



## Heritage Tree Program

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### **Purpose**

Trees are a vital asset to any community, and Normandy Park has embraced this value. Based on the 2018 Tree Canopy Survey from King Conservation District, Normandy Park has 740 acres, or 46%, of tree canopy. This is one of the highest percentages in King County. To celebrate, promote, preserve, and educate the public about this great asset, the city has established a Heritage Tree Program.

The purpose of the program is to:

- Increase public awareness of trees and specifically Normandy Park's urban forest.
- Draw attention to and protect our unique and significant heritage trees.
- Reinforce that all trees are one of the key components of our city's unique character and sense of place.

### **Heritage Tree Criteria**

The Normandy Park Heritage Tree Program will recognize significant trees on private property. A "heritage tree" is a tree or collection of trees that is acknowledged and valued for the unique characteristics that set it apart from other similar trees. A heritage tree is designated by the following criteria:

- Has historical significance to a person, place, or event
- Has attained significant size in height, caliper, or canopy spread for its age and species
- Has special aesthetic qualities for its species
- Possesses rare horticulture value
- Is not a hazard or obstruction

In addition to the criteria:

- All applications must be approved by the property owner(s).
- The recommended tree must be assessed by a certified arborist to meet the criteria for health.
- The Heritage Tree selection process will be ongoing.

Each Heritage Tree owner will receive a certificate. Additionally, you may be able to get a plaque for your tree at your cost. If you are interested in a plaque, please contact the city.

### **Legal Protection**

Legal protection for Heritage Trees is voluntary and optional. Trees on the Heritage Tree list are unprotected by the city. We believe that the formal recognition and educational value of the designation encourages tree preservation. A heritage tree can be removed from the city's Heritage Tree program at the request of the Tree Owner.



## Heritage Tree Program Application

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Please complete the following in as much detail as possible. Please attach a photograph to the application.

Name of the property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Person nominating tree (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and location of tree nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of tree (i.e., date, direction of view, etc.):

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Description of characteristics of the tree nominated that merit consideration for heritage status:  
(Use additional sheets as needed.)

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I am the owner of the property that is the location of the tree nominated for heritage status described above. I consent to the Park Board's designation of the above-designated tree to heritage status. I also agree to the trees being listed on a map for public information. I understand that the heritage designation does not limit my ability to prune, remove or otherwise maintain my tree.

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Signature of Property Owner

Date