

Heritage and Other Protected Trees

Permanent protection for mature trees on public and private land

Citizens may safeguard inspirational trees for the future by nomination. Tree nominees may be in public street rights-of-way, in parks or other publicly owned lands including open space, or on private land restricted by dedicated Open Space Preserves. Non-native or naturalized species found within Open Space Preserves cannot receive protection. Property owners may also request protection for trees on their private property

Citizens or community groups may nominate trees that meet any of the following criteria:

Heritage Trees

- Trunk at least 8 inches in diameter
- 50 years or older
- Connection to a significant historic event, building, district
- Planted by an historically significant individual
- Unique or special in size and/or form

Landmark Trees

- Striking or unusual trees with high aesthetic value
- Large for the particular species
- Special or unusual form
- Interesting flowers or branching patterns
- Species that are rare to their locations.

Parkway Resource Trees

- Groups of trees in public right-of-ways, public parking lots or trails
- Consistent design themes with similar sizes, shapes, health and forms
- Create a canopy over a public right-of-way.

Preservation Grove

- Groups of trees in public right-of-ways, open space, designated environmentally sensitive lands, conservation easements or parklands
- 6 or more trees with trunks within 100 feet
- Be of the same or similar species and forms
- Be native, naturalized, or surviving without intervention

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