



Athens-Clarke County Landmark Tree Search

The Athens-Clarke County Landscape Management Division and the Community Tree Council are looking for Landmark Trees. Help us identify these important community resources.

What is a Landmark Tree?

The Athens-Clarke County Community Tree Management Ordinance defines a Landmark Tree as having *one* of the following characteristics:

- Age greater than 50 years
- Large canopy trees greater than 36 inches DBH (trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground) or trunk circumference greater than 113 inches.
- Medium canopy trees greater than 24 inches DBH or circumference greater than 75.4 inches.
- Small canopy trees greater than 12 inches DBH or circumference greater than 37.7 inches.
- National, State, or Athens-Clarke County champion trees.
- Unique or rare species.
- Association with a documented historic event, person, or community landmark.
- Trees planted for Arbor Day celebrations and other community-wide public celebrations.
- Trees planted in honor or memory of an individual or an event.
- Trees belonging to a significant cross property or neighborhood-wide planting that affect the greater landscape beyond the property on which they grow.

Who can nominate a Landmark Tree?

The owner of the property on which the tree grows is the only person who can nominate a tree for Landmark Tree status.

What is the benefit of having my tree designated as a Landmark Tree?

- Landmark Trees will be placed on a special register of protected trees and receive a Certificate of Landmark Tree status.
- Landmark Trees will be mapped and placed on the Athens-Clarke County Geographic Information System to assist in their protection from changes in infrastructure, construction, and changes in property ownership.
- Landmark Trees designated on new development sites will be awarded 1.5 times the standard tree canopy cover credit for the species.
- Owners of Landmark Trees on residential property will be eligible to apply for special tree care grants given annually for tree pruning, vertical mulching, cabling and bracing, and other maintenance needs (grant program currently under development).

How do I nominate my tree?

A Landmark Tree application form is available from the Landscape Management Division office at 350 Pound Street, and online at www.athensclarkecounty.com/landscape. The form should be returned via US mail or e-mail to the Community Forester at forester@co.clarke.ga.us. Please call (706)613-3561 or e-mail Connie Head, Community Forester, for more information.

**Athens-Clarke County
Landmark Tree Application**

Application Date: _____

OWNER INFORMATION			
Owner's Name:		Phone Number:	
Address:		Cell Phone Number:	
City, State, & Zip		E-Mail Address:	

TREE INFORMATION			
<i>***Please fill out 1 form for each tree or group of trees.***</i>			
Tree Address:		Tax Parcel ID #:	Leave blank if unknown.
Location/Access Description:			
<i>***Please provide at least 1 photograph of the tree if available; digital photo file preferred; e-mail to forester@co.clarke.ga.us.***</i>			
Tree Species (Common and Latin Name if known):		Tree Canopy Size (from the ACC Tree Species List):	To be filled in by Forester if tree is not being used for canopy cover credit on a development site.
Approximate Height (in feet):		Canopy Width/Spread (measure at widest point and in perpendicular direction)	_____ feet x _____ feet
Trunk Circumference in inches at 4.5 feet above the ground:		Trunk Diameter/DBH ("diameter at breast height", measured at 4.5 feet above the ground; or measure circumference and divide by 3.14):	

TREE DESIGNATION CRITERIA (Type of Tree)	
<i>***Please describe each item that applies to the tree(s) nominated in this application, and attach additional information/documentation if available.***</i>	
Greater than 50 years old:	
DBH greater than 36" for large canopy tree:	
DBH greater than 24" for medium canopy tree:	
DBH greater than 12" for small canopy tree:	
National, State, or ACC Champion Tree (include total # points):	
Unique or rare species (list):	
Association with historic event or person:	
Community landmark:	
Tree planted for Arbor Day or other community-wide celebration:	
Tree planted in honor or memory of individual or event (list names of donor and person honored and attach contact info):	
Tree belongs to significant cross-property or neighborhood-wide planting:	

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (Office Use Only)			
Date received by LMD:		Date of site inspection:	
Application:	Approved _____ Denied _____	Inspector's name:	
Tree Number:		Latitude/Longitude (Easting/Northing):	
Inspector's Comments:			
Follow-Up Action			Date