



SOME THINGS YOU'LL NEED FOR TREES YOU WISH TO NOMINATE:

- ⇒ Name/permission of the owner
- ⇒ Address/Contact Info for the owner
- ⇒ Location of the Tree
- ⇒ Species of the tree
- ⇒ Picture(s) of the tree
- ⇒ Why is this tree special? Identify the category for nomination.

Submit your nomination forms to the City Arborist at the address below or email to DBeyer@fredericksburgva.gov with the subject "Heritage Tree Nomination" by August 15.

The full nomination form can be found on the City of Fredericksburg Public Works website.

One of our goals is to offer an Annual Heritage Tree Calendar and proceeds over cost will be placed in a Heritage Tree fund in support of the City Urban Forestry program.



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WHAT IS THE HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM?

Fredericksburg is a City proud of its heritage and its environment. It is a very walkable City full of much character, and one of the things that adds character to this unique City is the number of mature trees found throughout. The Heritage Tree Program strives to bring attention to these trees, helping to highlight each tree's specialness and bring awareness to proper tree care and maintenance, as well as educate about the benefits trees bring to a community.

WHAT TREES CAN BE IN THE PROGRAM?

Any tree within City limits may be nominated to become a heritage tree. This includes trees on private as well as public property. There are several categories available when nominating a tree for the program:

- ⇒ **SPECIMEN:** A tree of exceptional size, form and/or rarity.
- ⇒ **HISTORIC:** A tree recognized by its age or association with or contribution to a historic event or person(s), or is figurative in lore, legend or local perception.
- ⇒ **COLLECTION:** A group of trees that are notable in age, location, history or species.
- ⇒ **ECOLOGICAL VALUE:** Some trees provide special habitat opportunities or may be situated in a site where it plays a critical role to another plant species, provides extensive runoff/erosion protection. This may be a single tree or a group of trees.
- ⇒ **STREET TREE:** An exceptional street tree in form, size, species or historical significance. Street trees often cannot reach full mature potential, so will be considered in a separate category.

Nominated trees must be structurally sound, without disease, true to its genetic form, not topped or badly pruned and have full potential to reach mature size and form. The exception category to this is street trees, which often cannot reach full size due to other infrastructure constraints.



The cultivation of trees is the cultivation of the good, the beautiful and the ennobling in man.

J. Sterling Morton
Founder of Arbor Day

WHO CAN NOMINATE A TREE?

Anyone can nominate a tree. Nominations for trees on private property must have permission of the property owner.



WHY SHOULD I LET MY TREE BE NOMINATED?

The City will provide the owner with recommendations regarding the proper care and maintenance of the Designated Heritage tree, including a suggested care plan and information on how to choose quality tree care professionals. Owners will be encouraged to prune heritage trees in accordance with ANSI/International Society of Arboriculture standards, which any certified tree care specialist can advise on or do. Any pruning not in compliance with Heritage Tree program requirements may cause dismissal of tree from program. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and carries no regulatory enforcement with it. Owners will receive a plaque in recognition.

Heritage Tree **NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED** by the City Arborist by August 15th of each year. This allows time for the tree to be assessed for health, form and special characteristics as noted on the nomination form. Trees chosen for the program will be announced in April each year, on or near Arbor Day. Depending on nominations received, *up to 3* trees/groves MAY be chosen each year.

Photos of the trees may be posted on the City website or used in promotion of the program, such as in an annual calendar.

Forms may be found on the City Public Works website.

SPECIAL NOTE: Heritage Trees are, like all other trees, living things.

As such, it is not expected that because of inclusion in this program they will live forever! If a Heritage Tree becomes unhealthy or unstable or in some other way presents a safety hazard to people or property, it may be removed. This is nature.

By honoring our Heritage trees, we at least have a record of their existence and contribution to the quality of life in Fredericksburg. City owned removed Heritage trees may be further memorialized through re-use of wood into products sold and proceeds returned to the City Urban Forestry program.





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NOMINATION FORM



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DATE OF NOMINATION _____

Nominator's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Nomination Category:
- ☐ SPECIMEN
 - ☐ HISTORIC
 - ☐ COLLECTION
 - ☐ ECOLOGICAL VALUE
 - ☐ STREET TREE

TREE/GROVE OWNERS NAME _____

OWNER PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS OF TREE/GROVE _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS TREE OR GROVE. INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO (2) PICTURES SUPPORTING YOUR NARRATIVE. REFER TO CATEGORY GUIDELINES IN HERITAGE TREE BROCHURE FOR GUIDANCE.
PLEASE USE BACK OF FORM IF MORE ROOM IS NEEDED.

Submit form to City Arborist at DBeyer@fredericksburgva.gov by AUGUST 15 or mail to address at the top of form. Winners will be announced in April.