

# The WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP Big Tree Registry

## What is the registry?

The West Hanover Big Tree Registry is a list of extremely large or specimen trees in the Township.

## Why do we have it?

West Hanover Township residents have long recognized the value of their natural environment, and desired to preserve the township's rural character. Conservation of existing trees is required in the township's zoning ordinance. Current stormwater regulations also reflect the importance of trees in controlling erosion and reducing flooding. Large trees often contribute to an increase in property values as well.

## How does a tree get listed?

Anyone may nominate trees for registry. The first step is to secure the permission of the property owner by having them complete and sign the **permission for listing form**. The completed form may be given to a member of the Environmental Advisory Council, mailed or dropped off to the EAC at the Municipal Building,

After permission is received, EAC members will contact the owner and arrange for the tree to be photographed. Information will be collected and recorded on the Pennsylvania Forestry Association's **Big Tree Nomination Application**. The data collected will be used to calculate a champion tree point score, which will then be compared with the trees listed on the PA Big Tree website ([www.pabigtrees.com](http://www.pabigtrees.com)).

All trees that are recorded by this method will be added to the West Hanover Township Big Tree Registry. If the tree appears to be a candidate for the PA Big Tree List, the property owner will be encouraged to submit the application to the PA Forestry Big Tree Coordinator.

The West Hanover Big Tree Registry will be kept on file with the township, where it will be consulted during the township's planning process. Photographs may be posted on the Township website: [www.westhanover.com](http://www.westhanover.com).

## Questions?

Contact the West Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Council, 7171 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

**West Hanover Big Tree Registry  
Permission for Listing**

Large or specimen trees are a financial and environmental asset to the property owner as well as the community. I request and grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_, located on my property at \_\_\_\_\_ in West Hanover Township, to be added to the West Hanover Big Tree Registry.

**Permission to Reveal the Location**

Initial Option 1 or Option 2:

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_ I request that the precise location of this tree not be revealed publicly, and that published information about the tree indicate only that it is located in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, PA.

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for the location of this tree to be revealed to the general public.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of property owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_