

Heritage Trees of Clark County

Overview

Trees are important landscape features whether in the home garden, in community parks and open spaces, or on the grounds of historic or public buildings. Often long-lived and large in size, trees may serve as living markers of times gone by or notable places. They may be associated with historic persons or events, or they may be unusual by their presence in this part of the world.

The WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener program maintains a list of trees of significance in unincorporated Clark County through its Heritage Tree Program.

How to Nominate a Tree

If you have or know of a special tree or a grove of trees that might be considered for Heritage Tree status, please review the program criteria listed below and contact the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Program at (360) 397-6060 x 5738, or submit a Heritage Tree Nomination form (next page) to erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu or in person at the Clark County Extension Office.

Once a nomination is received and the nomination deadline met, a designated group of volunteers will visit the tree to determine its qualification for the program. The visit will be scheduled in advance with the property owner.

A decision will be made by the committee and the property owner will be notified. The tree(s) will be added to the list and featured on the program's website. A certificate of recognition will be provided to the property owner.

Nomination Criteria

Heritage Tree status may be granted to single trees if it meets any or all of the following requirements:

- Size — a diameter of at least 36 inches
- Special site location
- Documented age or relation to a historical event
- Unusual species for the area, or exemplary form for a species

Heritage Tree status may be granted to a grove of trees if it meets any of the following requirements:

- Mature and contains trees that are distinctive due to size, condition, species, or age
- Associated with a historical event
- Relationship with a natural resource (i.e. stream bank)

Single trees or groves must:

- Be in good condition
- Have written consent of the property owner. Consent is non-binding and participation is strictly voluntary. Participation may be revoked at any time by the property owner. There is no legal relationship governing participation.

Nominations are currently reviewed semi-annually:

- Deadlines—Oct. 31 & Apr. 30

Nomination Form

Nomination deadlines: April 30 & October 31 annually

Nominator

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Tree Location

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Tree(s) is/are located:

- Between the curb and sidewalk
 In a park or other public space
 On private property
 Other (explain _____)

Tree Description

***Please include a photograph of the tree (color or black & white)**

Tree species (common or botanical name): _____

- Single tree
 Grove of trees (if grove, how many trees?) _____

Overall height: (approximate, in feet): _____

Crown (approximate; measure distance of total spread from one side to other, in feet): _____

Trunk Circumference (around trunk at 4.5 feet off the ground, in inches): _____

Age of tree (if known): _____

- Condition: Healthy Diseased Has pruning/structural problems

Explain if applicable: _____

Are there documented historical facts about the tree(s)? _____

What is noteworthy about the tree(s) that meets the criteria?

- Check all that apply: Size Condition Function (shade, natural resources)
- Unique species Beauty History

Please explain why you think the tree(s) should be nominated for heritage distinction.