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# Heritage Trees Designations 2023

Portland City Council – March 15, 2023

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*All photos by Dave Hedberg (unless otherwise noted)*



# Agenda

- 1) Program background
- 2) Roles and responsibilities
- 3) New Designations
- 4) Removals of Designation

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# Program Background

Designated by City Council,  
Per Title 11.20.060:

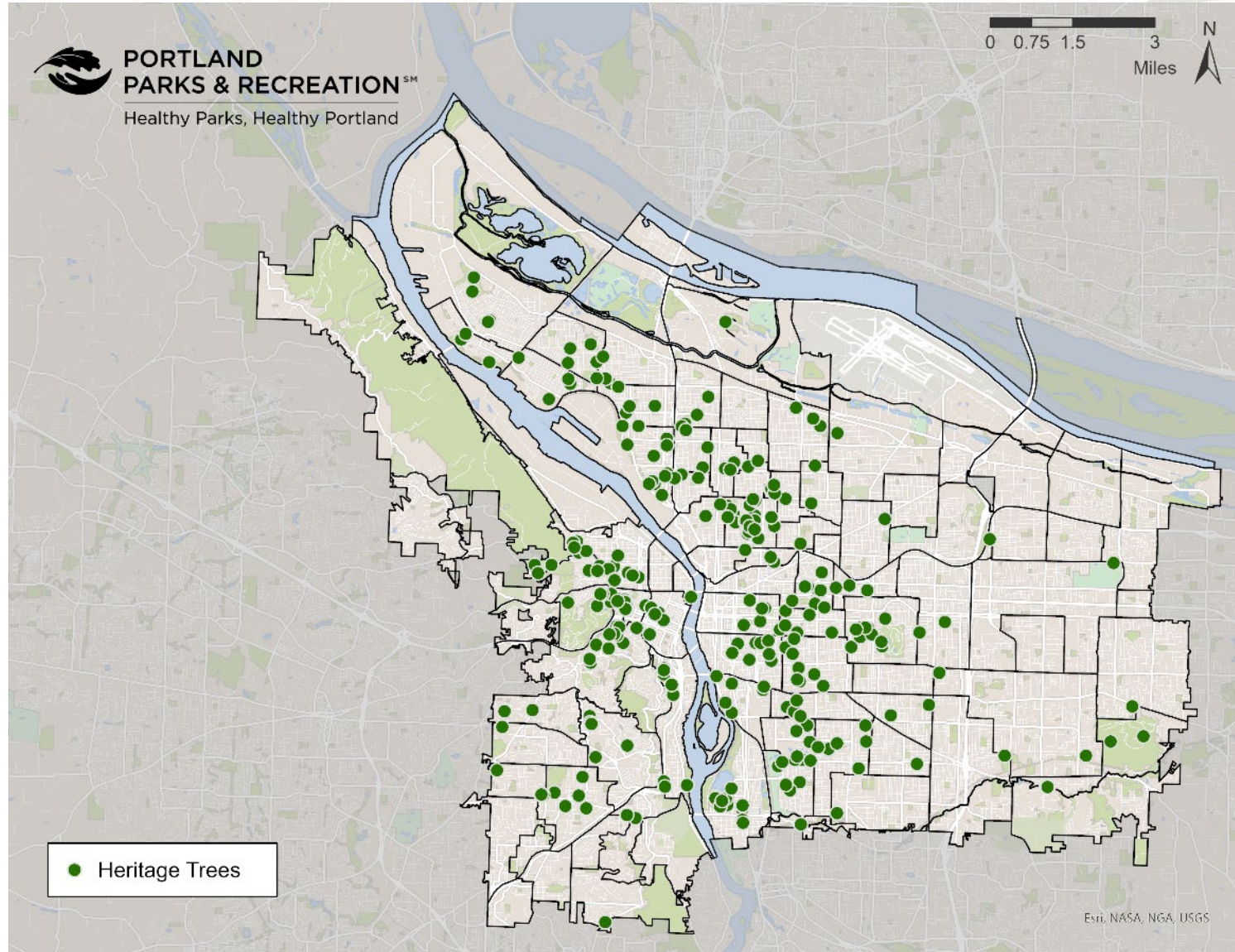
Recognizes and protects trees  
of significant size, age, historical  
association, or horticultural  
value





