



Town of Woodstock
Notable Trees Program

Preserving Woodstock's Notable Trees

Notable trees, whether located on public or private property, are distinctive living resources of the Woodstock community. The purpose of the Notable Trees Program is to empower residents and visitors of the Woodstock community to preserve the Town's important tree canopy through the recognition, celebration, and long-term maintenance of unique, distinct, and special trees.

Program Goals

- Establish a process of designating Notable Trees located on both public and private property
- Encourage proper maintenance, care, and protection of Notable Trees
- Increase public awareness of the environmental and cultural benefit that trees offer
- Recognize individuals or families who provide care to the Notable Tree on private property

Notable Trees Categories

Unique/Specimen Tree: A unique/specimen tree includes an unusual tree species, a distinct or exceptional shape, form, or setting; notable by virtue of its outstanding quality, beauty, or uniqueness for its particular species or for the community.

Size: A tree that is notable due to its large size in the community or for its species.

Heritage Tree: A tree that is associated with a significant historical or cultural event; associated with a famous or historical figure/person; notable historic or cultural interest.

Memorial Tree: A significant tree in relation to community or family sentiment; commemorating memorial to a person, location, or event.

Street Tree(s): A notable grove, street, or avenue of trees that is significant in beauty, size, species, or quality.

Why Should I Participate in Woodstock's Notable Trees Program?

- Participants will be provided a certificate for trees chosen for designation
- The Town will include a picture of the Notable Tree on its website to showcase the tree's value to the community (with the owner's permission)
- The Town will assist with proper care and maintenance consultation, with recommendations pertaining to pruning or other special treatment
- The Town will update its tree inventory to include the Notable Tree

Criteria for the Notable Trees Program

1. The tree shall be growing within the Woodstock Town Limits or be part of the Town's designated Urban Growth Area.
2. The tree shall be architecturally sound, true to its genetic form, and not topped or poorly pruned.
3. The tree shall have the full potential to reach mature size and form, taking into consideration site constraints such as adjacent buildings, roadways, utilities, etc.
4. The tree shall meet one of the Notable Trees categories as outlined above. The determination to include the tree into the Notable Trees Program will be made by the Woodstock Tree Board, at its next regular meeting after municipal staff receipt of the nomination form. The Tree Board meets on the second Tuesday of every other month. The owner and nominating party do not need to be present for the Board's review and discussion.

Process to Nominate a Notable Tree

1. Do you believe that you have a Notable Tree on your property? Does your neighbor have a Notable Tree? Do you spy a Notable Tree on public property? Nominate that tree!
2. Download the Notable Tree Program Nomination Form from the Town's website at www.townofwoodstockva.gov/notable.
3. What makes the tree special? Identify the Notable Tree category – Unique/Specimen Tree, Size, Heritage Tree, Memorial Tree, or Street Tree(s).
4. Complete the Notable Tree Program Nomination Form in full. If the tree is on private property, please receive consent from the owner (signature). If you need assistance with this, contact municipal staff.
5. Send the Notable Tree Program Nomination Form to *Woodstock Tree Board, 135 North Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664* or drop the form off at the Woodstock Municipal Office (same address). If you have questions, please call 540.459.3621.
6. Municipal staff will contact the applicant to inspect the nominated tree.
7. At their next regular meeting (second Tuesday, every other month), the Woodstock Tree Board will review the application and make a determination.
8. The applicant will be contacted regarding the Board's determination.
9. If the nomination is successful, municipal staff will request to take a picture of the tree, which will be placed on the Town's website (with consent of the property owner). The property owner can remain anonymous if requested.
10. A certificate will be published and provided to the property owner.
11. If requested, the Town will assist with maintenance recommendations by a Certified Arborist.