

PENNY PINES IS NOW PLANT-A-TREE

With NGC's signing of a new memorandum with the National Forest Service, major changes have come to the Penny Pines project.

First change: New Name

The Penny Pines name has been replaced with the title PLANT-A-TREE. The focus of sustaining our national forests by helping with reforestation remains the same. NGC feels the new name "better reflects the program's mission and will help reach a wider audience."

Second change: Amount of Donation

Donations are no longer required to be \$68.00 or multiples of \$68.00. Donations may be in any amount from \$50 to \$10,000. The minimum donation is \$50.00.

Third change: Designation where the donation is sent

Previously, donors had the option to designate a state or a specific National Forest to which the donation would be used. While donors may still designate a specific National Forest, they instead are encouraged to select the option that allows the donation to go to "where it is most needed." NGC reminds us that the Forest Service reserves the right to utilize funds based on need. If the donor chooses a forest where no tree planting is needed, the funds may be used for planting in another forest.

Fourth change: Certificates

After May 31, 2025, NGC will no longer mail certificates and will move to a digital format. (More on this change in a later newsletter.) For now, a donor may continue to request a certificate which NGC Headquarters will prepare and mail.

Fifth change: New Plant-A-Tree Donation Form

Visit www.gardenclub.org/plant-tree for the new donation form* for those who prefer to mail a donation to Headquarters. Donations can also be made online. NGC accepts debit card, credit card, PayPal and Venmo.

*for your convenience the form is on the next page

AND please let Carolyn Medlin, our chairman, (medlinc3@gmail.com) know of your contributions and also copy me (burgessdiane@gmail.com) so that we can keep track of our Piedmont District contributions.

We hope you will continue your generous support of helping reforest our national forests when wildfires and natural disasters destroy our beautiful forests.