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# Roles and Responsibilities

## Urban Forestry:

- Implements program
- Permitting and Inspections

## Heritage Tree Committee:

- Nominations review and recommendations to UFC
- Education and outreach



*HTC at Leach Botanical Garden (2019) - photo by Gina Dake*



# Roles and Responsibilities

## Urban Forestry Commission:

- Reviewing requests of removal
- Recommendations for New Designations
- Recommendations for Removals of Designation



*Current and former members of UFC, photo by Urban Forestry*



# Roles and Responsibilities

## City Council:

- Designates Heritage Trees
- Removes Designation





# Current Nominations

41 nominations, 30 sites

## Baseline criteria:

- In City of Portland
- Non-nuisance species
- In good health
- Space for roots and crown

**6 Trees Recommended for Designation**

**7 Trees for Removal of Designation**

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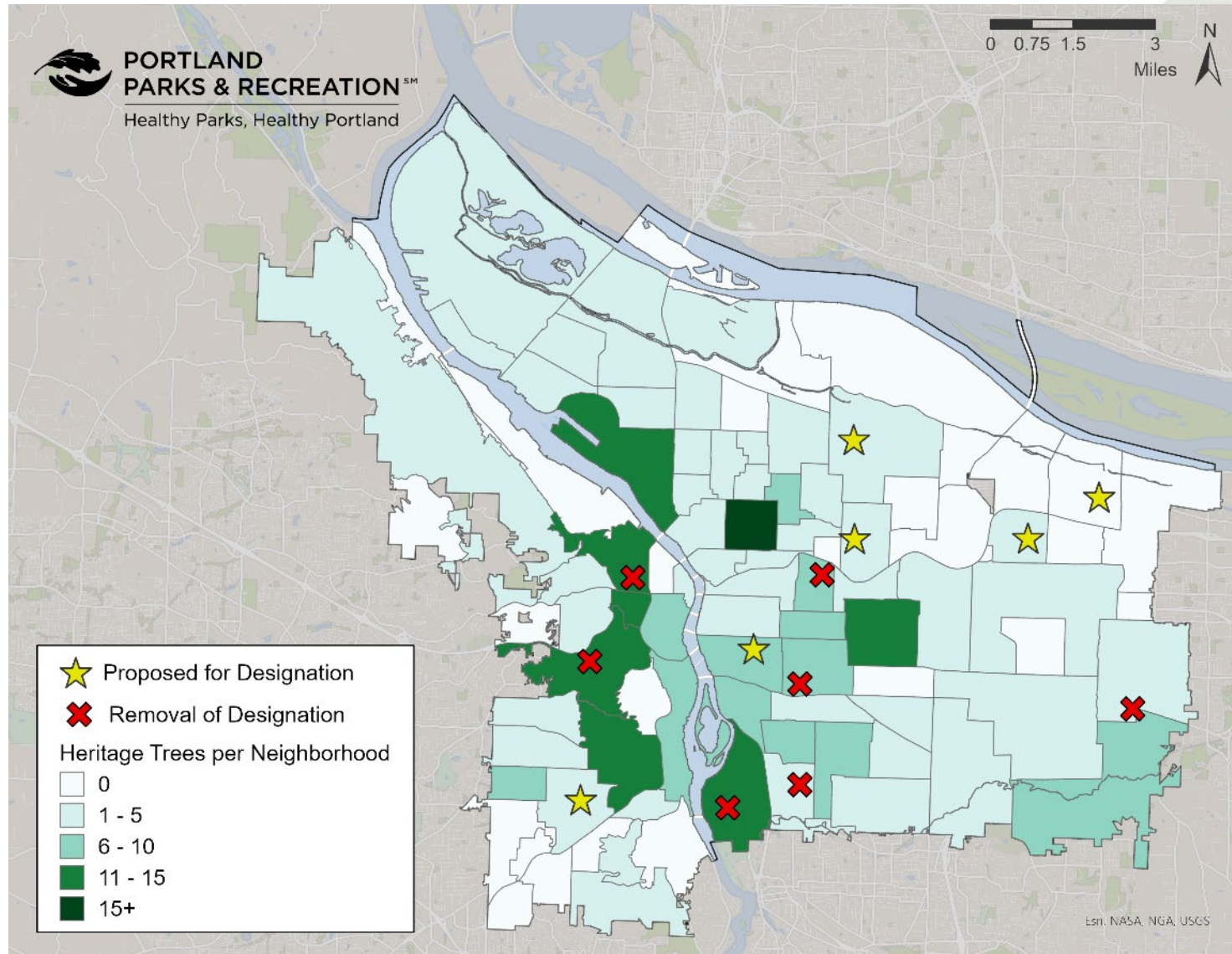






