

# Heritage Tree Rubric

These are guidelines for designating heritage trees.

## **1. SIZE** – All heights and canopies relate to the species being evaluated

<b>5</b> Exceptional Height And Canopy	<b>4</b> Full Height And Canopy	<b>3</b> Full Height Average Canopy	<b>2</b> Average Height Average Canopy	<b>1</b> Average Height Below Average Canopy	<b>0</b> Below Average Height & Canopy
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## **2. Age** – All ages are in relation to the species being evaluated

<b>5</b> Exceptional Old ex. 200	<b>4</b> Full Mature Age ex. 100	<b>3</b> Average Age ex. 70	<b>2</b> Mature Age ex. 40	<b>1</b> Young ex. 20	<b>0</b> Just Planted ex. 8 or less
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## **3. SPECIES** – Must be a desirable species. The “values” listed are based on the NYS Arborists, ISA Chapter, New York State Tree Species Ratings Guide for Region 4

<b>5</b> 100% Value	<b>4</b> 70 – 90% Value	<b>3</b> 40 – 60% Value	<b>2</b> 20 – 30% Value	<b>1</b> 10 – 0% Value	<b>0</b> Invasive
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## **4. AESTHETICS** – The subjective “beauty” of the tree according to its species

<b>5</b> Exceptional	<b>4</b> Above Average	<b>3</b> Average	<b>2</b> Below Average	<b>1</b> Poor	<b>0</b> Diseased
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## **5. HISTORY** – This category alone may be used to designate a Heritage Tree

- A tree connected to a historical event; ex. Lynching tree, famous speech given underneath it
- A tree planted to commemorate an event or person; ex. A memorial tree
- A tree planted by a notable person; ex. William Wood
- A tree that has been previously designated; ex. The Bicentennial Tree at the VA