



Treasured Trees

Questions & Answers

Which organization are you from?

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy was founded in 2007 to preserve and enhance the tree and forest resources of Greenwich to benefit our community, our health and our quality of life.

Why are you doing this?

To give residents a mechanism to raise awareness of special trees on private lands, to encourage deliberation before any removal of nameplated trees and to inspire future nominations.

How do I nominate a tree?

To nominate a tree, obtain a nomination form by visiting www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org. Complete and submit by the **SUBMISSION DEADLINE, June 15, 2019**, along with any available pictures of your tree. If your tree is designated as a Treasured Tree, you will be notified about the recognition event and installation ceremony.

What do I win?

We will provide and install a Treasured Tree nameplate on the base of your tree. You will receive a citation from the Tree Conservancy. Annually, the winning Treasured Trees will receive recognition at an event in the Fall and will be featured in a press release to local media.

How does this work?

You can nominate any tree on private land in Greenwich, including property of a religious organization or private school. You must own the tree or have the permission of the owner. Characteristics of Treasured Trees include: *notable size, notable age, a unique shape, a history or special narrative, or a pedigree species.*

Does the tree need to be on my property for me to nominate it?

No, you can nominate a tree if you have permission of the property owner.

Will people come onto my property? If I don't want people on my property, is it OK?

Only for a visit by the 3 person judging committee and for the installation ceremony. With your permission, a picture of you with your nameplated Treasured Tree will be taken at the ceremony and a copy will be presented to you at the recognition event. Having a Treasured Tree on your property does not give anyone the right to come onto your property. If you are willing to permit visits, you control how often they happen and your permission in advance is always needed.

Does this mean the Town or the Conservancy owns my tree?

No, you remain the sole owner of the tree.

Does this mean I can't prune or cut down the tree?

No, you retain the right to prune or cut down the tree but we hope a tree so recognized will not be cut down unless necessary. You remain solely responsible for any pruning or other maintenance work.

If I sell, does the new owner own the tree?

Yes, the tree is part of the property you are selling to the new owner.

Can you keep the tree address confidential?

Yes, we reserve the right to publish pictures of the tree and information on genus, size and other aspects, but will not publish its address or general location without the owner's permission.

Will I get my tree pictures back?

Yes, but we will reserve the right to use them in our publicity and in any pictorial roster of all Treasured Trees.