



## Parks and Recreation

### **Bench Donation Program Guidelines**

*(Please read before completing the application form.)*

1. This program is designed to enable residents and park users to support the City of Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department through tax-deductible contributions to add benches to the City's greenway and parks system.
2. In order to maintain a balance in the placement of benches in areas where people congregate, wait, and rest or engage in social activity, all requests for a specific location must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department, which also maintains jurisdiction over the site.
3. Donors may request a recognition plaque to be installed on the bench. The plaque is symbolic of the donation and does not entitle the donor to ownership of the particular donated element.
4. To receive more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (704)866-6839. All applications are reviewed for appropriateness and subject to approval.
5. To make a commemorative bench request, the donor must complete the Bench Donation Application form and submit it to the Parks and Recreation Department, along with a check for the designated amount.



6. Currently there is only one bench design at a cost of \$500. The bench material consists of tan, recycled plastic lumber seat and back slats on a black, powder-coated steel frame. Recognition plaques are 3" x 5" plates of engraved steel. Complete funding for the donation must be processed before the commencement of any work.
7. The Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department retains the right to relocate a donated element and plaque at any time.
8. Neither the City of Gastonia nor the Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for replacing benches or plaques if they are damaged or vandalized, or after it has been deemed necessary to remove the item from service due deterioration, or other reasons related to public safety and/or appearance.

