



Milk River Watershed Council Canada

Heritage Tree Program

What is the Heritage Tree Program?

- The Heritage Tree Program identifies and records the location of heritage trees as well as details such as age, size, appearance and most importantly their cultural and historical significance. The stories and photos of recognized trees will then be featured on the MRWCC website.
- In addition, the identification of these trees enables the MRWCC and community-minded organizations to locate potential native seed/cuttings sources. Collecting these seeds will ensure the successional planting of legacy trees for future generations to enjoy.
- Identified trees will also be provided with a wildlife/livestock proof fence and recognition plaque.
- Planting new protected legacy trees will also be encouraged under the Heritage Tree Program.

What is a Heritage Tree?

- Notable because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, rarity, significance, or other distinctive features;
- A living relic that displays evidence of significance;
- A prominent community landmark;
- A specimen associated with a historic person, place, event, or period;
- A representative of a farm or farmstead planted by ancestors within the community;
- A tree associated with local folklore, myths, legends, or First Nations traditions;
- A tree that you choose to plant in honour of a loved one that you will care for and watch grow over the years.

Objectives of the Heritage Tree Program

The Heritage Tree Program allows residents of the Milk River watershed to celebrate the pioneering spirit of the community by identifying and nominating trees of local significance within the watershed.

- Heritage trees help ensure the sustainability of our riparian forests for future generations to enjoy.
- Trees also play a role in not only telling the stories of local history, but also play pivotal roles in providing habitat for many wildlife species, and stabilize fragile prairie soils in erosion prone areas.
- Native trees along riparian areas of the Milk River are rare and require additional protection and care for propagation.

Nominate a tree or trees for Heritage Tree recognition, whether it is located on your own property, a friend or family member's property, or in a public space (we will verify with the owner). To nominate or for more information please contact us at:

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Nomination deadline is February 3, 2017

**Heritage Tree(s) will be honoured at the MRWCC Community
Appreciation Forum on March 9, 2017**

