



## HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION FORM

The City of Bainbridge Island and the Forestry Commission welcomes your interest in nominating a tree for the Heritage Tree Program. Preserving a community's unique, cultural or historic resources is an autobiographical undertaking which provides a lasting reference of place for future generations.

A Heritage Tree is a tree or stand of trees that is particularly desirable because it has valued, unique characteristics that set it apart from other similar trees. Valued characteristics include uncommon genus, species, cultivar, form, size or location; historic, cultural, or habitat significance; or other desirable features.

Any individual may nominate a tree or tree stand for Heritage status; however, the owner of the property on which the nominated tree is located must agree to the nomination by signing a consent statement on the attached nominating form.

The Community Forestry Commission will consider Heritage Tree nominations at their regular monthly meetings, using the attached Heritage Tree Designation Guidance document to make their recommendation. The Commission may consult with the City arborist in deciding whether to accept the nomination. Upon acceptance of a nomination, the City will list the tree or tree stand on a register maintained by the Community Forestry Commission and the City will provide the owner with a professional arborist's assessment of the tree or tree stand.

A Heritage Tree or stand of trees is retained by the property owner and does not become the property or responsibility of the City. The property owner is responsible for all maintenance and liability issues pertaining to the tree or trees. Prior to removal of a Heritage Tree or tree stand, a property owner must consult with the Community Forestry Commission. However, a Heritage Tree designation does not prohibit a property owner from developing a property and/or removing a Heritage Tree.

Please submit the enclosed forms with the required information and photos to:

**Bainbridge Island Forestry Commission  
City of Bainbridge Island  
280 Madison Ave. N  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110**

For help or information call the Department of Planning and Community Development at: (206) 842-2552 or email: [pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](mailto:pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us) .

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION:**

Property nominated by:      Property owner \_\_\_\_\_      City \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY OWNER(S) INFORMATION:**

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

Address or  
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are the owners of said property and hereby acknowledge this nomination. I/we understand I/we reserve the right to withdraw this tree or tree stand from the register at any time we so choose.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF TREE OR TREE STAND:**

Genus: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Diameter at Breast Height (DbH): \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Age of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE NARRATIVE:** (Describe reasons for nomination as a Heritage Tree or tree stand. Please see the attached Heritage Tree Designation Guide for help with this section).

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**DOCUMENTATION:** Attach any supporting information or evidence:

*Required:*

**Assessor's Map:** Mark location of tree or tree stands on property. A copy of this map may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Community Development between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Photographs:** Include a 4 x 6 photograph of nominated tree.

*Optional:*

**Written Sources:** Attach, in proper bibliographical form, any books, magazines, newspapers, videos, or movies that you used to research/establish significance.

**Oral History/Interviews:** Attach/include in proper bibliographical form, oral histories/interviews, etc., you used to research/establish significance.

**Historic Maps and Photographs:** List names and/or types of maps used in research. Include copies and photographs when possible.

# Heritage Tree Designation Guide

Individual trees or tree stands may be designated Heritage Trees because they exhibit valued, unique characteristics that set them apart from other similar trees. Valued, unique characteristics include uncommon genus, species, form, size, location, historic significance or other desirable feature(s).

Heritage Trees may be designated for any of the following characteristics:

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

**Size.** Any tree with a dBH of 36 inches or more.

**Species.** Locally important native trees or trees and tree stands that are associated with the character of the community. Species that are rare in the area, with the exception of non-native, invasive tree species.

**Age.** Trees of exceptional age.

**Historic, Cultural or Habitat Significance.** Trees associated with notable local or regional historical or cultural events, persons, structures or landscapes. Trees planted as commemorative trees. Trees that serve as important habitat for valued wildlife.

**Ecological Value.** Trees or tree stands with high ecological value due to their location, size, species and/or condition.

**Aesthetics.** A tree with special aesthetic value due to its form or function it serves in the landscape (for example, a landmark pair of trees that frame an entrance).

**Location.** Trees valued for their particular location.