

## **Landmark Tree Criteria**

Landmark Tree criteria will be examined in five major sections.

1. **Rarity:** Examines the rarity of the specific tree in San Francisco

- a) Rarity: Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions

2. **Physical Attributes:** Examines the physical aspects of the tree

- a) Size: Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco
- b) Age: Significantly advanced in age for the species
- c) Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality, or otherwise unique structure
- d) Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

3. **Environmental:** Examines the ecological and locational aspects of the tree

- a) Important wildlife habitat: This species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals
- b) Interdependent group of trees: This tree is an integral member of a group of trees, and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees
- c) Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion
- d) Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise
- e) High traffic area: Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicular, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect
- f) Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees
- g) Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility from public property
- h) Prominent landscape feature: A striking, and outstanding natural feature

4. **Historical:** Examines the history of the specific tree as well as the value of the specific tree and the species to historical groups

- a) Historical Association: Related to a historic building, site, street, person, event, etc.
- b) Profiled in a publication or other media: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video, media, etc.

5. **Cultural:** Examines the sociological value of the tree to the current population of the neighborhood and City

- a) Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple neighbors appreciate tree as shown by indicators such as letters of support, petitions, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc.
- b) Cultural appreciation: Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city
- c) Tree contributes to neighborhood character: Tree contributes significantly to or represents neighborhood aesthetic
- d) Profiled in a publication or other media: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video, media, etc.
- e) Prominent landscape feature: A striking, and outstanding natural feature