

# PENTAGON MEMORIAL



The urban forest does much more than shade sidewalks and increase property values. When planted in a memorial setting, trees give life when we have lost loved ones by helping us nurture the memory of those who have passed away. The Pentagon Memorial is one of many memorials throughout the nation that help family and friends cope with loss by incorporating trees and plants into the healing landscape. The Forest Service continues to play a role in these sites by supporting the Living Memorials Project, a network of people and places dedicated to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The Pentagon Memorial is sure to live up to the Living Memorials Project name as the trees grow and the landscape changes with time.



<http://www.whs.mil/Memorial/>

The Pentagon Memorial Fund website discusses the use of trees in the site design:

The Pentagon Memorial is landscaped to create an atmosphere of peace through the use of light, sound, and color. Paperbark maple trees (*Acer griseum*) are clustered in conjunction with the memorial units throughout the park. These trees, which will grow to 30 feet, are known for their late-falling and brilliant red and orange foliage. Upon maturity, the cinnamon-colored bark begins to peel, exhibiting exquisite texture and color.

For more information:

{ The Pentagon Memorial Fund  
<http://pentagonmemorial.org/>

{ Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/>

{ The Living Memorials Project  
<http://www.livingmemorialsproject.net>

{ Paperbark maples  
<http://hort.ufl.edu/trees/ACEGRIA.pdf>

{ *FS Today* Articles  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/fstoday/>  
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