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HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION – KATE THEDELL

MEMORANDUM

CITY COUNCIL – AUGUST 1, 2022

Background

Following adoption of the Urban Forestry Management Plan on March 2, 2021, the Tree Board reviewed the Tree Board's primary responsibilities in implementing the Plan, including the heritage tree program. The Tree Board asked staff to:

- Make sure that the City's designated heritage trees lists and maps are updated and current.
- Review opportunities to add memorial trees, such as the September 11, 2001 tree and Arbor Day trees such as those trees south of the library.
- Review the process for adding signage for the heritage trees.
- Seek new heritage tree nominations from the community.

Definition and Resources

From the City's Heritage Trees website, heritage trees are:

"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."

More can be found out about heritage trees on the City website here:

<https://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/departments/community-development/trees/heritage-trees>

Appendix 1 contains the definitions section of TMC 16.08 *Protection of Trees and Vegetation* as well as TMC 16.08.075 *Heritage trees designated*.

"Heritage trees" and "historic trees" are defined in TMC 16.08.030 as follows:

M. "Heritage tree(s)" means tree(s) designated by the city and their owners as historical, specimen, rare, or a significant grove of trees.

N. “Historic tree” means any tree designated as an historic object in accordance with the provisions of TMC Chapter 2.62.

Among the Urban Forestry Management Plan actions to be implemented, two addressed heritage trees:

Action 2.1.J. Designate, register, and promote heritage trees.

Priority	Leads [Primary (P) & Secondary (S)]	Timing	Monitoring Action
#2	Community Development (P) Tree Board (S)	Start in Spring 2023 based on Peninsula Environmental Group work and update every five years thereafter	Track number of trees considered heritage trees on an ongoing basis

Action 8.1.B. Identify tree specimens, including heritage trees, on City property that illustrate proper tree care and discuss in articles on the City website and social media.

Priority	Leads [Primary (P) & Secondary (S)]	Timing	Monitoring Action
#2	Community Development (P) Parks and Recreation (S) Public Works (S) Tree Board (S)	Start in Spring 2023 and evaluate every five years thereafter	Evaluate program as compared to the Goals, Objectives, and Actions of the Plan

