

Village of Perry Tree Board
 46 N. Main St.
 Perry, NY 14530
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Landmark Tree Designation Application

The Village of Perry recognizes that exceptional trees contribute significantly to our community's history, beauty, ecological health, and overall quality of life. Landmark Tree status is granted to recognize and protect public or private trees with extraordinary age, size, historic connection, rare species representation, or aesthetic value.¹

Landmark Tree Ordinance Protection

When the Village of Perry Tree Board confers Landmark Tree status, the Tree Board will work with developers or contractors to protect and maintain these trees. Public trees with Landmark status are protected from laying of ditches, tunnels, trenches, or drives within 20 feet without Village Board of Trustees permission. Landmark trees may not be intentionally damaged, cut, carved, exposed to harmful substances, or hung with ropes, wires, nails, or posters without written approval from the Superintendent of Public Works in consultation with the Village Tree Board.²

¹ Landmark Tree Definition (§ 400-3):

"Any tree that the Village of Perry Tree Board identifies as rare, endangered or protected according to Village, county, state or federal law, rule or regulation; one which has significant old age; one which is associated with an historical event or person; one which is a tree species of record size; one which has a unique feature or been determined by the Village of Perry Tree Board to have valuable scenic enhancement qualities."

² Village Ordinance Protection Summary (§ 400-10):

A.

Prior to development, redevelopment, razing or renovating of any land within the Village, the Tree Board may request to survey the property for the presence of landmark trees, as well as any other rare, endangered or protected plants. The Tree Board will work with the developer or contractor to maintain trees identified as landmark trees and will offer with any needed assistance from the Department of Public Works to transplant, when practical, other rare, endangered or protected plants to other sites within the Village favorable for the growth and survival of such plants.

B.

No person shall excavate any ditches, tunnels, trenches, or lay any drive within a radius of 20 feet from any landmark tree upon public property without written approval from the Village Board of Trustees.

C.

No person shall intentionally damage, cut, carve, attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising posters, or other contrivance to any landmark tree, or any tree upon public property or right-of-way nor allow any gaseous, liquid, chemical, or solid substance that is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them or set fire or permit fire to burn when such fire or heat therefrom will injure any portion of any such tree without written approval from the Superintendent of Public Works, in consultation with the Village Tree Board.

Section 1: Applicant Information

<i>Field</i>	<i>Applicant / Nominator Information</i>
Applicant Name	
Mailing Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Applicant Relationship	☐ Property Owner ☐ Village Resident ☐ Tree Board Member

Section 2: Property Information

<i>Field</i>	<i>Tree Location Details</i>
Street Address of Tree	
Property Owner Name (if different)	
Owner Contact Info (if different)	
Tree Location On-Site	Describe the location of the tree on the property:

Section 3: Tree Identification & Physical Characteristics

Provide as much detail as known. Tree Board members can assist in verifying details during site evaluation.

- **Tree Species / Common Name:**
- **Scientific Name** (*if known*):
- **Estimated Age and Rationale for the Estimate:**
- **Trunk Diameter / Circumference** (*DBH is diameter ~4.5 ft above ground*):
- **Estimated Height & Crown Spread:**
- **Overall Health Condition:** ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair / Needs Care

Section 4: Grounds for Landmark Consideration

Check specific Village criteria that apply to this tree and provide a detailed explanation below (Check all that apply):

- ☐ **Rare, Endangered, or Protected Status:** Identified as protected under Village, county, state, or federal law/regulation.
- ☐ **Significant Old Age:** Exhibits exceptional longevity or historical maturity for its species.
- ☐ **Historical Association:** Directly associated with an historical event or notable person in Village/regional history.
- ☐ **Record Size:** Represents a suspected local, county, or state record size for its tree species.
- ☐ **Unique Physical Feature:** Displays notable natural growth, unique physical form, or distinctive structure.
- ☐ **Scenic Enhancement Quality:** Determined to possess a uniquely valuable aesthetic or visual impact on the surrounding streetscape/landscape.

Narrative Statement & Justification

Please describe in detail how this tree meets the checked grounds above. Include applicable historical context, community prominence, or unique visual/environmental features:

Section 5: Required Supporting Documentation

Please attach the following materials with your submission:

1. **Photographs:** At least two clear photographs of the tree (one showing the full canopy/structure and one close-up of trunk, leaves, or unique features).
2. **Location Diagram:** A simple sketch showing where the tree stands on the property, including proximity to street rights-of-way, driveways, structures, or property boundaries.

Section 5: Property Owner Acknowledgment & Consent

Declarations on private property require owner consent to ensure future compliance with legal protections under Village Code § 400-10.

I hereby grant permission to the Village of Perry Tree Board to evaluate the tree located at the property listed above for Landmark Tree designation. I understand that designation provides future legal protections regarding damage, excavation, and preservation during land development under Village Code § 400-10.

- **Applicant Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____
- **Property Owner Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Submission & Board Review Process

Submit completed applications and attachments to:

- **In Person / Mail:** Village of Perry Clerk's Office, 46 N. Main Street, Perry, NY 14530
- **Village Hall / Clerk Fax:** 585-237-5975

What Happens Next?

1. **Initial Review:** The Tree Board will review the application at its next scheduled quarterly meeting.
2. **Site Inspection:** A representative of the Tree Board or DPW will visit the site to assess the tree's health, measure dimensions, and verify physical location.
3. **Formal Determination:** The Tree Board will evaluate the nomination against § 400-3 criteria and vote on granting or recommending Landmark Tree status.

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