

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to [Public Works Code, Article 16, Section 810](#), the Urban Forestry Council developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating trees, please consider a tree within the context of its site using the criteria below. Use the comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support your evaluation.

Evaluator's name	
Date of evaluation	
Start time of evaluation	
End time of evaluation	
Botanical (Latin) name	
Common name	
Street address	
Cross streets	

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
- Uncommon
- Common
- Other

Comments	
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Physical Attributes

Size: Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Comments	
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

- Yes No

Comments	
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good to Excellent
 Fair to Poor
 Potential hazard

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
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Historical Attributes

Historical association: Any relation to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

- Yes None apparent

Comments		
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its historic value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
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Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Yes No

Comments	
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Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Low Moderate High

Comments	
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Interdependent group of trees: This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on the adjacent trees.

Yes No

Comments	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

Yes No

Comments	
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, bike, or pedestrian traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

Yes No

Comments	
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

Yes No

Comments	
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

Yes No

Comments	
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Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Yes No

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
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Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes None apparent

Comments	
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Cultural appreciation: Tree has value to a local cultural or ethnic group(s).

- Yes None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its cultural value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
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Additional comments:

