Heritage Tree Information

5900 Littlerock Road SW – Walmart Supercenter parking lot

- Quercus garryana

Location:	5800 LITTLEROCK RD SW, TUMWATER, 98512		
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Property owner	Owner Name: WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST Owner Address: PO BOX 8050 MS 0555 , BENTONVILLE, AR 72716 Site Address: 5800 LITTLEROCK RD SW, TUMWATER, 98512 360,350.6019 Store Operator. Call 1-800-925-6278 (1-800-WALMART) – Customer service		
Genus	Quercus		
species	garryana		
Common name(s)	Garry Oak, Oregon Oak		
Approx. size	Height – 60 feet DBH – 80 inches Age – 100 years		
Notes on	https://www.monumentaltrees.com/en/usa-quercusgarryana/		
species	Location	Girth 🗸	Height ≜▼
	Medford, Ken Denman Wildlife Area, OR	2.44 m	?
Date nominated	2023.02		
Nominated	Jim Sedore		
Support for	As Littlerock Road was widened and the property transitioned from private		
the	property (owned by Mary McQueen) to commercial (owned by Walmat),		
nomination	developers have recognized the beauty of this tree and adjusted their development to preserve this tree.		
Supporting Tumwater Municipal Code regulations	 Tumwater Municipal Code Chapter 16.08 PROTECTION OF TREES AND VEGETATION 16.08.030 Definitions. G. "Environmentally sensitive area" means any lands with the following characteristics: 3. Identified habitats with which endangered, threatened, or sensitive species have a primary association as defined in TMC Chapter 16.32; 		
	Tumwater Municipal Code Chapter 16.32		

FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION 16.32.03 Definitions

- J. "Priority habitat, state" or "state priority habitat" means a seasonal range or habitat element, so identified by the Washington State

 Department of Wildlife, with which a given species has a primary association, and which, if altered, may reduce the likelihood that the species will maintain and reproduce over the long term. These might include areas of high relative diversity or species richness, breeding habitat, winter range and movement corridors. These might also include habitats that are of limited availability or high vulnerability to alteration.
- L. "Priority species, state" or "state priority species" means those species that are so identified by the Washington State Department of Wildlife due to their population status and their sensitivity to habitat manipulation. Priority species include those which are state-listed endangered, threatened and sensitive species.

WA State Dept of F&WL publication

Larsen, E. M., and J. T. Morgan. 1998. **Management recommendations for Washington's priority habitats: Oregon white oak woodlands**. Wash. Dept. Fish and Wildl., Olympia. 37pp.

Highlights from the Executive Summary; Pages ix-xi.

- Oaks provide habitat for species that are state listed as Sensitive, ,,
- <u>In urban or urbanizing areas, single oaks</u>, or stands of oaks <0.4 ha (1 ac), may also be considered priority habitat when found to be particularly valuable to fish and wildlife (i.e., they contain many cavities, have a large diameter at breast height [dbh], are used by priority species, or have a large canopy).
- Many invertebrates, including various moths, butterflies, gall wasps, and spiders, are found exclusively in association with this oak species.
 Oak/conifer associations provide contiguous aerial pathways for animals such as the <u>State Threatened western gray squirrel</u>, and they provide important roosting, nesting, and feeding habitat for wild turkeys and other birds and mammals
- Oaks in Washington may <u>play a critical role in the conservation of</u>
 <u>neotropical migrant birds</u> that migrate through, or nest in, Oregon white
 oak woodlands. The decline of Oregon white oak woodlands has been
 accelerated by human activities --primarily oak removal
- Management recommendations are designed to maintain and enhance the integrity of Oregon white oak woodlands, reverse the trend of oak habitat loss, and promote the protection of oak habitat that is presently in good condition. Oaks west of the Cascades and in wetter sites along the Columbia Gorge should be cut only for stand enhancement.
- Specific recommendations include the following:
 - <u>Do not cut Oregon white oak woodlands except for habitat</u> enhancement.
 - <u>Create snags when thinning oaks or conifers instead of removing trees.</u>

- <u>Leave fallen trees, limbs, and leaf litter for foraging, nesting, and denning sites.</u>
- Retain contiguous aerial pathways.
- Other oak enhancement activities include the following:
 - Planting Oregon white oak acorns and seedlings.
 - <u>Selling or donating oak woodlands to conservation and land trust organizations.</u>
 - <u>Purchasing contiguous or notable stands of oaks by local,</u> state, and federal agencies.
 - <u>Designating large, contiguous oak and oak/conifer stands as critical areas.</u>
 - Encouraging <u>aggressive oak enhancement/regeneration measures by local</u>, state, and federal agencies.

