

Heritage Tree Nomination Recommendation

Name of Submitter: Odessa Akervall

Date of Submittal: 01.06.2025

Description of Nominated Tree:

Leyland Cypress located at the intersection of Wilsonville Road and Boones Ferry Road. Most likely planted after intersection improvements in the early 2000s. Approximately 25 years old. The tree is well manicured and maintained by the Public Works Department and decorated for the holiday season each year. The prominent location, unique shape, and relationship to Wilsonville's holiday season makes the tree a standout to the community.

Nomination form and photos of the tree is attached.



Staff Summary and Recommendation:

Planning staff reviewed the nomination and recommends approval based on the following criteria.

- **Unique features** – Leyland cypress are not common trees within the City's ROW. The well-manicured tree has a unique, nearly perfect, "Christmas tree" like shape.
- **Design placement** – The tree is incorporated within one of the most trafficked intersections of Wilsonville. The prominent location draws attention of those passing by and leaves a lasting impression. Surrounded by streets on all sides, the trees continued health and growth is a symbol of successful landscape design and represents Wilsonville

commitment to integrating trees within our community. The tree represents how creative landscape design can enhance community spaces. The intersection could have been left barren but Wilsonville recognized both the aesthetic and green infrastructure benefits of integrating trees within development.

- **Culture** – Every holiday season the tree is adorned with lights and tinsel. It has become a staple feature of Wilsonville’s holiday display in the heart of the City. The tree is also a nod to the many nurseries that used to operate within Wilsonville as well as the long running status as a Tree City USA.
- **Associated persons** – The nomination of this tree is tied to the admiration of Wilsonville’s Public Works Department. This heritage tree is a monument to all Public Works employees, past and present, who work to keep the City functioning and beautiful.

Departments Responsible for Ownership and Maintenance:

Engineering and Public Works

