



Landmark Tree Considerations and Direction to Staff

Recent Registry Addition in 2022



- Registry established in the 1990s with total of 8 landmark trees and 2 landmark groves
- First addition to the Landmark Tree Registry in 23 years
- Interior live oak on CAISO Property
- Aggregate trunk diameter of 101 inches!

What is a Landmark Tree?

FMC Chapter 12.16.170



Designated by City Council

- Historical value
- Outstanding habitat
- Unusual species
- Superior beauty

Benefits of Landmark Trees

- Ecological benefits
- City Identity – “Distinctive by *Nature*”
- Assessment and maintenance assistance from the city arborist using Tree Planting and Replacement Fund
- Any request for removal requires declassification by the City Council





Landmark Tree Candidates

Arborist Recommendations and Other Inputs



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FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE



- Valley Oak located at 710 Sibley Street
- Trunk diameter of 41.5”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
 - ✓ Historical Value
 - ✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #1 – *The Grover Tree*



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- Interior Live Oak located at 192 Blue Ravine Rd
- Trunk diameter of 53”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
 - ✓ Historical Value
 - ✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #2 – *The Dermatology Tree*



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➤ Blue Oak located at 785 Hana Way

➤ Trunk diameter of 44.5”

➤ Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:

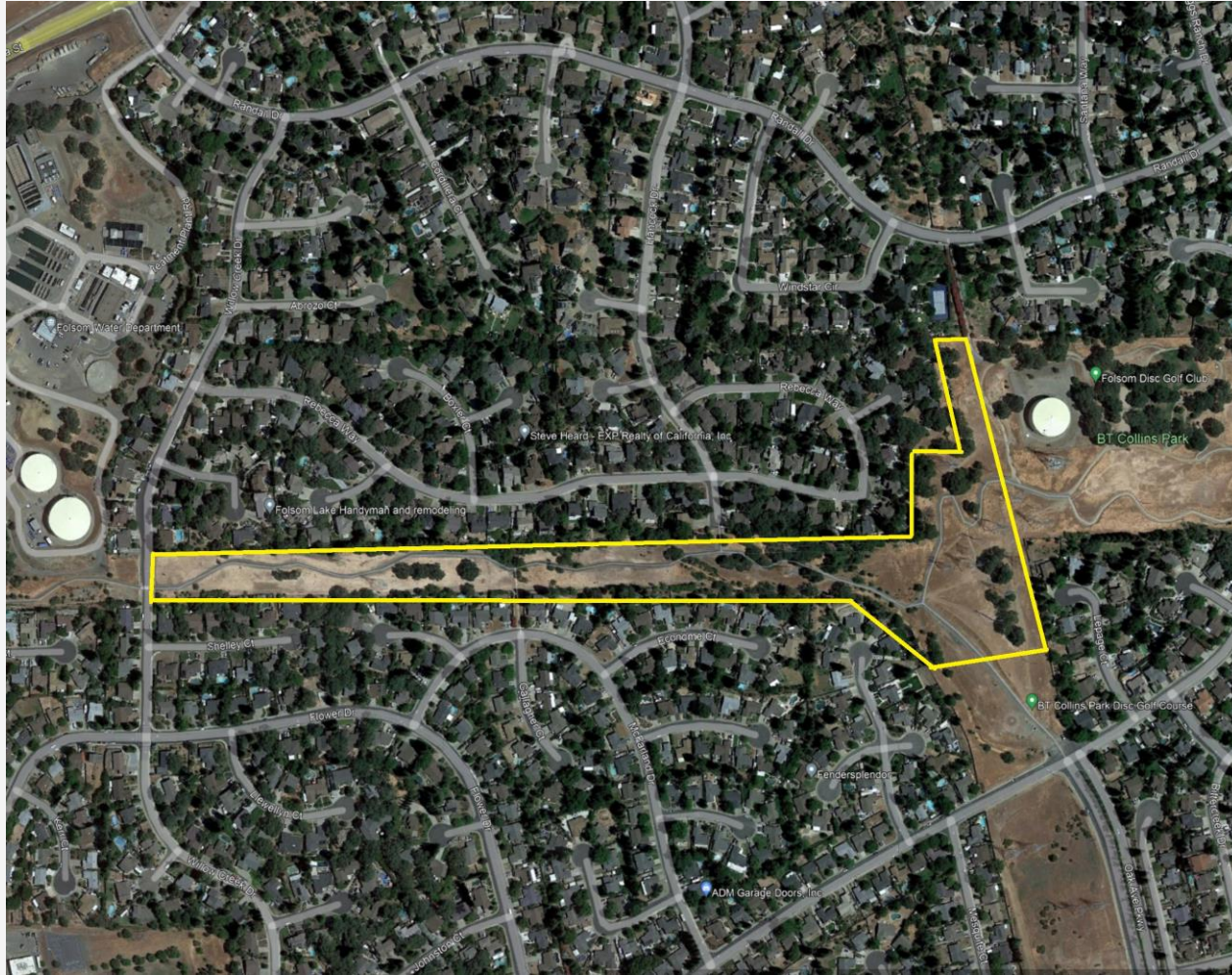
✓ Historical Value

✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #3 – *The Hana Tree*



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- Blue and interior live oaks along the Oak Parkway Trail
- Approximately 50 trees
- Considerations for Landmark Status:
 - ✓ Outstanding habitat value
 - ✓ Superior Beauty

Candidate #4 – *The Oak Parkway Grove*



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- Blue and interior live oaks on Folsom State Prison Property
- Approximately 140 acres
- Considerations for Landmark Status:
 - ✓ Historical value
 - ✓ Outstanding habitat value

Candidate #5 – *The Folsom Prison Grove*



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Moving Forward

The City Council may on its own motion and without the payment of the application fee, commence the process of designating a landmark tree



➤ Owner consent

- ❖ FMC 12.16.170(A)(1) requires the city to notify the owner 30 days before the hearing on the application via first-class mail. The owner must submit written confirmation to the city that they support the application.

➤ Necessary Findings

- ❖ Is the tree(s) *truly exceptional*?
 - Historical Value
 - Outstanding habitat value
 - Unusual species
 - Superior beauty

➤ Financial Impact for the City

- ❖ Application fees waived
- ❖ Maintenance costs (individual trees vs groves)
- ❖ Staff time and resources

Council Direction?

1. Move to initiate the process of designating all five candidates as landmark trees; or
2. Move to initiate the process of designating one or more of the presented options as a landmark tree; or
3. Reach out to property owners to educate and encourage landmark tree applications for qualifying trees on private property as recommended by the City Arborist