

About the Program

The TREEmendous Trees of Southern Pines grew out of the interest of the citizens of Raleigh in 1992 requesting that Raleigh establish a "Champion Tree Program" to recognize the largest, rarest, oldest and prettiest trees of various species. The Appearance Commission of Southern Pines chose the name TREEmendous Trees of Southern Pines to reflect the commitment to recognize and appreciate all the trees of the Town of Southern Pines, North Carolina.

THE AWARDS PROGRAM seeks to identify, document and recognize special trees or stands of trees and add them to the TREEmendous Trees of Southern Pines Program Honor Roll. The goal is to stimulate awareness of urban forest diversity and commitment to the tree canopy and roots. The awards program may also recognize efforts by individuals or organizations to plant and nurture new trees.

Citizens are urged to nominate trees for recognition on private property after obtaining written permission from the property owner.

This TREEmendousTrees Program reflects Southern Pines commitment to quality of life, community appearance and cultural heritage.

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Town of Southern Pines
Moore County, North Carolina

Awards Selection Criteria

In order for a tree or group of trees in Southern Pines Town limits or ETJ to be considered for an award, it must be:

- Of a type, species, subspecies, variety or cultivar proven to be relatively long-lived and adapted to our geographic region;
- Of health and condition, as judged by a representative of the Program, to have a reasonable prospect of continuing a safe and useful life.

The Appearance Commission's TREEmendous Trees Committee will determine the final selection for an award, based on specific criteria and rating systems.

AWARD CATEGORIES. The TREEmendous Trees Committee has adopted four categories in which multiple awards can be presented.

CHAMPION TREES Awards are based on size. Using the measurement and point system established for state and national champion trees, a nominated tree's point total must equal or exceed 75 percent of the current state champion tree's total, or rank at the top 10% of it's species in the **Southern Pines Honor Roll**.

HISTORIC TREES Nominees must at least 50 years old. The trees must be directly associated with some significant historic event or location (appropriate documentation is required).

LANDMARK TREES Emphasis is on natural groupings or planted communities rather than on individual trees.

MERITORIOUS TREES Trees not eligible in other categories can be nominated. The committee has a broad range of flexibility in presenting awards in this category. It may choose to limit the total number of awards in a given year. Meritorious Trees could be future Champion, Historic, or Landmark Trees. Examples of Meritorious awards include:

- Recently planted trees that illustrate exemplary selection of species, taxa, or cultivar suited to the site.
- The use of proper planting techniques (*this can be hard to determine and manage*) and good maintenance practices.
- Plantings that are tied to a special place or event, such as town's Bicentennial.
- Development-saved trees of excellent quality.
- Outstanding trees with exceptional color, form or function.
- Special trees with significance to generations of children, such as a red mulberry of unusual character or form that stimulates the imagination of children, or even a special "climbing tree".

TREE JURY

Note: All nominations will be reviewed by a jury of tree professionals. The committee may elect to shift any nomination to a more appropriate category, based on the recommendation of the jury. In addition, the committee may elect to present other special awards as appropriate. Notification of receipt of awards will be mailed.