



P.O. Box 13214  
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## **Akron Parks Collaborative Memorial & Wildlife Campaign Guidelines and Maintenance**

**Hexagon Picnic Table:** #1 selling recycled HDPE plastic lumber, heavy duty picnic table since 1990. Will never rot, splinter, or need painting. Made locally in Akron!

**6' Boardwalk Bench with Back:** Classic bench design made of recycled plastic lumber which will never rot, splinter, or need painting. Made locally in Akron!

### **Maintenance & Guidelines:**

- Picnic table/bench will be engraved with approved text or logo. The maximum word count shall be TEN (10) words or ONE (1) non-color logo.
- The picnic table/bench will remain for a minimum of TWENTY (20) years.
- If the picnic table/bench is significantly vandalized or defaced within this timeframe, Akron Parks Collaborative will incur the cost of fixing or replacing the table/bench.
- Picnic tables/benches will be ordered and installed twice per year with deadlines for submitting this form by January 1st and August 1st. Picnic tables/benches will be installed twice per year in the spring and fall.
- Once the table/bench engraving is approved, your payment will be processed, and you will be informed when the table is installed.

### **Tree Maintenance & Guidelines:**

- Includes the tree, planting, and maintenance of the tree (fertilizing, mulching, pruning, etc.)
- After the tree is planted, the location of the tree will be communicated with the donor.
- If the donor wishes, a card of acknowledgement will be sent if the donation was made in honor or in memory of an individual or group. There will be no onsite signage recognizing individual tree sponsors.
- Trees will be planted during the fall and spring planting season, but they may be ordered at any time. These trees will be warranted and replaced for the first two years of the original planting.
- Commemorative trees will remain in place for the duration of the tree's lifespan. At the end of this period, the City will, at its own discretion, replace or remove the tree.

**Screech Owl & Kestrel House:** The sloping roof of the house sheds water and overhangs the house's entrance, protecting the birds from the elements. Positioned just under the roof, a ventilation slot provides temperature regulation for added comfort and safety. The 3" diameter hole is perfect for screech owls and kestrels, as the house has been designed to Conservation Commission specifications. A ladder on the inside of the front panel makes it easy for fledglings to climb out when it's time to leave the nest. Handcrafted in the USA.



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**Butterfly House:** Three vertical entry slots on the front of the unit mimic crevices butterflies often use for protection from the elements. Two copper butterfly appliqués on the item help draw the attention of these lovely insects. Crafted from durable cypress and copper. Made in the USA.

**Audubon Bluebird House:** The Audubon Recycled Plastic Bluebird House creates comfortable roosts for bluebirds, the 1.5" diameter entry holes allowing the birds to enter them with ease. A sloped roof on each home directs water away from the interior, while ventilation gaps at the top help fresh air enter each unit. The recycled plastic construction of these roosts will remain lovely for many seasons, without warping, chipping, or peeling.

**Insect House:** A variety of housing arrangements within this tall unit provides suitable shelter to mason bees, ladybugs, and lacewings, for a truly inviting piece. Bamboo tubes are great for use by mason bees, while ladybugs often use homes with oval slot entries. Lacewings and earwigs are known to seek shelter within bark and pinecones, both behind a metal mesh screen. Predrilled wooden chunks near the base are great for leaf cutter bees.

**Screech Owl & Kestrel, Butterfly, Audubon Bluebird, and Insect Houses Maintenance & Guidelines:**

- Wildlife restoration purchases include the item and tree mounting, or pole and concrete, as appropriate.
- Items will remain in use as long as they are in good condition and able to safely house their intended occupants. At which time they are no longer in good working condition, they will be disposed of.
- Screech Owl & Kestrel houses will remain outside year-round. Butterfly, bluebird, and insect houses will be brought inside each winter.
- Sponsors will be invited to help maintain the items annually. Akron Parks Collaborative will be responsible for annual cleaning and replacing of new nesting material as appropriate.
- New wildlife restoration items will be hung each spring and may be ordered at any time.
- Donors will be recognized on the Akron Parks Collaborative website, [akronparks.org](http://akronparks.org). There will be no onsite signage recognizing individual wildlife restoration sponsors.

**Placement in your preferred park is not guaranteed. Final placement of all memorials, tree and wildlife restoration items will be based on park needs and availability.**