



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**To:** Natural Resources Committee

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**From:** Planner Pete Walter

**File Type:** Report

### **SUBJECT:**

Heritage Tree Nomination for 314 Pleasant Avenue: Oregon White Oak.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Staff recommends that the Natural Resources Committee affirm that the nomination meets the applicable criteria in OCMC 12.08.040.D for designation as an Oregon City Heritage Tree and forward a recommendation for the nomination to the City Commission.

If the City Commission approves the NRC recommendation, a protective covenant will be signed by the owner, a plaque will be furnished by the city, and the nomination shall be entered on the city's heritage tree list and website.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Dorothy Dahlsrud has nominated an Oregon White Oak (*Quercus garryana*) at 314 Pleasant Avenue as an Oregon City Heritage Tree with the consent of the property owner, Clackamas County Soil and Water District.

The following is from the nomination letter submitted by CSWD:

"The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to present this Heritage Tree Nomination Form for our Oregon White Oak located at 314 Pleasant Ave., Oregon City."

"While we admired and appreciated this marvelous tree from the time we purchased the property, it was not until we were contacted by neighbor Dorothy Dahlsrud that we truly understood its historical significance."

"The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District works to protect and restore habitat, including oak habitats. This healthy, mature oak tree that graces the roadside within easy view of Molalla Avenue provides both beauty and wildlife habitat to our community. We respectfully request the City of Oregon City to help protect and draw attention to this wonderful example of a native oak by designating this tree as a Heritage Tree."

The tree is in good condition, has a diameter at breast height (DBH) of approximately 41 inches (circumference 10' 9"), is approximately 85 feet tall and has a canopy spread of more than 60 feet. The age of the tree is unknown.

The tree is easily viewable from both the Pleasant Avenue and Molalla Avenue public Right-of-Way. The tree is not listed as a state heritage tree. The applicant had the tree inspected treated by an arborist on June 18, 2015 at which time the tree did not show signs of any damage, disease, or hazards that would render the tree unsafe.

The subject property is zoned Mixed-Use Corridor (MUC1), and is approximately one acre in size, with potential for redevelopment. A single-family home on the site was demolished in 2013.

Pursuant to OCMC 12.08.040.D, staff concurs that the proposed tree meets the applicable criteria for designation as a heritage tree.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Amount: Approx. \$100.00 (plaque and restrictive covenant recording)

FY(s):

Funding Source: