



# Georgia Urban Forest Council's Landmark & Historic Tree Register

**The primary purpose of the register is to locate, document and compile a record of all of the significant trees across Georgia. The register will also enhance our ability to educate and encourage the public and decision-makers about the importance of trees and the need to care for and protect them.**

## Nomination Application

The Georgia Landmark and Historic Tree Register has been established by the Georgia Urban Forest Council to raise public awareness of the importance of trees to Georgia's rich history and heritage.

Our forefathers enjoyed the benefits of the virgin forest. Over time, pioneers and settlers arrived and created cities and towns. The land was

cleared as fields and communities grew. Some trees were allowed to remain and over the years, others were planted on Georgia's farms, settlements, cities and towns. Many such trees are now associated with individuals, places and events. These trees are special because of the things they represent, a living legacy to the history and people of Georgia.

## Guidelines for Landmark & Historic Trees

Landmark and Historic Trees are those individual trees and groups of trees that have been designated as significant based on their importance to national, state, or community history. They are frequently recognized for their contribution to the development of landscape architecture, forestry, city planning, and culture. The following qualities are considerations for Landmark & Historic Tree distinction:

- Integrity of location
- Setting
- Design
- Progeny

Other key attributes for consideration are event association, aesthetic value, historical significance, and cultural contribution.

Trees recognized in this register are divided into two categories:

**Landmark** - Those trees that are an integral part of an individual community & its heritage.

**Historic** - Those trees in Georgia that are important to the culture and history of the state or nation.

**Landmark Trees** must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The tree or group of trees is commonly recognized as an established and familiar feature of the community or a significant part of the community's heritage,
- The tree(s) were planted and maintained for educational purposes for more than 75 years.
- The tree(s) was planted as a memorial to an individual, group, event or cause and is more than 75 years old.
- The tree(s) symbolizes a historically significant individual, place, event or contribution.

**Historic Trees** must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The tree is identified with a historically significant individual or group
- The tree is located at the site of a historic event and significantly impacts individual's perception of the event
- The tree dates to the time of a historic event at the location of the tree.
- The tree is confirmed as the progeny of a tree that meets any of the above criteria.



# Georgia Urban Forest Council's Landmark & Historic Tree Application

**The following application outlines the criteria for the Georgia Landmark & Historic Tree Register. All applications will be reviewed and voted on by a committee of Georgia Urban Forest Council members. The Council realizes that some of the questions may be difficult to answer. Please provide as much information as possible for our consideration.**

## Applicant Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your interest in having this tree designated as a Landmark & Historic Tree and why you think it deserves this designation. You may attach one additional sheet of paper if necessary.

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## Designation Information:

### Should the tree be considered as

#### **Landmark**

*Must meet at least one of the following criteria. Check all that apply.*

- The tree or group of trees is commonly recognized as an established and familiar feature of the community or a significant part of the community's heritage,
- The tree(s) were planted and maintained for educational purposes for more than 75 years.
- The tree(s) was planted as a memorial to an individual, group, event or cause and is more than 75 years old.
- The tree(s) symbolizes a historically significant individual, place, event or contribution.

#### **Historic**

*Must meet at least one of the following criteria. Check all that apply.*

- The tree is identified with a historically significant individual or group.
- The tree is located at the site of a historic event and significantly impacts individual's perception of the event.
- The tree dates to the time of a historic event at the location of the tree.
- The tree is confirmed as the progeny of a tree that meets any of the above criteria..

**Possibly Both. If you believe the tree(s) may meet criteria from both types check here.**

## Nomination Information:

### Check one. Which are you nominating?

- A single tree
- A group of trees

Please give the official or common name for the tree or group of trees based on the original owner, current owner, significant person or event associated with the tree, unusual or distinctive characteristic of the tree, association with the heritage of the community or other distinction.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanation** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Location

Give the location and specific street address. Include city and county. If the tree is located in a rural area or does not have a street address, please provide detailed directions from the nearest major highway or attach a map. If the tree is located on public land (park, public right-of-way, etc.), please indicate whether it is city, county, state or federal property.

Located at:

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## Description of Tree or Group of Trees:

### Please provide a narrative description of the tree or group of trees according to the following criteria:

- Overall character and appearance of the tree including genus and species, height, spread and age, trunk measurement and general health,
- Structure of tree including branching pattern and height. Note any hazardous limbs, significant wounds, surface root erosion or damage.
- List any hazardous encroachments located near the tree including buildings, paving pedestrian or vehicular traffic, utility lines above or below ground,
- Note land use within 100 foot radius,
- Describe the general appearance and character of the surroundings and the general relationship of the property to the surrounding area.
- Note if the tree is being maintained. Is there a regular maintenance schedule? If so, include a summary.

## Condition of Tree or Group of Trees:

### Please evaluate the condition of the tree according to the definitions provided. Circle one:

**Excellent** Tree(s) in good health and all are growing with no encroachments.

**Good** Tree(s) in good health/majority of trees in good health.

**Fair** Tree(s) in fair health or severe encroachment nearby/some in good health with only a few or no encroachments

**Poor** Tree(s) in decline/no trees in good health or severe encroachments nearby.

**Bad** Tree(s) in severe decline with severe encroachments nearby/ all trees are in decline or major encroachments are nearby.

## Photographs:

**The Georgia Landmark and Historic Tree Please provide one set of color photographs of the tree(s) and the surrounding area, either prints or as jpeg files on a CD. All photos should be identified and dated. The photographs will not be returned.**

Please include close up shots of the trunk, branch patterns, major wounds, surface under the drip line and photos that demonstrate the tree's relation to its surroundings

## Summary of Historical Facts:

Please provide a brief factual account of the history of the tree(s) being nominated, or the surrounding area that gives the tree(s) its significance. Try to place the tree(s) in its local, state, regional or national context. The following information should be included:

- Owners of property where tree is located, if possible in chronological, descending order. Please include the owner's name, mailing address and telephone number. If a corporation or other group owns the property, please indicate the name and title of a contact person.
- Person who planted the tree or who designated the location,
- Date of planting,
- Major reason for tree's significance.

## Areas of Significance:

Please circle all of the areas of significance that apply to the tree(s) being nominated:

Agriculture	Crime	Literature
American Indians	Economics	Military
Arboriculture	Education	Music
Architecture	Engineering	Philosophy
Art	Forestry	Politics/Government
Civil Rights	Exploration/Settlement	Religion
Commerce	Industry	Science
Communications	Invention	Social/Humanitarian
Community Planning	Landscape Architecture	Transportation
Conservation	Law	Energy

## Public & Private Support

Please indicate if the owner supports the nomination of the tree(s) to the Register. If not, indicate why. Please circle any of the following that have been involved in or informed about this nomination. Explain how these groups have been involved. Letters of endorsement may be included.

City government	Business Association	GA Urban Forest Council
County Government	Mainstreet Program	Neighborhood Association
Local Historical Society	Development Authority	Homeowners' Association
Local Tree Board	GA Forestry Commission	Civic Association

Completed applications should be mailed to:

**The Georgia Urban Forest Council**  
**Attention: Landmark & Historic Tree Application**  
**315 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 554**  
**Decatur, GA 30030**