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# New Designations (6 trees)

#387: Copper beech tree (private); Hosford-Abernathy

#388: London planetree (private); Cully

#389: Turkish hazelnut (park); Parkrose Heights

#390: Atlantic cedar (park); Multnomah Village

#391: Port Orford cedar (ROW); Rose City Park

#392: Japanese pagoda tree (park); Argay





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# Proposed Designation #387

**Copper Beech**  
*Fagus sylvatica*

Private tree

Hosford-Abernathy Nbhd

**DBH: 58.9"**

**Height: 71'**

**Spread: 86'**





# Proposed Designation #388

## London Planetree, *Platanus x acerifolia*

Private tree

**DBH: 71"**

Cully Nbhd

**Height: 57'**

**Spread: 93'**





# Proposed Designation #389

## Turkish hazelnut, *Corylus colurna*

**DBH:** 24.5"      Park tree in Knott Park

**Height:** 54'      Parkrose Heights Nbhd

**Spread:** 55'





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# Proposed Designation #390

Atlas cedar

*Cedrus libani ssp. atlantica*

**DBH: 57"**

**Height: 90'**

**Spread: 85'**

Park tree at  
Multnomah Arts  
Center

Multnomah Village





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# Proposed Designation #391

## Port Orford cedar

*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*

**DBH: 35.9"**

ROW tree

**Height: 70'**

Rose City Park Nbhd

**Spread: 23.6'**





# Proposed Designation #392

Japanese pagoda tree  
*Styphnolobium japonicum*  
*syn. Sophora japonica*

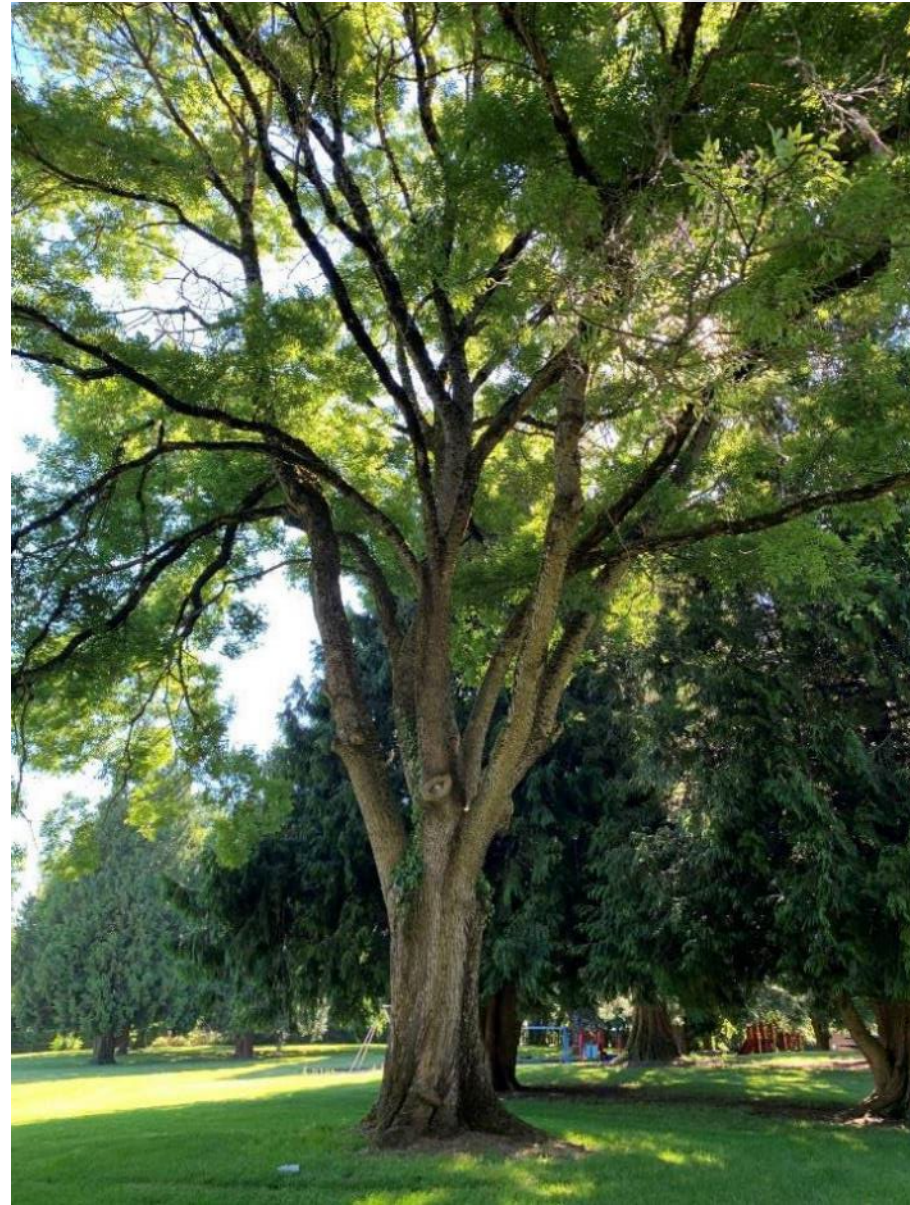
**DBH: 35.5"**

**Height: 75'**

**Spread: 70'**

Argay Park

Argay Terrace

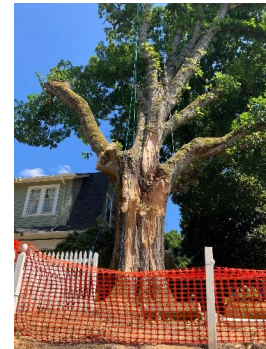






# Removals of Designation (7 trees)

- #51: Empress tree (private); NW District
- #157: Oregon white oak (park); Portland Heights
- #182: American chestnut (ROW); Sellwood
- #206: Cherry tree (private); Centennial
- #211: Cherry tree (private); Creston-Kenilworth
- #265: Dove tree (private); Laurelhurst
- #332: Northern red oak (private); Eastmoreland





# Removal of Designation

## #51

### Empress Tree

*Paulownia tomentosa*

Private tree (PPS)

Northwest District

**Designated:** 1995

Removal approved March 2022





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# Removal of Designation #157

Oregon white oak

*Quercus garryana*

Portland Heights Park

Portland Heights Nbhd

**Designated:** 1997

Failure - April 2022 storm;

Emergency Removal Permit





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# Removal of Designation #182

American chestnut

*Castanea dentata*

Right of Way

Sellwood Nbhd

**Designated:** 1998

Failure - storm Nov 2022;

