible for staff to assist in planning or conducting a dedication ceremony or event. A Special Use Permit is required for ceremony or event use of a County natural area or park. Staff will apply appropriate conditions and/or regulations on the permit for each site use.

### Naming Opportunities:

Please refer to the Benton County Resource Naming Policy, Administrative policy No. 00-02, adopted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners 5/23/00.



# **Crystal Lake Cemetery:**



# Columbarium Niche, Epitaph and door art.

Examples:

Purchase of Niche sold separately.









# Benches.



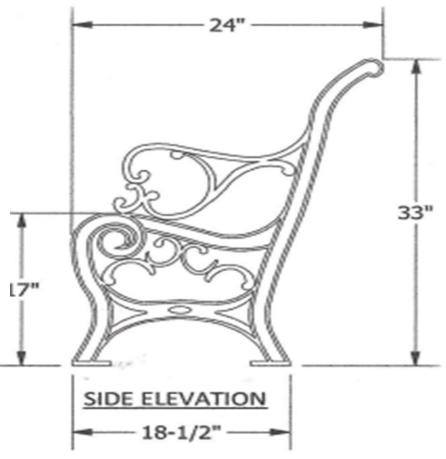




### **Institutional Locations Only-**

"Canterbury 1890"

All steel construction







## Parks Locations- Concrete Garden Style Bench



60"L x 24"W x 17"H

# Natural Areas,

Cedar Bench 6' 6"x6" Timbers







# **Memorial Trees:**

Oregon White Oak, ~ 3-5 gallon

Western Red Cedar, ~ 3-5 gallon

Douglas Fir, ~ 3-5 gallon

2.25"x 10" Plaque at base of tree

80 character/letter limit







# Seed mixes, package content

### **Upland Prairie Mix**

### 50% Grass, 50% Forbs Carex tumulicola Elymus glaucus Elymus trachycaulus Festuca roemeri Juncus tenuis Koeleria macrantha Luzula subsessilis Poa secunda Achillea millefolium, Allium amplectens Aquilegia formosa Asclepias speciosa Camassia leichtlinii Clarkia amoena Clarkia rhomboidea Collinsia grandiflora Eriophyllum lanatum Gilia capitata Heuchera chlorantha, Iris tenax Ligusticum apiifolium Lomatium nudicaule, L. utriculatum Lupinus latifolius Madia elegans, M. gracilis Potentilla gracilis and P. glandulosa Prunella vulgaris var. lanceolata Ranunculus occidentalis Rumex salicifolius Sidalcea campestris Sidalcea malviflora ssp. virgata Symphyotrichum (Aster) hallii

### Oak Woodland Understory

50% Grass, 50% Forbs	
Bromus sitchensis	P
Carex pachystachya	Р
Elymus glaucus	Р
Achillea millefolium	Р
Aquilegia formosa	Р
Artemisia douglasiana	Р
Camassia leichtlinii	Р
Collinsia grandiflora	а
Geum macrophyllum	Р
Heracleum maximum (lanatum)	Р
Heuchera chlorantha	р
Iris tenax	Р
Ligusticum apiifolium	Р
Lomatium dissectum	р
Phacelia nemoralis var. oregonensis	b/p
Plectritis congesta	а
Potentilla glandulosa	Р
Prunella vulgaris var lanceolata	Р
Ranunculus uncinatus	P
Rupertia physodes (Psoralea p)	Р
Sanicula crassicaulis	P
Sidalcea campestris	Р
Solidago elongata	Р
Thalictrum polycarpum	р

### Wetland Prairie

50% Graminoids, 50% Forbs

Carex densa, Carex leporina	Р
Carex pachystachya	Р
Carex stipata and Carex unilateralis	P
Agrostis exarata, Danthonia californica	Р
Deschampsia cespitosa, danthonioides, D. elongata	Р
Juncus ensifolius, J. tenuis	Р
Luzula subsessilis, Poa secunda	
Allium amplectens	Р
Artemisia douglasiana	
Camassia quamash	р
Clarkia purpurea ssp quadrivulnera	а
Epilobium densiflorum	а
Eriophyllum lanatum	Р
Geum macrophyllum	Р
Heracleum maximum (lanatum)	Р
Lomatium nudicaule	Р
Lotus purshianus	а
Lupinus polyphyllus	Р
Microsteris (Phlox) gracilis	а
Mimulus guttatus	а
Perideridia oregana	P
Plectritis congesta	а
Potentilla gracilis	Р
Ranunculus orthorhyncus	Р
Rorippa curvisiliqua	а
Rumex salicifolius	Р
Sanguisorba annua (occidentalis)	а
Sidalcea campestris	Р
Sisyrinchium idahoense	Р
Solidago elongata	D

### Butterfly Flower Mix

50% Grass, 50% Forbs	
Danthonia californica (I)	Р
Koeleria macrantha	Р
Luzula comosa	Р
Poa secunda (P. scabrella) (I)	Р
Allium amplectens (n)	Р
Camassia quamash (n)	Р
Collomia grandiflora (n)	а
Eriophyllum lanatum (n)	Р
Iris tenax (n)	Р
Lomatium nudicaule (I) & L. utriculatum (I) (n)	Р
Lotus purshianus (I) (n)	а
Microseris laciniata (n)	Р
Perideridia oregana (n) [not in mix 2024]	Р
Plagiobothrys figuratus (n)	а
Plectritis congesta (n)	а
Potentilla glandulosa (I)	Р
Prunella vulgaris v. lanceolata (n)	Р
Denomination and dentation (a)	
Ranunculus occidentalis (n)	Р
Rupertia physodes (I)	Р
Sidalcea malviflora ssp. virgata (I) (n)	Р
Symphyotrichum (Aster) hallii (I) (n)	Р
Viola praemorsa (I) (n)	Р
Wyethia angustifolia (n)	P
I = larval host; n = nectar	

# 2025 Price List:



Crystal Lake Cemetery, Columbarium Niche door art:

\$400.00

**Benches:** 

Institutional Location, Canterbury 1890 style, all metal- \$4,250.00

Parks Bench, Stone Garden Bench- \$2,800.00

Natural Areas Bench, May be used in park settings- \$850.00

**Plaques: Bronze Only** 

2.5" x 10" 80 character limit-typically used in conjunction with benches-\$500.00

3.5" x 13.5" 125 character limit- \$550.00

**Trees:** 

Douglas Fir ~3-5 gallon, stock varies \$150.00

Oregon White Oak, ~3-5 gallon, stock varies \$250.00

Western Red Cedar, ~3-5 gallon, stock varies \$250.00

**Native Seed Mix:** 

1 lbs. Native seed mix. Select location, type and quantity

\$300.00 per lbs.

