

WHAT IS A HERITAGE TREE AND HOW ARE THEY PROTECTED?

Definition of Heritage Tree

A Heritage Tree is any tree within the City of Pacifica, exclusive of eucalyptus, which has a trunk with a circumference of fifty (50) inches or more, approximately 16 inches in diameter or more, when measured two feet above the natural grade. In addition, the City Council may designate any tree or grove of trees of special historical, environmental, or aesthetic value as a Heritage Tree.

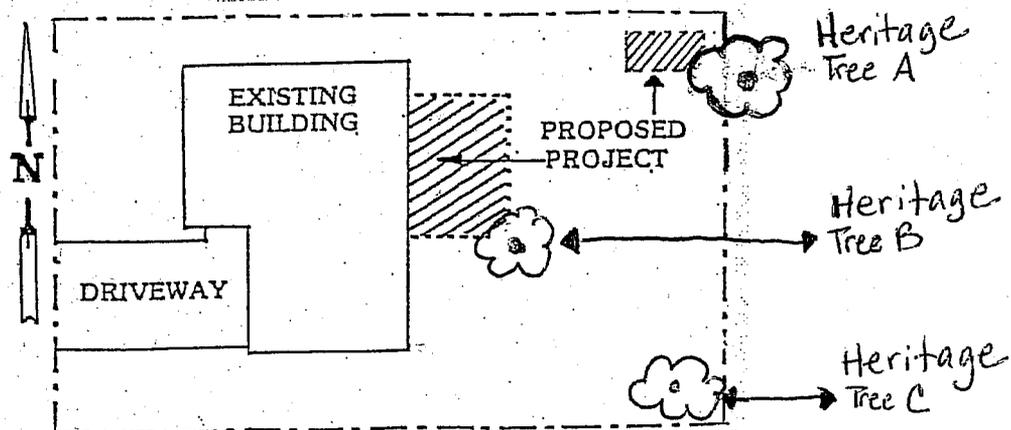
Protection

Removal, substantial trimming and new construction within the drip-line of a Heritage Tree require review and approval by the City. Because of their value to the City of Pacifica, Heritage Trees may not be removed, destroyed, or damaged beyond repair without a Heritage Tree Permit (See Heritage Tree Handout). Further, in some circumstances, a Tree Protection Plan prepared by a qualified arborist, horticulturist or landscape architect may be required prior to project approval.

Definition of Drip-line

The boundaries of a tree's drip-line reach all the way to the edge of the tree's canopy. The place where the water drips off the tree's canopy is considered the drip-line. This is where the measurement from construction work shall start.

How to Identify Heritage Trees on the Site Plan



Trees A and B will require Heritage Tree permits while Tree C will not.