Threatened, Endangered, or candidates for these listings. ://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/00030/wdfw00030.pdf **Page 9 – Executive Summary**

Health assessment

Images



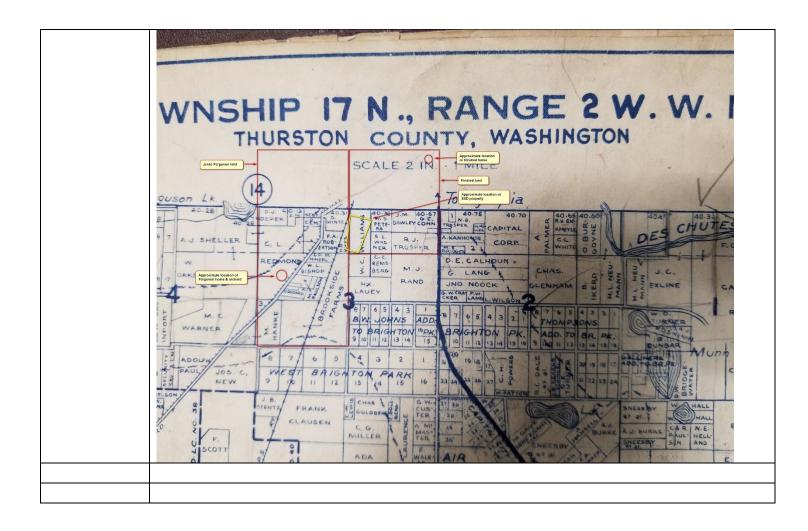
Garry Oak looking East from Union Cemetary 2023.01.26 by Jim Sedore

History of the property

1870? – Property settled by David Kindred

-1975 – 2000? Private residence owned by Mary McQueen

?2000-current Walmart store



2023.02.15 – 1617 – email from Alex Baruch re: 5900 Littlerock Road Garry Oak ownership - Walmart tree nomination

Alex Baruch. Wed, Feb 15, 4:17 PM to me Hi Jim,

After further research we were able to come to the conclusion that the tree is in the right-of-way therefore the City can sign the form. Brandon Hicks, Transportation and Engineering Director said that he would be able to sign the form on behalf of the City. Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely, Alex Baruch

2023.02.11 – 1137 – Email from Jim to D. Puneet re: Walmart tree nomination Liz & Jim Sedore lizardgym@gmail.com Attachments 11:37 AM to puneet.d, ALEX, Alyssa, bcc: Liz

To whom this may concern,

I am Jim Sedore, a member of the City of Tumwater Tree Board.

A Garry Oak on the NW edge of the Walmart property (5900 Littlerock Road, Tumwater WA) is being nominated as a Heritage Tree.

A photo of the tree is attached.

"Heritage Trees

Trees that have historical significance, by virtue of age, association to a historical structure, district, person or event, rare or unique species, or significant stand (grove) of trees can be designated as Heritage Trees, and therefore provided with special protections.

https://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/trees/heritage-trees

Property owner must give permission for the tree to be nominated.

- 1. Are you the person/company representative that would give this permission?
- 2. If not, can you reply with contact information for the person we should contact?

Thank you, Jim Sedore for the Tumwater Tree Board

2023.02.09 – Email from Alex Baruch. Feb 9, 2023, 3:19 PM To me Hi Jim,

In speaking with staff and looking at the permit documents for Walmart it appears that this tree was retained as a part of the overall tree retention requirements for the development. As you mentioned it appears the tree is within the right-of-way which the City owns however when trees are planted or retained as a part of development requirements they are typically responsible for the maintenance of

those trees moving forward. That is the case with this tree as it was a part of the development's tree retention plan. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely, Alex Baruch, Associate Planner, Community Development. City of Tumwater

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2023.02.07 – 1024 – Email to Alex Baruch – City of Tumwater – re: 5900 Littlerock Road parkway oak tree ownership

Liz & Jim Sedore <u>lizardgym@gmail.com</u> 10:24 AM to ALEX, bcc: Liz

ALEX,

I'm on the Tumwater Tree Board and need a little information.

I'm looking for the "owner" of a large tree at 5900 Littlerock Road on the parkway.

There is a large, old Garry Oak along Littlerock Road at 5900 Littlerock Road. This is the Walmart parking lot.

When I look at the map,

https://map.co.thurston.wa.us/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=uMap.Main, it appears that the tree is on the street parkway and NOT within the Walmart property line. There is a unique curve in the property line on the map around this tree area. Is this true?

If Walmart does not own this tree, (because it is not within their property line), who owns the tree?

I assume it would be the same ownership as Littlerock Road which is the City of Tumwater?

Thanks, Jim Sedore for the Tumwater Tree Board