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ADOPT-A-BENCH PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in adopting a bench in the Essex County Park System. You may select an existing bench that is without a plaque, in almost any Essex County Park. The exceptions are Turtle Back Zoo and Presby Memorial Iris Garden, which each have their own program. A single bench or one side of a double bench can be adopted for a donation of \$1,000. Both sides of a double bench may be adopted with a donation of \$1,500. Donations are made to the Essex County Park System and will go into a general fund for maintenance and improvement of the Essex County Parks.

Your donation will entitle you to purchase a plaque commemorating a loved one or other personal inscription to be installed on an existing bench in the park of your choice. (Double benches have space for two plaques. A single plaque cannot be centered on a double bench.)

Please send your written request to Daniel K. Salvante, Director, at the address above, along with a map (available on the county website) indicating your chosen bench location and your proposed wording for your plaque. Benches are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

After you receive written approval from the Director's Office, you may proceed to have the plaque made. The plaque must be bronze, 1 ½" high by 5 ½" wide, with two holes, one centered on either end, for applying the plaque with screws. The inscription is limited to three lines, each with a maximum of 28 characters (including spaces).

Note: The recommended vendor for Essex County bench plaques is
C & J Trophies & Promotions
252 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044
Phone: 973-857-2300 Fax: 973-857-9674

Deliver or mail the plaque to the Director, along with your donation. Checks should be made out to the Essex County Park System. The plaque will be installed on the bench by the Parks staff.

If you have any questions please contact Sally Kent at 973-268-3500 or skent@parks.essexcountynj.org.