

Heritage Trees in the Southwest

May 1st is the deadline for nominating heritage trees. Despite how much residents cherish our canopy of trees, the Southwest neighborhoods have fewer than two dozen trees designated as heritage trees.

Please, if you have trees you want to protect for your own enjoyment, future generations, and/or wildlife habitat, nominate the tree by filling out the nomination form at

<http://swni.org/sites/default/files/2017-02/Heritage%20Tree%20Nomination%20Form%20%2006-12-15.pdf>

Submit it to the address at the bottom of the form. The form requires an estimated height, and you can find this on the interactive map by entering your address and zooming in on your trees. The map is at

<https://climatecope.research.pdx.edu/canopyanalytics/#12/45.4931/-122.6862>

If you know of a tree in the public right-of-way, you can also nominate it. Members of the tree team are identifying several trees for nomination. Also, if your neighbors have trees you think worthy of supporting, please print out the form and ask them to nominate their trees if they wish to see them preserved. Trees must be healthy and not pose a threat to surrounding structures. An arborist from the Urban Forest Commission will evaluate the trees. Please remember that a heritage tree designation will remain protected going forward, when you sell your property or pass it on to your heirs. Once designated, only the Urban Forest Commission can give permission for the tree to be destroyed.

Other useful sites pertaining to trees are at

<http://swni.org/sites/default/files/2017-02/Useful%20Web%20sites%20for%20Portland%20%20regarding%20Trees.pdf>

The links cited above are all posted on the Multnomah Neighborhood Association website at <http://swni.org/multnomah>