Memorial Arboretum at DURAND PARK

The Durand Park Memorial Arboretum (DPMA) is a 100 acre portion of the original Durand Farm, which has been purchased by Monmouth County and Freehold Township for the purpose of passive recreation.

DPMA is located on Randolph Road in Freehold Township, approximately ¾ mile north of County Route 537. A 33- acre Memorial Arboretum is situated at the entrance of the park along Randolph Road. The Arboretum was designed with three focal areas containing a 9' tall black granite obelisk, a 9-ton natural granite boulder and the New Jersey State Tree, a Red Oak.

Surrounding the three focal points is the Arboretum itself which includes 546 trees dedicated by individuals in memory of loved ones.

The Arboretum links to a large, hidden Butterfly Meadow.

The Butterfly Meadow can be reached via a wooded path adjacent to the park's pond. The 20 acre Meadow is not visible from the near 100 space parking area. This path is linked to more than a mile of blue stone dust trails that are used by local walkers and runners wishing to complete their workouts in a quiet natural setting.

The Butterfly Meadow consists of 7 seven panels of varied grasses and wildflower mixes intended to attract and provide habitat for native butterflies. Adjoining the Butterfly Meadow is a mature wooded area with picnic benches, which overlook a pond. The pond is pristine, well stocked and is a favorite for many local residents who enjoy fishing.

It seems fitting that the park shares a combination of uses with the Memorial Arboretum and Butterfly Meadow. It is a seemingly perfect combination of conservation and awareness of the natural world. A perfect setting for both.

> **"Durand Park is dedicated to the memories of loved ones and is a place for quiet reflection."**

BUTTERFLY HABITATS

Durand Park was chosen as the site for the Butterfly Meadow because it contains a multitude of other essential habitats. These habitats include: wetlands, a mature eastern deciduous forest, open water (pond), grasslands, and transitional areas (combination meadow/forest). The flowering meadow provides nectaring sources for the adult butterflies while the forest provides a food source for the larval (caterpillar) stage of the butterfly life cycle. Water is essential to all life. The pond site provides moist areas which are necessary for butterflies to drink and obtain essential minerals from the richly laden water.

The key to protecting any organism is to secure and protect the habitat necessary for survival, and Durand Park provides such an environment.

A SPECIAL PLACE

The combination of a memorial arboretum and natural ecosystem makes Durand Park a special place for anyone to visit and enjoy the quiet serenity of a truly unique area. Whether your trip is to fondly remember a loved one memorialized by a special tree planting, or to view graceful butterflies in their native habitats, Durand Park is a special place designed to provide an opportunity for thought, peace and remembrance.

APPLICATION

Application Date: _____ Check #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

The price of $300 covers the cost of the tree, the labor to plant the tree and the memorial plaque. You will be notified when the tree and plaque have been installed. Please understand that no decorations, artificial or live flowers are allowed to be placed by the tree.

Please print clearly the information to be engraved on the plaque below.

Dedicated to: _____
   (maximum of 40 character and spaces.)

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By: _____
   (maximum of 40 character and spaces.)

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Make check payable to:
Township of Freehold Trust Escrow Account
and send with completed application form to
Freehold Township Shade Tree Commission,
1 Municipal Plaza, Freehold, NJ 07728-3099.
For questions or additional information, contact
the Shade Tree Department, 732.294.2078.

Japanese Stewartia
Stewartia pseudocamellia

SAMPLE

Dedicated to:
By:

Freehold Township
Shade Tree Commission
1 Municipal Plaza
Freehold, NJ 07728

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Tree Planting and Plaque
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DURAND PARK

Home of Freehold Township's
Memorial Arboretum

WELCOME TO
DURAND PARK
Freehold Township Memorial Arboretum