

Legacy and Heritage Trees



Friends of Upton State Forest Resources Inventory Project Reporting Form

(We will share information collected on this form with the
Department of Conservation and Recreation.)

Please use the reverse of this form, if necessary. Please type or print.

Name of person reporting: _____

Contact Information: (email and phone)

Description of Tree:

Species (if known) _____

Heritage Tree _____ and/or Legacy Tree _____
(see back for definitions)

Heritage Value: _____

Approximate Diameter (measured about 4 ft. off the ground) _____

Please attach a photo if you have one (not required).

Tree Location: Give us as much information as possible. Include a map or drawing if you can. Maps of Upton State Forest parcels are available on the FUSF web site. Provide GPS information (latitude/longitude) if you have it.

Return to:

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or

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What is a “Heritage Tree?

- A notable specimen because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, color, rarity, genetic constitution, or other distinctive features
- A prominent community or FUSF landmark;
- A specimen associated with a historic person, place, event or period;
- A tree associated with local folklore, myths, legends, or traditions
- A tree that is a remnant of different climate conditions (e.g. tamarack and black spruce).

What is a “Legacy Tree?

Legacy trees are large trees which if left to grow larger and die, provide standing dead trees for wildlife habitat. When they eventually fall over, they provide habitat and aesthetic value as a large downed log on the forest floor.

For the purposes of this inventory Legacy Trees are defined as:

Hardwoods: 24” or greater in diameter

White Pine: 30” or greater in diameter

For more information about big or historic trees see:

<http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtree/>

<http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/historic-trees/>

http://www.nativetreesociety.org/bigtree/index_bigtree.html