



CITY OF OREGON CITY NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orc.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Art Commission members have the opportunity to rearrange, remove, or add items on the agenda. Adding an item to the agenda requires the consensus of the Art Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Natural Resources Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Heritage Tree Nomination for an Oregon White Oak 801 JQ Adams Street

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2. Communication Items for Natural Resources Committee 10/12/2022

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

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Electronic presentations are permitted but shall be delivered to the City Recorder 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

ADA NOTICE

The location is ADA accessible. Hearing devices may be requested from the City Recorder prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring other assistance must make their request known 48 hours preceding the meeting by contacting the City Recorder's Office at 503-657-0891.

Agenda Posted at City Hall, Pioneer Community Center, Library, City Website.

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Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: Natural Resource Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 10/12/2022

SUBJECT:

Heritage Tree Nomination for an Oregon White Oak 801 JQ Adams Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consider the nomination for the heritage tree at 801 JQ Adams Street. Upon review of this nomination, make a recommendation for City Commission consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

All heritage tree nominations require approval by the City Commission. The Natural Resource Committee is required to review the nominations and make a recommendation to the City Commission. These heritage tree nominations are scheduled to be presented to the City Commission for their consideration at the next available meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Nomination on Private Property

Dorothy (Didi) Dahlsrud submitted the nomination application for a heritage tree on private property at 801 JQ Adams Street at the intersection of JQ Adams St and 8th St. The trunk of the tree is partially growing into the public sidewalk along 8th Street.

The tree is an Oregon White Oak or Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*) with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 42" with a height of approximately 69' and a canopy spread of approximately 50'. The age of the tree is estimated to be approximately 264 years old.

The property owners are Pat and Ruth Fuller.

To be nominated as a heritage tree, a tree must meet the requirements in OCMC 12.32 (Attached). The criteria are:

- A. Heritage criteria (at least one heritage criterion must be met):

1. The tree or stand of trees is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of Oregon City's history; or
2. The tree or stand of trees is associated with the life of a person or group of historic significance to Oregon City; or
3. The tree or stand of trees represents a significant and distinguishable presence within Oregon City; or
4. The tree or stand of trees has age, size, or species significance (horticultural or ecological), which contributes to Oregon City's heritage status;

B. Site and Condition Criteria (all criteria must be satisfied):

1. The tree species is not listed as invasive on any regionally accepted plant list;
2. If the proposed heritage tree or stand is located on private property or on public property owned by a public agency other than the city of Oregon City, the property owner or, if the tree or stand of trees is located on a public right-of-way, the abutting private property owner consents to the designation and agrees to sign a protective covenant.

The nomination appears to meet the applicable criteria.

Please see attached nomination application for further details

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend approval of the nomination as proposed.
2. Recommend approval of some of the nomination.
3. Do not recommend approval of the nomination.



HERITAGE TREE OR STAND NOMINATION FORM

OCMC 12.32.010 - Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to recognize, foster appreciation and provide for voluntary protection of certain trees, because their age, species, natural resource value, ecological or horticultural value, or historical association, are of special importance to the city. These trees may grow on private or public property.

Site Address: 801 JQ Adams
Clackamas County Map and Tax Lot(s): 2-2E-31AD-00500

Nominator(s):

Nominator(s) Signature(s): Dorothy Dahlsrud & Nancy Brosnot
Nominator(s) Name(s) Printed: 1
Address: 415 Dewey St, Oregon City OR 97045
Phone: 503-502-0610 Email: dorothydahlsrud@gmail.com Date: 9/13

Property Owner(s):

Property Owner(s) Signature(s): _____
Property Owner(s) Name Printed: Ruth Fuller
Mailing Address: 801 JQ Adams St, Oregon City OR 97045
Phone: 503-522-0532 Email: fullerfamily10@yahoo.com Date: 9/12/2022

Ownership:

- ☒ Private Property
☒ Public Tree in the Right-of-Way (Abutting owner is responsible and must consent to nomination)
☐ City Property ☐ City Park ☐ County-Owned ☐ Metro
☐ Other _____

OWNER CONSENT AND UNDERSTANDING. Signature below indicates that the owner has read and understands the requirements for heritage tree designation and protection as described in section [OCMC 12.32](#), consents to the nomination, and agrees to subject the property to a restrictive covenant or other legal document to assure protection and replacement of the heritage tree or trees in the event of removal.

