

## Purpose of Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program

- Recognize, foster appreciation and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to the community
- Increase public awareness of the significance and importance of trees
- Draw attention to and protect unique trees
- Encourage public participation in identification and perpetuation of heritage trees
- Connect the past to the present by preserving historic trees for the enjoyment of future generations
- Increase public awareness of the important contribution of trees to our cultural and community history, and the significant role they play in the quality of our daily lives
- Provide property owners with recognition and reward for preservation of significant heritage trees

## Recognition

Landowners whose nominations are approved have three options for recognition:

- At no charge: Recognition at a Board of County Commissioners meeting, on the County website and in the County newsletter;
- For \$40: All the above, plus a plaque, and a stand to display the plaque at the base of the tree(s);
- For \$75: All of the above, plus recognition as a contributor to the Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program.

## Heritage Tree Programs in Clackamas County Cities

The Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program is designed to recognize heritage trees in rural and urban unincorporated Clackamas County. If you are a city resident and would like to nominate a tree or want information about other programs around the state,, check the website of Oregon Travel Information Council – Heritage Trees at (<http://www.oregontic.com/heritage/trees-partners.php>) or contact your city directly.



Strategic Planning & Sustainability  
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Oregon City, OR 97045  
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[www.clackamas.us/transportation/planning/historical/heritagetree.htm](http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/planning/historical/heritagetree.htm)

# Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program

Clackamas County recognizes the importance of trees to our communities and their contributions to our history.

Designation as a **Clackamas County Heritage Tree** is intended to encourage land owners and land managers to retain and protect these trees as part of our heritage.



If there is a special tree or collection of trees on your property, in your neighborhood or along Clackamas County's scenic byways or other public lands, consider nominating it to be recognized as a

**Clackamas County Heritage Tree.**

***Application deadline:  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012***

**March 2011**

Trees play an important role in the history, culture and livability of Clackamas County. They provide shade, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, erosion control and pollution mitigation.

There are also individual trees and groups of trees that are significant to a community because of their size and/or beauty, rarity or association with an historic person or event.

The purpose of the **Clackamas County Heritage Tree** program is to foster the stewardship and maintenance of significant heritage trees in rural and urban unincorporated Clackamas County for the preservation and enjoyment of future generations. The intent is to encourage County residents and property owners to identify and protect individual heritage trees and groups of trees.

### Definition of a Heritage Tree

A Heritage Tree or Heritage group of trees must meet one or more of the following qualifications.

- **Specimen:** A tree of exceptional size, form or rarity, or horticultural value
- **Historic:** A tree of exceptional age, and/or associated with or contribution to an historic structure or district or with a noted person or historic event
- **Landmark:** A tree that is a prominent identifying feature of a community
- **Collection:** A group of trees in a notable grove, avenue or other planting

### Nomination Process

Anyone may nominate a tree or trees, but the person or organization that owns the land on which the tree stands must consent to the nomination and sign the nomination form.

Trees located in County right-of-way are not eligible for the program. If you are unsure about whether a particular tree is on County right-of-way, please contact Greg Peterson at 503.742.4672 or [gregp@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:gregp@co.clackamas.or.us)

There are no regulatory restrictions associated with the **Heritage Tree** designation.

People who want to nominate one or more trees located in rural or urban unincorporated Clackamas County are asked to complete a nomination form and submit it to Clackamas County Strategic Planning by Feb. 15, 2012.

Nomination forms are available at:

- <http://www.clackamas.us/docs/dtd/heritagetree.pdf>,
- Strategic Planning, 150 Beaver Creek Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045
- Calling 503.742.4541

Nominated trees are inspected by a volunteer certified arborist to ensure criteria are met.

Nominations for trees that meet the criteria will be forwarded to the Clackamas County Historic Review Board, which will review the nominations and arborist's reports, and recommend trees to be recognized to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board will designate Heritage Trees at a ceremony during May (National Historic Preservation Month).

### Timeline

#### February 15, 2012\*:

Send completed nomination forms for trees or groups of trees in rural or unincorporated urban Clackamas County to Clackamas County Strategic Planning & Sustainability, 150 Beaver Creek Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045.

#### March 2012:

Clackamas County's certified volunteer arborist will inspect nominated trees and groups of trees.

#### April 2012:

Clackamas County Historic Review Board will review nominated trees and groups of trees that the arborist certifies as meeting Heritage Tree qualifications, and recommend trees to be designated Heritage Trees by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners.

#### May 2012 (National Historic Preservation Month):

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners designates Heritage Trees during a National Preservation Month ceremony, and awards plaques commemorating the Heritage Trees of the year.

*\*NOTE: Nominations received after February 15 will be considered for recognition the following year.*