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## Durham Seeks 'Finest Trees' Nominations for New Tree Recognition Program

*Nominations Due November 1<sup>st</sup>*

DURHAM, N.C. – From now until November 1, tree lovers of all ages are invited to submit their nominations for significant trees in Durham, with the winners of each category being recognized on Arbor Day 2016.

[Durham's Finest Trees program](#) recognizes significant trees in Durham County, promotes discovery and ability to identify trees, and helps preserve the best examples of specific tree species, particularly native and trees well adapted to Durham County.

Durham's Finest Trees is a new program by the [Durham Extension Master Gardeners](#) in conjunction with [Trees Across Durham](#). The goal of this new program is to help promote awareness of trees in the Durham community as well as to catalog fine examples of magnificent specimens of trees due to their size, setting, historical importance, or significant feature.

Trees on private or public property can be nominated in each of the three categories: largest, historical, or meritorious. Preference will be given to native North Carolina tree species. Non-native trees may be considered if they are of a species, subspecies, variety or cultivar proven to be relatively long-lived and well-adapted to North Carolina.

After all nominations are received, a representative from the program will evaluate each nomination to verify the merits of the tree, with the winners of each category being announced during Durham's annual Arbor Day celebration in spring 2016. For more information about the

program, the nomination form, and instructions on how to nominate and measure a tree, go to the Durham's Finest Tree [website](#), [email](#), or call (919) 560-7993.

### **About Trees Across Durham**

[Trees Across Durham](#) is a broad-based partnership dedicated to making Durham a healthier and greener community now and in the future through the planting and protection of trees, the education of tree care-takers and the general public about how to maintain healthy trees, and the measurement and communication of the benefits trees provide to our environment and community.

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