

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: July 31, 2023
SUBJECT: Heritage Tree Nomination

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends Council formally designate the Japanese Bigleaf Magnolia nominated by Tree Board Jim Sedore as a Heritage Tree. The Tree Board approved this designation at their July 11, 2023 meeting.

2) Background:

TMC 16.08.075 *Heritage trees* establishes the process by which trees can be nominated for designation by citizens, the Tumwater Tree Board, or city staff.

On May 30, 2023, Tumwater resident and Tree Board member Jim Sedore nominated a Japanese Bigleaf Magnolia at 330 Schmidt Place. The nominated tree was assessed by the City's Tree Professional on June 29, 2023. At their July 11, 2023 meeting the Tree Board recommended that City Council approve the attached Heritage Tree Nomination.

3) Policy Support:

Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Implement Urban Forestry Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Reject the nomination.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Once a Heritage Tree is designated it is eligible for a commemorative plaque and annual evaluation by the City's contracted Urban Forester. Additionally, staff time will be utilized to update the City's Heritage Tree map.

6) Attachments:

- A. Heritage Tree Memorandum
- B. Memorandum from Sound Urban Forestry