



Heritage Tree Program

Protect the Legacy of Your Land



The Heritage Tree Program allows property owners to recognize, foster appreciation, and provide for protection of significant trees. Receiving a Heritage Tree designation not only recognizes the tremendous amount of benefits your tree provides you and the community, it makes sure the tree receives some protections in the future if your property transfers ownership.

What is a Heritage Tree?

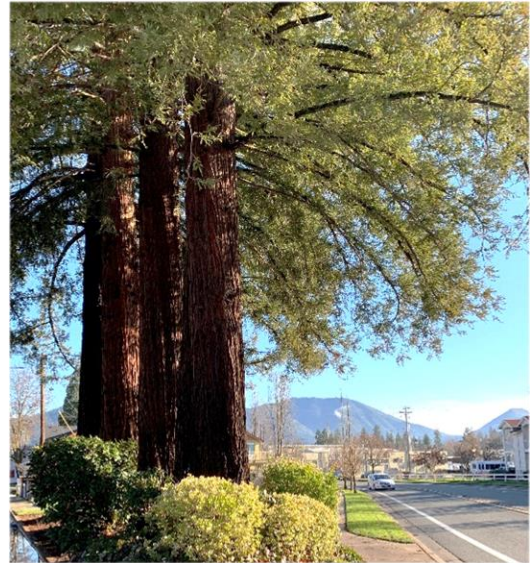


According to the Grants Pass Municipal Code, a Heritage Tree is any tree or stand of trees designated by resolution of the City Council to be of significant community benefit due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historical value. Heritage Trees can be on private, public, or semi-public land (e.g. public right-of-way).

Tree Protections



Heritage Trees are designated for their significant contributions to our community. They are healthy and structurally sound. Management is typically low, but all trees require some maintenance at times. When a Heritage Tree requires work to be done, a tree permit is required by the City. This ensures that Heritage Trees are cared for by certified arborists, giving them quality treatment. Furthermore, any development that could impact a Heritage Tree requires a review for the purpose of determining any negative impact on the Heritage Tree. Soil compaction, tree injury, and hydrological changes are considered so that best management practices are followed in order to minimize impacts. Without a Heritage Tree designation, a tree of great significance on private land could easily be damaged or destroyed.



The first Heritage Trees of Grants Pass are located at Martin Park (corner of 4th & M Streets)

Other Benefits of Designation



Owners can receive technical information assistance by the City when requested. Owners may also receive a plaque, free of charge, to be placed next to the tree. Owners will be recognized and celebrated at the next Arbor Day Celebration (in April) and will be listed on the City website.

Taking the Next Steps



Protecting a tree is a very exciting prospect! Whether you would like to nominate a tree on your property, in a park, or along the public right-of-way, you will need to fill out the Heritage Tree Nomination Form (found on the back of this page). The City's Urban Forester will then inspect the tree and provide a report. The nomination form and report are then reviewed by the Urban Tree Advisory Committee. The Urban Tree Advisory Committee will then send their recommendation to the City Council, which has the authority to designate a Heritage Tree. Constituents who nominate a tree are invited, along with the general public, to all public meetings concerning the tree nomination and approval.



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Applicant's Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Where is/are the Tree(s) Located?

In addition to filling out the appropriate box below, please include at least one photo of the tree(s).

Private Property or Public Right-of-Way	
Address of property: _____	
Location of tree(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Front Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Back Yard
<input type="checkbox"/> Side Yard	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way

City Park or City Property
Name of park or City property: _____
General location of tree(s) (e.g. "west of playground"): _____

Tree Information:

Tree Species (common or scientific name): _____

If you are unsure of the species, you may leave this blank

Narrative (explain why the tree qualifies for Heritage Tree status)

- Compose the narrative on a separate page
- The narrative may be handwritten or typed and included with this application
- The narrative will be reviewed by the Urban Tree Advisory Committee and City Council
- Make sure to address the qualifications of a Heritage Tree, which is defined by the Grants Pass Municipal Code as "any tree or stand of trees designated by resolution of the City Council to be of significant community benefit due to age, size, species, horticultural quality, or historical value." (Grants Pass Municipal Code Section 10.02.030).

Application Submission Information

1. Complete all applicable fields on this form, including signature line below
2. Attach photos and the narrative to this form
3. If nominating a private property tree, the property owner must sign this form
4. Submit this form (with photos and narrative) to:
"Heritage Tree Nomination Grants Pass City Hall" 101 NW A Street, Grants Pass, OR, 97526
(You can also the hand in application, photos, and narrative to City Hall – 2nd Floor, Community Development)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If different from applicant, the property owner must sign and must also provide a written consent affirming the nomination of their tree(s) as a Heritage Tree. Such consent should be attached to this nomination form, along with the applicant's narrative. City Manager consent required for tree(s) on City property or public right-of-way.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____