Ruth Fuller
Owner Signature(s)

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TREE SPECIES, SIZE AND CONDITION

*DBH = Diameter at Breast Height, which is the diameter of the trunk measured 4.5' above the ground. To learn how to properly measure or estimate DBH, please visit:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Measure-the-Diameter-of-a-Tree>

Tree	Species	DBH* (inches)	Height (ft)	Canopy Spread (ft)
1.	Oregon White Oak (<i>Quercus garryana</i>)	42	69	35
2.				
3.				
4.				
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6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

TREE CONDITION. Although optional, it is strongly recommended that the nomination include an assessment of the tree's health and any potentially hazardous conditions that may be present.

Tree	Condition
1.	Excellent (trimmed by arborist recently (after Xmas))
2.	
3.	
4.	
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6.	
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(Attach Additional Sheets If Needed)

Please proceed to page 3.



CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

☐ Please include a detailed explanation why the nominated tree or stand is consistent with the Criteria for Designation in OCMC 12.32.070. Attach additional sheets as needed.

☒ **A. Heritage criteria (at least one heritage criterion must be met).**

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☒ **SITE PLAN / MAP.** Please clearly identify the location of the tree or grove on a site plan or map and attach.

☐ **PHOTOGRAPHS.** Please provide current photos of the tree or trees. These may be emailed to the Planning Division at ocplanning@orc.org. Please include "heritage tree photos" in subject line.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Oregon City GIS Map

Item #1.



Legend

Street Names

Contours (2 ft)

- 10 foot
- 2 foot

Taxlots

Taxlots Outside UGB

Unimproved ROW

Water Service Meters (City Owned)

Water Pipes (City Owned)

Water Service Lines

Sewer Structures (City Owned)

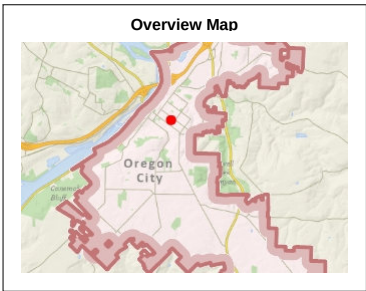
Sewer Pipes (City Owned)

- Force Main
- Gravity Line
- Outfall
- Overflow

Sewer - Laterals

Inactive or Abandoned

Notes



The City of Oregon City makes no representations, express or implied, as to the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of the information displayed. This map is not suitable for legal, engineering, surveying or navigation purposes. Notification of any errors is appreciated.

Map created 9/17/2022



0 20 40 Feet

1: 240

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What's so special about Oregon White Oaks?

Cynthia Orlando, Public Affairs Specialist

Photo by Cynthia Orlando, ODF

Oregon white oak tree, leaves and bark.

Photos courtesy OSU Department of Horticulture

The Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) is an attractive deciduous hardwood tree native to Oregon, found as far north as British Columbia and as far south as southern California. These lovely hardwoods seem able to withstand both lengthy flooding and drought, and are most common on sites that are either too exposed or too dry for other tree species.

During the 1800's oak savanna was a common sight in the Willamette Valley. Mature oaks provided an abundance of food for the Kalapuya Indians, who used the tree's acorns to make acorn meal. Its large acorns mature in one season, ripening from late August to November.

Although it can reproduce in its own shade, Oregon white oak will die after overtopping by Douglas-fir. Oregon's periodic summer wildfires and the burning practices of the Kalapuya created white oaks that were mostly open-grown, individual trees. However, with the arrival of European settlers and the suppression of most naturally occurring fires, conifers (evergreen trees) like Douglas-fir began to naturally encroach upon the oaks.

It's now estimated that more than 99 percent of pre-settlement prairies and savannas in Oregon have been converted to urban areas, farms, and other

developments. In addition to urban development, yet another challenge to this native tree is the spread of invasive plant species. In order to germinate, its seeds need to be kept moist in soil or under leaf litter. Unfortunately, invasive, non-native plants like Scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry reduce the survival and growth rate of oak seedlings.

What's in a name?

