

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: January 17, 2023
SUBJECT: American Chestnut Heritage Trees Nomination

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council formally designate the two American Chestnut trees nominated by Alyssa Jones Wood as Heritage Trees. The Tree Board approved this designation at their December 12, 2022 meeting.

2) Background:

Tumwater Municipal Code 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 October 21, 2022 staff member and Tumwater resident Alyssa Jones Wood nominated the two Champion American chestnut trees at Mills & Mills Funeral Home as heritage trees. At their December 12, 2022 meeting the Tree Board recommended that the City Council approve the Heritage Tree nominations.

3) Policy Support:

- B. Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability
- Implement the 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 Nomination Memorandum
B. Memorandum from Sound Urban Forestry