

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
- A City department or agency may nominate a tree on their property. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree.
- A member of the public may approach a property owner, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board or the head of a City department or agency about nominating a tree.

Things to consider when you nominate a landmark tree

- A permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree. If you are a private property owner, you will need a landmark tree removal permit from DPW. If you are City and County department, your department will hold a public hearing and then decide whether or not to approve a tree removal.
- All trees need proper maintenance from a professional arborist including mature and notable trees.
- The property owner is liable for all issues that may arise with a landmark tree. The City and County of San Francisco does not assume liability by conferring landmark status on a tree.

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Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- An authorized nominator is a Supervisor, head of a City department or agency, Planning Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member, or property owner.
- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree.
- The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- ▪ A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
- A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- Property owner
- Board of Supervisor member
- Head of a city department or agency
- Planning Commission member
- Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

Property owner:

K. ROSE HILLSON
Name
115 PARKER AVENUE
Address
SF CA 94118
Address
unlisted
Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department/Agency):

← PROPERTY OWNER
Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

I am the property owner or an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

X. Rose Hillson Signature
March 3, 2008 Date

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice. and with me present. *RJA*

X. Rose Hillson Signature
March 3, 2008 Date

TREE DESCRIPTION via one gene (second gene pending)
Tree name (species and common name): Arctostaphylos hispidula/Howell's Manzanita
Number of trees: ONE (1)
Street address: 115 PARKER AVENUE, SF, CA 94118

Location of Tree: Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard
 Public right-of-way Public lands Not sure
 Other: _____

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height ~ 6 feet
Average canopy width¹ ~ 5 feet
Circumference at chest level² _____ inches
Circumference at ground level³ _____ inches

1 Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy
2 Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>
3 Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. Please check the applicable criteria boxes and provide additional information about each component. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Species
 Rare The only one to exist in the City and County of San Francisco CO.
DNA-tested for one gene, pending second gene.

Size or Age
 Greater than typical mature size or age

Cultural/Historical Value
 Significant historical or cultural association with person, place, event
 Significant ethnic appreciation
 Neighborhood appreciation of tree historical
 Part of planting that defines neighborhood character
 Profiled in a publication or other media ← will be

Key Location
 High traffic area
 Low tree density area
 Extends between several properties
 Visually accessible from public right-of-way
NONE

Ecology

- Important wildlife habitat
 Part of interdependent group of trees
 Erosion control
 Wind or sound barrier

Visual characteristic

- Prominent landscape feature *spectacular in bloom + w/fruits*
 Character defining form

Tree Condition

- No apparent problems Minor problems Major problems Extreme problems

Tree Condition

- Root issues
 Mushrooms (trunk or base of tree)
 Trunk wounds or cracks
 Trunk cavities
 Broken or dead branches
 Crowded or crossing branches
 Pest or disease problem
 Previous construction that may have damaged tree

Describe how/why the tree has historical importance due to an association with a building, structure, site, street, person or event. Historically, many species of unknown/unsurveyed manzanitas grew in the old 49ers cemetery area (Laurel Hill Cemetery) and my lot is immediately adjacent to the former cemetery land. The original owner, Patrick Kenny, was a laborer of Laurel Hill Cemetery and later his occupation was listed as gardener. The site is old Franciscan sand over serpentine. Not much of anything done to the original lot. Publication on this plant is pending.

Describe how/why the tree has cultural, social and/or historical importance.

Culturally, this manzanita could have been used by the Ohlone Indians, but that is not clear yet. Historically, LHC was Landmark # 33, I believe, and nothing remains of it except for my original owner's house with site integrity and the history of James Roof's Alice Eastwood's manzanita discoveries. Important to California botanical history.

Describe how/why the tree is a defining or meaningful feature of a neighborhood.

This manzanita is a relic/remnant plant that grew at Laurel Hill Cemetery area. The current Laurel Heights neighborhood was once a cemetery sold to developers for housing. Plants were bulldozed. This plant was not available in the trade/nurseries!

Describe how/why the tree has ecological value like wildlife habitat and erosion control.

Hummingbirds drink from the small whitish-pinkish flowers. Robins eat the berries in the late summer. Scrub jays land to wipe their beaks on the smooth bark. Bumblebees travel "a highway" to get to this plant. Tiny birds hangout in tree. Unknown what kind of bird.

Describe any tree health or structure issues.

None that I see as negative. Excellent vitality.

If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.

I have never done this so this is what I have but have experts working on this project from SF State and University of California, Berkeley. official voucher specimen collected.

A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

see attached full view and closeup photos — total, 2 pictures.

Please attach **optional** supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

Send to: Attn: Landmark Tree Nomination, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 355-3700
OR environment@sfgov.org

Any information you submit will be part of the public record.

The Public Records Act defines a "public record" broadly to include "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used or retained by any state or local agency, regardless of the physical form or characteristics." Govt. Code § 6252(e). The Sunshine Ordinance defines "public information" as the content of "public records" as defined in the Public Records Act. Admin Code § 67.20(b). Pursuant to the Public Records Act and Sunshine Ordinance, this document is a public record and will be available to the public upon request, at the hearing site, at the San Francisco Main Library, and on the Urban Forestry Council's website. Admin Code §§ 8.16, 67.7 (b), and 67.21(a).

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Application received date _____	Received by _____
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	
Landmark Tree # _____	
Title recorded date _____	

San Francisco Urban Forestry Council Criteria for Landmark Tree Evaluation

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the Urban Forestry Council has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco.

When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would.

Rare: Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Size: Notable size compared to other trees of the same species.

Age: Significantly advanced age (known or estimated).

Historical association: Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Ethnic appreciation: Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc.

Planting defines neighborhood character: Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Profiled in a publication or other media: Tree has received print, internet, video media coverage.

High traffic area: High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Extends between multiple properties: High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility.

Important wildlife habitat: Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential).

Interdependent group of trees: This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Character defining form: Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard.