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**Treasured Trees Program 2011 Now Accepting Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. The Treasured Trees Program seeks to document and preserve trees that have significant value to the greater community, and promote the awareness, benefit and value of trees to the community.

**Selection Criteria:**

Trees of superior size or stature, those associated with historical events, trees noteworthy for their aesthetic or sentimental value, their scarcity, or even because they are great trees to climb or swing from can be nominated. Groups of trees will also be considered for designation when their plurality contributes to their significance. Nominated trees can be located on public or private property and can be nominated by anyone. Trees should be located in the Greater Columbia Metropolitan Area, and preference will be given to trees in locations accessible for public viewing. Nominations of trees located on private property require the signature of the property owner granting the Treasured Trees program access to the property in order to evaluate and photograph the nominated tree. The owner/ caretaker of each selected tree will receive a certificate or award at a public Arbor Day celebration at the Governor's Mansion, and some of the trees may be publicized in The State newspaper.

**Nominations are due by November 15, 2011.** Participants should provide their name and contact information along with a description, location and photograph of the tree. If available, please include significance or history related to the tree. Nominations may be delivered or emailed to:

City of Columbia  
Forestry & Beautification Division  
Treasured Trees  
2910 Colonial Drive  
Columbia, SC 29203

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This program is a joint project of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission and Columbia Garden Club.

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