Emergency Removal Permit





# Removal of Designation #206

**Royal Ann Cherry**

*Prunus avium*

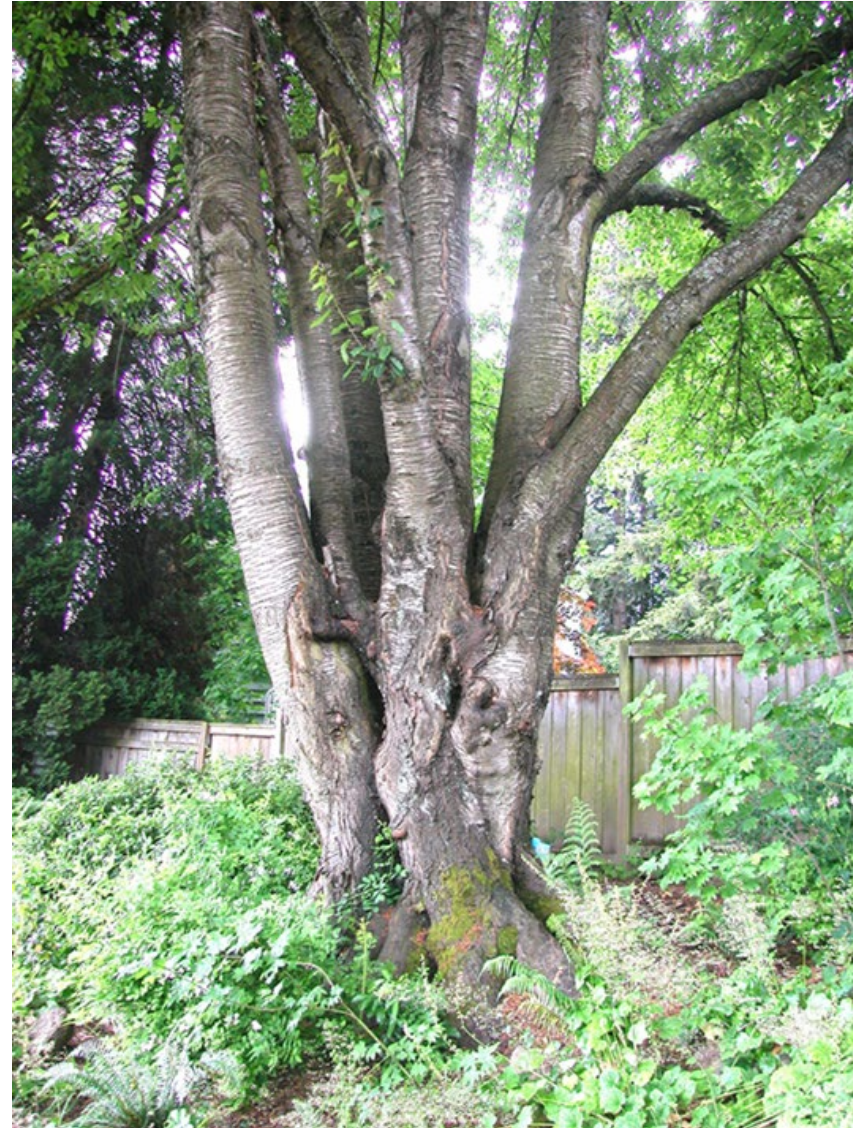
Private property

Creston-Kenilworth

**Designated:** 1999

Removal of Designation approved

By UFC August 2022





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# Removal of Designation #211

**Royal Ann Cherry**

*Prunus avium*

Private property

Centennial

**Designated:** 1999

Removal approved August 2022





# Removal of Designation #265

## Hardy Dove Tree

*Davidia involucrate* var. *vilmorinia*

Private property

Laurelhurst Nbhd

**Designated:** 2004

Removal approved August 2022





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# Removal of Designation #332

Northern red oak

*Quercus rubra*

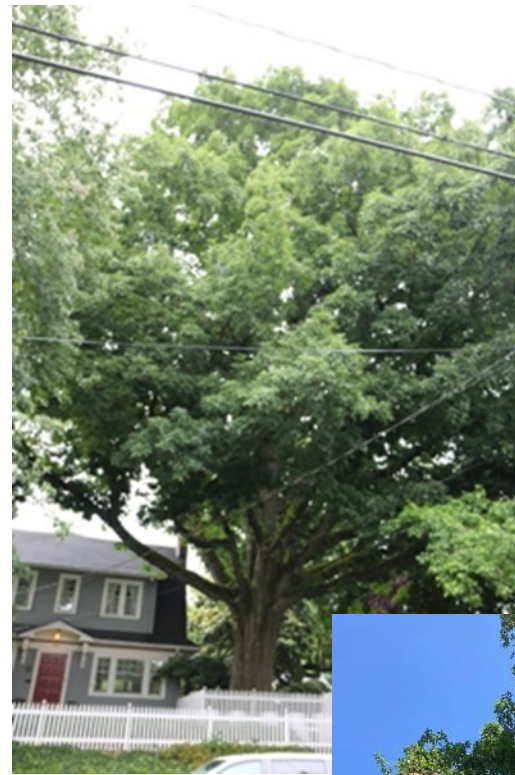
Private property

Eastmoreland Nbhd

**Designated:** 2017

Emergency Removal Permit;

Scaffold limb failure August 2022







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