

**The New Zoning Code** was approved on December 22, 2011. **Section 14-705 Landscape and Trees** details the preservation of Heritage trees on developments on existing lots greater than 5000 sq. ft. and states that “Heritage trees may be not be removed from any property unless the applicant obtains a special exception approval.”

**City of Philadelphia Heritage Tree List<sup>1</sup>**

Scientific Name	Common Name
Acer rubrum	Red maple
Acer saccharum	Sugar maple
Acer saccharinum	Silver maple
Betula lenta	Sweet birch
Betula nigra	River birch
Carya spp.	Hickory species
Castanea dentata <sup>2</sup>	American chestnut
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon
Fagus grandifolia	American beech
Fraxinus americana	White ash
Fraxinus pensylvanica	Green ash
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey-locust
Gymnocladus dioica	Kentucky coffee-tree
Juglans nigra	Black walnut
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree
Morus rubra	Red mulberry
Nyssa sylvatica	Sourgum
Pinus strobus	Eastern white pine
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore
Populus deltoides	Eastern cottonwood
Prunus serotina	Wild black cherry
Quercus spp.	Oak species
Salix nigra	Black willow
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras
Tilia americana	Basswood
Tsuga canadensis	Canada hemlock
Ulmus americana	American elm
Ulmus rubra	Slippery elm

Notes:

1. City of Philadelphia Heritage trees will be the species listed in this table that are equal to or exceed 24 inches diameter at breast height (DBH)
2. Any American chestnut tree of any size shall be considered a Heritage Tree