

Landmark Groves

Section 802. Definitions

“Grove” shall mean a group of at least three trees that function together ecologically, culturally, or aesthetically.

“Landmark grove” shall mean a group of trees so designated pursuant to ...

Section 810. Designation criteria

...criteria shall include consideration of

- (1) the age, size, or species of the trees, particularly whether they exhibit exemplary characteristics in this regard;
- (2) the ecological interaction of the trees, including whether they function together to provide an ecological contribution notably greater than the sum of the parts or whether their natural processes are inextricably linked to each other, and whether this interaction is of exceptional value to the city;
- (3) the cultural or historical value of the grove, including whether it reflects in an exemplary way the character or a unique moment in the history of the neighborhood or the city; and
- (4) the aesthetic contribution of the grove, including whether or not the trees function together to create a “sense of place,” that is, a unique or distinct visual character of extraordinary quality.

Landmark Grove boundaries may be defined in one of following two ways:

- a) through a distinct tree-by-tree inventory, where only noted trees are included within Landmark Grove designation and protection.
- b) through describing a bounded area of defined management, where any trees within the area boundaries are included within Landmark Grove designation and protection.

Both definition methods require an initial tree inventory and area map describing grove location.

Landmark Grove nominations must be submitted with a defined management plan that relates to the conditions that support the grove’s landmarkable characteristics, based on the designation criteria described above. For example, should a nominator seek to landmark a grove based on its ecological contributions, the defined management plan must seek to continue to support the ecological contributions that the grove provides.