

HERITAGE TREES AND SPF CREDITS

- 1) **What is a Heritage Tree (HT)?** PER ATTACHED ORDINANCE 12-2019 - A Tree that is at least 24 inches in diameter as measured at Breast Height or 4.5 feet from the ground surface at the base of tree trunk. Street trees are excluded from the Heritage Tree designation, as Heritage Trees must be located on private property (NOTE: 24 INCH DIAMETER EQUALS 75.4 INCH CIRCUMFERENCE)
- 2) **Could a Heritage Tree (HT) be any Species?** PER ATTACHED ORDINANCE 12-2019– EXHIBIT A – Details the Nine (9) trees EXCLUDED from Heritage Tree Designation. These trees are:
 - Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore Maple)
 - Acer ginnala (Amur Maple)
 - Ailanthus altissima (Tree-of Heaven)
 - Aralia elata (Japanese Angelica Tree)
 - Broussonetia papyrifera (Paper Mulberry)
 - Marus alba (White Mulberry)
 - Paulownia tomentosa (Princess Tree)
 - Pellodendron amurensis (Amur Cork—Tree)
 - Pyrus calleryana (Callery Pear)
- 3) **What is the reasonable expectation for an appointment with the Consulting Arborist to assess your Heritage Tree (HT) Designation?** Most appointments will be scheduled with resident within a week of contact with the Borough Public Works Department.
- 4) **What is the procedure for the SPF credit for Heritage Trees (HT)?** The SPF Credit Application has been REVISED to include the information and Credit Calculation for the Heritage Tree Credit. This is available on the Borough Website.
- 5) **How are SPF Credits for Heritage Trees (HT) Calculated and Is There a Limit on this Type of the SPF Credit?** PER ATTACHED ORDINANCE 12-2019 (Page 8) – 1 HT Preserved will result in 33% Credit of SPF Assessment; if same private property owner on the same property has 2 HT's Preserved 50% Credit vs. SPF Assessment; 3 HT's Preserved (same private owner on same property) 75% Credit vs. SPF Assessment; if more than 3 HT's Preserved (same private owner on same property) 100% Credit vs. SPF Assessment. **HOWEVER – MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT A PROPERTY OWNER IS ENTITLED TO VS. SPF ASSESSMENT IS \$250.**
- 6) **What Is cut-off date for the Annual SPF Credit Application?** Starting with September 23, 2019 through July 31, 2020, HT Credit Applied for and Approved will Apply to the 2020 SPF Assessment. Like the other SPF Credit Procedures, any SPF Credit Application received after July 31, 2020 will apply to the Property Owner's 2021 SPF Assessment if Approved.
- 7) **Do Heritage Trees (HT) need to be re-inspected (and at what interval) to apply for SPF Credit in Subsequent Years?** Yes, HT's need to be re-inspected. Like other SPF Credits, HT Credits will expire in 3 years. Once the HT Credit application is submitted, the inspection will be scheduled.