

# HERITAGE TREES

## WESTMINSTER TREE COMMISSION

The City of Westminster Tree Commission established the Heritage Tree Program in 2011 to encourage residents and property owners to identify and protect individual trees or groups of trees that meet one or more of the following qualifications:

- Specimen: A tree of exceptional size, form or rarity, or horticultural value.
- Historic: A tree of exceptional age; a tree associated with, or contributing to, an historic structure, noted person, or historic event.
- Landmark: A tree that is a prominent identifying feature of a community.
- Collection: A group of trees in a notable grove, avenue or other planting.

The first tree to be nominated for the program is a very large Sycamore tree belonging to Robin Crouse at 538 Old Westminster Pike, pictured below.



Anyone may nominate a tree or trees, but the person who owns the land on which the tree stands must consent to the nomination. Trees located in County right-of-way are not eligible. There are no regulatory restrictions associated with the designation. Nominated trees will be inspected by a certified arborist to ensure criteria are met.

For more information:

Call our Information Desk at 410-848-9000; Email [HeritageTree@westgov.com](mailto:HeritageTree@westgov.com); Or, visit <http://westminstermd.gov/citygov/heritagetrees.htm>