



Officers Row grove

How to Nominate a Tree

Complete the enclosed nomination form and property owner/ tree owner agreement. *The property owner must agree to the nomination and potential designation of their tree/s before Urban Forestry can entertain the nomination.*

Review the information included in this pamphlet, including the criteria for a Heritage Tree, the designation process, the level of protection, and assessment procedures should the tree/s be considered for removal.

If you require assistance determining if your nomination is appropriate or to gather necessary data on the tree, contact Urban Forestry at 360-487-8332 or Urban.Forestry@cityofvancouver.us.

Thank you for considering nominating a tree or grove of trees for Heritage status with the City of Vancouver.

What is a Heritage Tree?

Heritage Trees are approved for official designation through a public hearing for their unique size, age, historical, or horticultural significance. Once accepted, Heritage Trees are designated with a small plaque and listed in the Heritage Tree registry.

For a tree, or group of trees, to be considered for Heritage Tree status, it must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

Specimen: A tree of exceptional size, form, or rarity.

Historic: A tree recognized by virtue of its age, its association with or contribution to a historic structure or district, or its association with a noted person or historic event.

Landmark: Trees that are landmarks of a community.

Collection: Trees in a notable grove, avenue, or other planting.

The Heritage Tree Program was created by City Ordinance in 1997 (VMC Section 20.770.120) to protect and recognize our unique trees. The Urban Forestry Commission designates a tree as a Heritage Tree provided the tree meets the program criteria. To view the current Heritage Tree registry visit www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry



Old Apple Tree

Our Trees. Our Legacy.

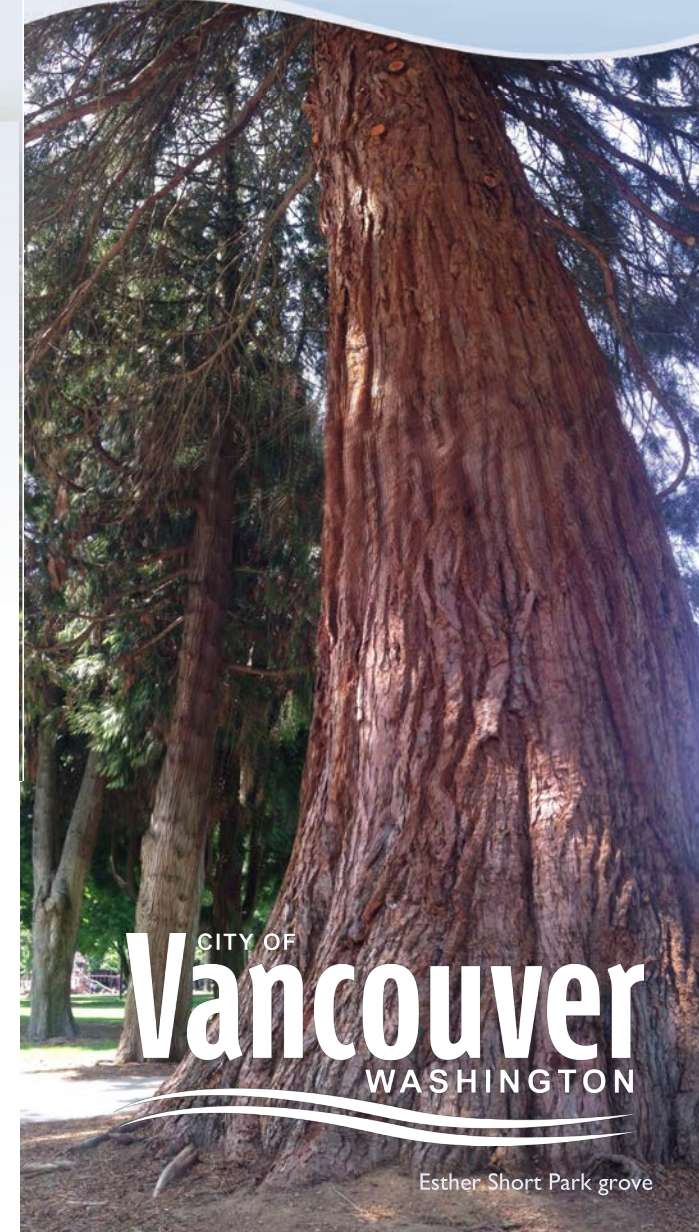
Vancouver's Heritage Tree Program aims to preserve and recognize the significant trees in our community. By preserving our natural resources, we preserve a vital link to our past and a connection to our future.

There are nearly 40 Heritage Trees and groves throughout Vancouver, and new trees are added regularly. View the list at www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry.

Do you know of a special tree? Nominate it today!

- Anyone can nominate a heritage tree!
- Requires property owner consent
- Urban Forestry provides inspections every five years
- Heritage Trees are protected by City Code and once designated cannot be removed without consent of the Urban Forestry Commission.

Heritage Tree Program



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Esther Short Park grove

Heritage Tree Nomination Form

Nominator Information

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Property/ Tree Owner Information

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Tree Information

Location (street address)

Species of tree

Single tree or grove of trees (if grove, how many)

What is noteworthy about the tree/s that meet the criteria?

- Size? Shape? Unique species? Beauty?
 Function (shade, natural resources?) History?

Contact Urban Forestry Staff if you need support to determine the size, age, and condition of tree/s

Size: Height in feet (approx.)

Crown in feet (approx.) distance of total spread from one side to the other

Circumference in inches (distance around trunk at 4.5 ft from ground)

Age of tree (if known)

Condition: Healthy? Diseased? Pruning/ structural Problems?

Explain any known issues with the tree?

Explain why the tree/s should be nominated for heritage distinction, including any documented historical facts about the tree, on separate piece of paper. Include photos.

Submit nomination form and owner's consent to the Urban Forestry Commission by email to Urban.Forestry@cityofvancouver.us or mail to P.O. Box 1995 Vancouver, WA 98668.

Agreement of the Property Owner and The City of Vancouver to Designate a Heritage Tree

In exchange for the City's designation of the subject tree as a Heritage Tree, the Property Owner agrees to protect, maintain and care for the Heritage Tree located on his or her property. This agreement shall run with the land and bind all successors, heirs and assigns to this property. Property Owner agrees to abide by conditions set forth in the City of Vancouver Code, Section 20.770.120, particularly:

"When development is proposed for property which contains a Heritage Tree, the property owner must have a tree preservation plan prepared by a qualified arborist demonstrating how the Heritage Tree will be protected and preserved."

"No person may cut or remove a Heritage Tree without obtaining approval from the Urban Forestry Commission following the set criteria."

"The limb structure or crown of a Heritage Tree may be pruned in any one year period without obtaining approval from the Urban Forestry Commission, provided that at least 80 percent of the existing tree crown remains undisturbed."

"Any person who wishes to prune a Heritage Tree in excess of 20 percent of the existing crown shall obtain approval from the Urban Forestry Commission subject to [various] conditions."

Property Owner understands that sponsorships or assistance for care of the tree may be available from the City's Urban Forestry program. In addition, if the Property Owner may want any advice, it can be offered at no cost by the City Forester or designee (360/ 487-8328).

Property Owner as owner of the _____ (species) tree now being considered for this distinction, hereby consent to its being designated a Heritage Tree by the Urban Forestry Commission of Vancouver, Washington.

Tree Location (address, tax lot): _____

Signed: _____ (Property Owner)

Date: _____

Submitted by Urban Forestry Commission: _____ (date)

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