

**DETACH AND RETURN THIS
FORM WITH YOUR DONATION
TO:**

Sagaponack Tree Fund
P.O. Box 600
Sagaponack, NY 11962

- I would like to purchase and donate a tree to the
SAGAPONACK TREE FUND:

___ (#) Large tree(s) @ \$2500 ea.

___ (#) Medium tree(s) @ \$1200 ea.

___ (#) Small tree(s) @ \$750 ea.

- I would like to purchase a commemorative
plaque for \$350 with the following text*

*wording may be edited for consistency

- I would like to make a donation of \$ _____
to the SAGAPONACK TREE FUND

Check included

or

Credit Card info:

Card type _____

Card # _____

Exp. _____ CID# _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Please include:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Thank you for your donation.

NEW TREES FOR SAGAPONACK

Selected from the following list of preferred trees known to thrive on Eastern Long Island, replacement trees will be sited and planted with careful consideration of site conditions, diversity, disease resistance, balance and aesthetic continuity.

Frontier Elm, (*Ulmus carpinifolia*
Ulmus parvifolia 'Frontier')

Zelkova, (*Zelkova serrata* or *Japanese Zelkova*)

October Glory Maple, (*Acer rubrum*
'October Glory')

London Plane Tree, (*Platanus acerifolia*)

Big Leaf Linden, (*Tilia platyphyllos*)

Beech, (*Fagus sylvatica*)

Red Oak, (*Quercus rubra*)

Tatarian Maple, (*Acer Tataricum*)

Delaware II Elm, (*Ulmus Americana*
'Delaware')

Chinese Elm, (*Ulmus Parvifolia*)

Sophora, (*Sophora Japonica*)

Sweetgum, (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Horse Chestnut, (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

Locust, (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)

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SAGAPONACK (it's an Indian word meaning "land where the ground-nuts grow") was settled in 1653, predating Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor, and Southampton. The Sagaponack Historic District, comprising most of Sagg Main Street, is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Once considerably wider than it is today, a portion of Sagg Main had been divided by plantings of buttonwood and willow trees. Native to North America, buttonwood (*Platanus occidentalis*) is also known as Occidental plane, American sycamore, or American plane tree, and was widely planted in the early years of settlement.

Sagaponack's natural beauty is extraordinary—a diverse landscape of fields and farmland, of ponds, marsh and woodlands, all close to spectacular white sandy Atlantic beaches. The village also has some of the oldest structures in the state of New York, many along Sagg Main Street: Federal and colonial houses, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1885, a building with a post-office and a general store that dates from 1878, and two early cemeteries grace the street, which runs from Route 27 to the ocean. Barns and other agricultural buildings as well as many contemporary homes help define the village's unique character.

TREES IN SAGAPONACK

As in all early North American settlements, trees were first planted around home grounds, and then along the connecting paths and lanes that created the fabric of community. The rows of mature trees described in early 19th century accounts were probably planted at the time of the first settlement. A 1910 *Bridgehampton News* article described Sagg as “a quiet, quaint hamlet...a broad street lined with tall wide spreading trees behind which are old houses with shaded verandas.”

In the last century, however, age, careless pruning, and the intrusion of road, utility and building construction have taken a heavy toll on many of the mature trees that line the main and secondary streets of Sagaponack. Some trees have simply been unceremoniously removed by utility or road crews, on the grounds that they interfered with road margins, wires, poles and lines. And, of course, seasonal storms and hurricanes have inflicted critical wind and salt damage to the trees of the East End. One account of the 1938 hurricane estimated that the storm felled 750 roadside trees in Bridgehampton, and another calculated that 3500 trees were lost between Hayground and Mecox.

OPEN VIEWS

While our primary focus is the restoration of the gracious lines of shade trees along Sagg Main and other principal lanes, the Committee also acknowledges the importance of preserving the broad vistas across fields and farmlands. Open views are as much a defining feature of the historic landscape of Sagaponack as are its tree-lined streets. Therefore, the siting of new and replacement trees will be limited to areas that have historically been planted.

THE FUTURE

Trees can live for a long time, but they do not live forever, even those given the best care. As with all living things, continuity relies on the replacement of the old with the young. If we fail to consistently

replace trees that are old, broken, or diseased, Sagaponack will cease to be the verdant, elegantly shaded and beautiful village that we know. The mission of the Sagaponack Tree Fund is to assure the ongoing stewardship of our trees, and the preservation of the beauty of our village.

THE COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Village Board of Trustees, we are a volunteer advisory committee of your Sagaponack neighbors, and we report directly to the Mayor and the Board. Our immediate task is to address the declining condition of our street trees (those shade trees planted on Village roadside property), and our ultimate mission is the preservation of the character of the Village of Sagaponack.

THE INVENTORY

A systematic inventory has been undertaken to document the location and condition of each of the approximately 1,000 street trees in Sagaponack: its genus, diameter at chest height, relative health and structural stability. The inventory is the key tool for the project, and recommendations for care, treatment or replacement will be based on the findings of the inventory.

Some trees of interest are nine American elm trees on Main Street opposite the cemetery and in the hedgerow on Town Line Road south of Route 27, and the avenue of fifty European beech trees on Sagaponack Road.

REPAIR

Wherever possible, our efforts will be in support of the preservation of every viable, and healthy tree. As a last resort, those trees found to be structurally unsound, or diseased beyond restoration, will be removed. All trees inventoried will be monitored by village personnel and volunteers in a consistent diagnostic, repair and maintenance program of pruning, feeding, insect and disease control, and correction of site conditions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Donate a tree, and give a lasting gift to your Village.**

Large: \$2500
Medium: \$1200
Small: \$ 750

- **Add a Commemorative Plaque.**
Mark an important occasion, a birth, marriage, anniversary, or honor the memory of a loved one with a commemorative cast bronze plaque installed at the base of your donated tree.

Commemorative plaque: \$350

- **Or simply make a donation to the Tree Fund.**
We encourage participation from all the residents of Sagaponack and neighboring communities, and no donation is too small. Funds are needed for the ongoing inventory, maintenance, pruning and planting of trees. Anyone can contribute, and all donations to the Tree Fund, for whatever purpose, are tax deductible.

Note: The Committee will attempt to honor requests regarding the selection and siting of trees, but the ultimate choice will be at the discretion of the Committee. Considerations determining selection of trees include appropriateness of species to the particular site conditions, diversification, aesthetic balance, etc.

CONTACT US

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