Current Heritage Trees

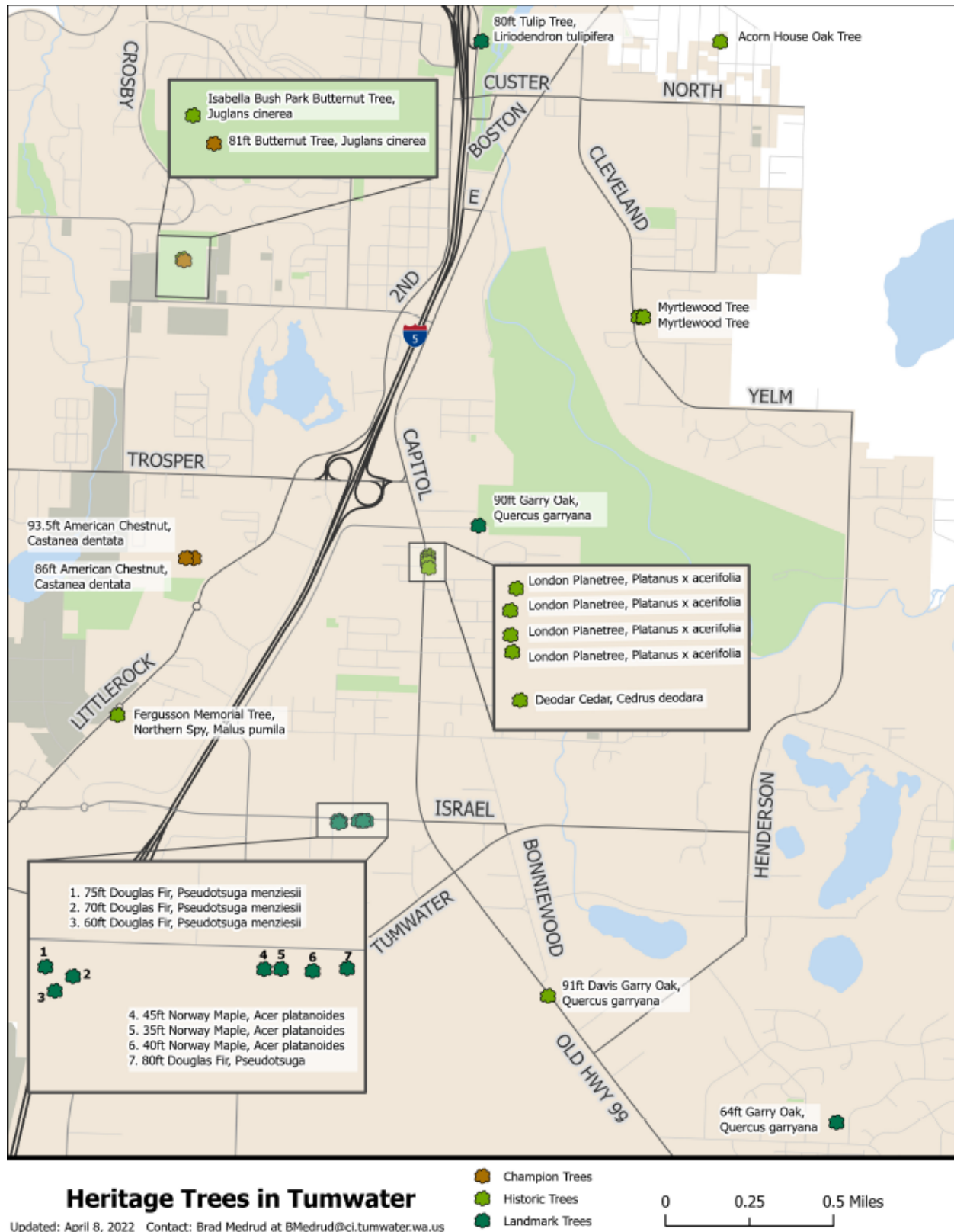


Figure 1. Heritage Trees in Tumwater

Proposed Heritage Tree Nomination

1. Kate Thedell filed a nomination form for a Douglas fir at the end of Glenwood Drive near the shore of Trosper Lake. The Tumwater Tree Board passed a motion to further Kate Thedell's nomination to the City Council for final approval.

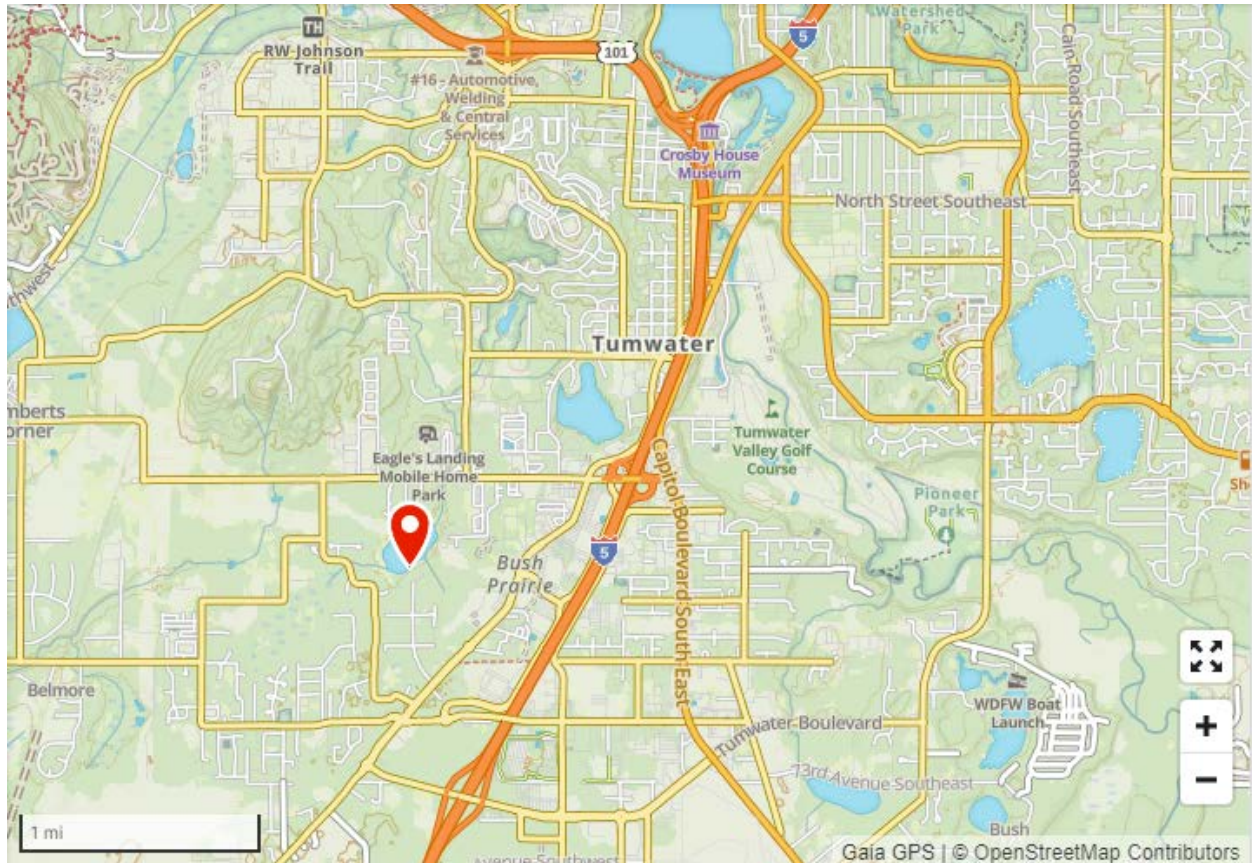


Figure 2. Nominated Heritage Tree Location also available in an interactive map at <https://www.gaiagps.com/public/BVZrUwtoq8HHZTiO3NOlaWNS/?layer=GaiaTopoRasterFeet>



Figure 3. Nominated Tree. Person at base of tree is 5 foot 5 inches in height for scale.