

GREENHILLS HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM

Purpose

1. Recognize, foster appreciation and inspire awareness of the contribution trees make to Greenhills.
2. Increase public awareness of the significance and importance of trees in general.
3. Draw attention to and protect unique trees in Greenhills.
4. Encourage public participation in identification and perpetuation of heritage trees.
5. Connect the past to the present by preserving historic trees for the enjoyment of future generations.
6. 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.
7. Provide property owners with recognition and reward for preservation of significant heritage trees.

Criteria for Nomination:

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

Nominations:

1. To be considered for Heritage Tree status, a nomination for the tree must be submitted to the Greenhills Tree Advisory Board. If the nomination is favorably considered and the owner is in agreement, the tree will be designated as a Heritage Tree.
2. Anyone may nominate a tree or trees, but the person who owns the land on which the tree stands must consent to the nomination.
3. There are no regulatory restrictions associated with the designation.
4. The program is completely voluntary and the Village does not assume authority over the selected trees.
5. Guidelines and suggestions for the maintenance and care of the tree will be provided to the owner.

Manner of Recognition:

Once approved, a certificate will be issued to the owner of the tree. It is hoped that by recognizing the tree, the owner will be encouraged to preserve the tree.

A Tree Heritage Official Registry will be maintained by the Tree Advisory Board and it will be listed on the website.

“Honorable Mention” will be given to trees that don’t fit all of the nomination criteria, but which have a special meaning that connects the past to the present; and/or they have a significant role in the quality of our daily lives.

Annual Timeline for Nomination and Awards: Applications will be reviewed and processed as received.

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Application Date: _____

Nominated Tree Information

Common Name: _____

Scientific Name (if known): _____

Detailed Directions of Locating Tree (attach map, if possible):

This tree should be a Village of Greenhills Heritage Tree (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Size/Specimen | <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Beauty | <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Significance | <input type="checkbox"/> Collection (grove of trees) | |

Explain below and attach any supporting documentation (photo, written history, etc.)

Tree Nominator Information

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tree Owner Information – Nominator must ensure that owner gives permission for nomination and access for evaluation.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature of Owner: _____

(Signature of owner will represent consent to nomination)

*Mail to: Greenhills Tree Advisory Board
11000 Winton Road – Greenhills, OH 45218*

HERITAGE TREES

A. Heritage Tree Inventory

1. The Village shall develop an inventory of Heritage Trees that shall satisfy the criteria of this program. The initial inventory shall be the responsibility of the Greenhills Tree Advisory Board.
2. The Heritage Tree designation may be applied to a tree or grove of trees
3. Greenhills shall notify each property owner by mail when a tree on the owner's property has been proposed for designation to the Heritage Tree Inventory. If the owner of the property objects to such designation in writing to the Greenhills Tree Advisory Board, the designation procedure shall not proceed.
4. The Greenhills Tree Advisory Board will make a recommendation to Village Council.

B. Criteria

For any individual tree or grove of trees to be listed as a Heritage Tree(s), it must be in an apparently *healthy growing condition* and *one or more* of the following exist:

1. The tree has a distinctive size, shape, or location, or is of a distinctive species or age which warrants a Heritage Tree status;
2. The tree possesses exceptional beauty, which warrants a Heritage Tree status;
3. The tree is distinctive due to a functional or aesthetic relationship to a natural resource, such as trees located along stream banks or trees located along ridge lines; or landmark OR
4. The tree has a documented association with a historical figure, property, or significant historical event.

A grove may be considered for Heritage Grove Status if it is apparently in a healthy growing condition and one or more of the following criteria:

1. The grove is relatively mature and is of a rare or unusual nature containing trees that are distinctive either due to size, shape, species or age;
2. The grove is distinctive due to a functional or aesthetic relationship to a natural resource, such as trees located along stream banks, or trees located along ridge lines, landmarks; OR
3. The grove has documented association with a historical figure, property, or significant historical event.