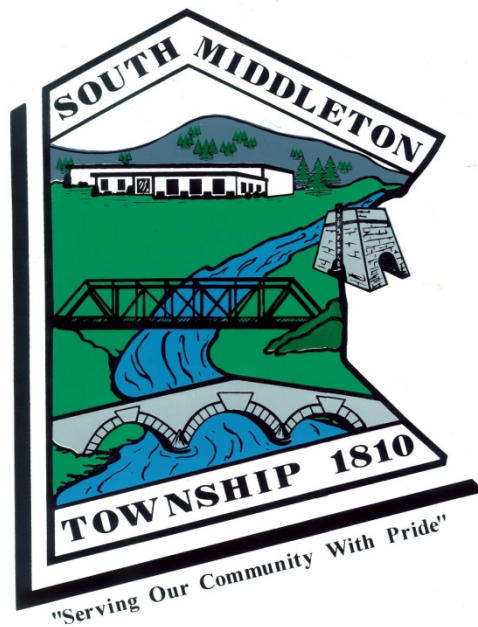


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Heritage Tree Program





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HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Heritage Tree Program and nominating your favorite tree for designation as one of South Middleton's most honorable trees.

The South Middleton Township Heritage Tree Program celebrates and recognizes grand trees of South Middleton. These trees are:

- Significantly large
- Significantly old
- Of unique or rare species
- Of particular horticultural interest

Additional Factors to consider for your nominee:

- Heritage Trees require sufficient space to grow for both their roots and canopy
- Heritage Trees are in good health and have received proper care and maintenance
- Heritage Trees are visible to the public from some vantage point (from street or alley)
- Invasive tree species are not eligible for the Heritage Tree Program

Tips for identifying promising Heritage Tree nominees:

- Compare the prospective tree with other, existing Heritage Trees of the same species.
- Use the South Middleton Township website: www.smiddleton.com

What does it mean to have a Heritage Tree on Private Property?

Heritage Trees enjoy the highest level of protection in South Middleton Township. Heritage Trees on private property can only be designated with the consent of the property owner. Evidence that the owner will place a deed restriction on their property for their heirs and assigns to ensure that they are aware of the heritage tree status shall be provided. Additionally, a signed statement from the property owner where the tree is located stating that they are aware of the restrictions and expectations shall also be submitted.

After the tree is designated as a heritage tree, the owner shall agree to trim and prune the tree in a manner that ensures its natural growth and appearance in accordance with the Tree Care Industry Association. Failure to adhere to these standards may result in the removal of the tree from the Heritage Tree Registry. For additional information please see Ordinance No. 2 of 2019.



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Heritage Tree Nomination Process

- Nominations are accepted year-round and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors in which they have 90 days to approve or deny or require re-submittal.
- Prior to action being taken on the application, the application shall allow the Township Arborist to perform an on-site inspection of the tree.
- If the Board of Supervisors grants heritage tree status for a tree, a resolution will be adopted for that tree.
- New Heritage Trees are added to the program registry and will receive a plaque (with permission from the owner) from the Township that will be placed on the property in the general vicinity of the heritage tree.

For Official Use Only:

Accepted: _____

Denied: _____



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- Attachments may also be submitted, including photos and additional text (see ordinance No.2019-02)
- Nominations for trees on private property must include the consent and signature of the property owner(s).

TREE INFORMATION

Date: _____

Tree Species (botanic or common name): _____

Number of Trees: _____

Tree is located:

- Between the curb and sidewalk (right-of-way)
- Park or other public property
- Private property
- Other (Please describe): _____

Tree Size:

Height (approximate): _____

Crown (measure from one edge to opposite edge): _____

Circumference (distance around the trunk): _____

Approximate age: _____

Condition: _____

Historical facts: _____

Noteworthy features:

- Beauty
- Shade
- Size
- Kind
- Age
- History
- Horticultural interest



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Nominator/Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Property Owner (this section NOT required for public trees)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Consent: I understand that my tree is being nominated for Heritage Tree Status and give my consent to proceed forward in the nomination and registration process.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Submit nominations to: **South Middleton Township**
520 Park Drive
Boiling Springs, PA 17007