The Oregon white oak's scientific name, *Quercus garryana*, was chosen to honor Nicholas Garry, who served as deputy governor and as a board member of the Hudson Bay Company. In the early 1800's the Hudson Bay Company served as a center of the fur trade in the vicinity of Winnipeg, Man. Canada. Garry was known for his tactful and diplomatic fur trade dealings with both whites and Natives alike.

Oregon white oak can also sprout from cut stumps and root collars, and their roots also go deeper than many other tree types. A deep taproot and well-developed lateral roots serve to make them very wind firm, even in wet areas.

In the wood products industry, Oregon white oak's strong, hard, and attractive wood is sometimes used for flooring and other wood products. It has

also been used for furniture, chairs, and wine barrels, and is also frequently used for firewood.

Worth the wait

Generally speaking, Oregon white oaks grow slowly in both height and diameter. Unfortunately, park managers and homeowners don't plant Oregon white oak for landscaping because of its reputation as a slow grower. That's a shame, as this tree really has a lot to offer.

Valuable real estate?

Ask birds, wildlife.

An important aspect about all native plants and trees in general is their ability to provide much-needed habitat for wildlife. Diversity of bird species is often higher in oak forests than in adjacent conifer forests. Oregon white oaks provide favorable habitat to a number of important wildlife types, including the western gray squirrel, which is listed as threatened in Washington and sensitive in Oregon - and to many birds, including dark-eyed juncos, goldfinches, nuthatches, wild turkeys, and acorn and pileated woodpeckers.

Enjoy, appreciate, grow and cultivate these important Oregon natives at every opportunity. 🌱

Result:

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The Oak with stem diameter of 106 cm is approximately 262 years old. More information about **Oak**.

Note: the tree of old estimators is based on a comprehensive tree data survey carried out by baumportal.de. An exact determination of the tree age is not possible over the thickness growth, because too many factors (soil conditions, sunlight, precipitation, etc.) play a role. Nevertheless, an approximation is possible. For trees less than 20 cm in diameter, the trees are slightly younger than the indicated value. At 20 cm diameter or more, the tool should allow a good estimate within + -10%.























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SUBJECT:

Communication Items for Natural Resources Committee 10/12/2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Communication Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

See below.

BACKGROUND:

Friends of Trees Neighborhood Planting Update

Join Friends of Trees to Plant Trees in Oregon City on Saturday, November 20th!

We currently have a need for more tree planters --can you help the cause? If so, YAY!
Save your spot here: <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/S42OCkRoXvuDxl9s2Ugdi?domain=tfaforms.com>

- Where: Rivercrest Park, 131 Park Dr, Oregon City, 97045 (map) -- look for the Friends of Trees signs to guide you as you arrive
- When: Sat, November 12th, 9am – 1pm
- What: Join the first planting of the season in Oregon City! After some brief morning announcements, you and your planting crew of 4-8 people will embark on a tree-planting journey to plant 7-9 large-stock trees in Northern OC. Friends of Trees provides gloves, tools, and guidance, as well as a few small breakfast treats.
- Individuals and Groups Welcome! Meeting people and/or planting with your own group are both fun at these events! To learn more and register your group, check out our Volunteer as a Group page.

- Have a pickup truck? We need your help getting these young trees to their planting sites a few blocks away from the central staging site. Please sign up at www.friendsoftrees.org/truck if you're able to help us out in this key role. at the event.
- Interested in crew leading?

Grow in your leadership skills and lead a small crew in planting trees! Register for the free training on the FOT website.

Oregon Peace Tree Dedication Ceremony at End of the Oregon Trail Center

- Staff is coordinating to organize an event for Arbor Day 2023.

Emerald Ash Borer Updates

- Staff to provide update.

Update on Clackamas County Courthouse project

- Staff received a detailed development plan application on 9/29/22 for the next phase of the County's Red Soils Campus redevelopment, the long-awaited courthouse building. The project involves significant utility relocation, demolition, grading, and tree removal prior to construction of the six-story, 250,000 sf building and associated parking lots and landscaping. This is a Type II review, and the project is currently in the completeness review phase.

Update on Bee City USA

- Staff to provide update.

Street Tree Code Update

- Staff to provide update.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$
 FY(s): TBD
 Funding Source(s): TBD