

RESOLUTION

OUTSTANDING SPECIMEN TREE OPTION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Specimen Tree Option Guidelines were established to give developers an incentive to preserve outstanding specimen trees during development; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Comprehensive Plan identified the need to preserve more specimen trees in James City County during development; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee recommended endorsement of the Outstanding Specimen Tree Option Guidelines revision to the Planning Commission on February 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the James City County Planning Commission, after a public hearing, endorsed the revisions to the Outstanding Specimen Tree Option Guidelines on October 5, 2011, by a vote of 6-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby endorse the following Outstanding Specimen Tree Option Guidelines:

Purpose:

The purpose of the Outstanding Specimen Tree Option is to identify, maintain, and protect designated outstanding specimen trees located within the County. It is the intent of the option to increase public awareness of specimen trees located in the County as well as to provide reasonable assurance that James City County's tree heritage will continue for future generations. The intent of this option is not to be regulatory or punitive but rather to heighten public consciousness by informing and educating the public of the benefits that specimen trees provide. The option is intended to be a means to preserve specimen trees during development of private or public property by giving developers an incentive for doing so. Five additional tree credits shall be given for preserving Outstanding Specimen Trees in accordance with section 24-95 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Outstanding Specimen Tree Option Goals:

1. To establish a process of designating and protecting outstanding specimen trees located on either public or private property.
2. To encourage proper maintenance, care and protection of designated trees.
3. To give developers an incentive to preserve outstanding specimen trees on development sites.

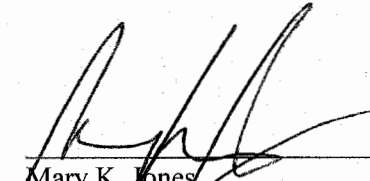
Criteria for Requesting Outstanding Specimen Tree Designation:

Any tree within the boundaries of the James City County that meets the following criteria as set forth below can be considered for an outstanding specimen tree designation with an Outstanding Specimen Tree Designation Request form.

1. Must be architecturally sound, true to its genetic form, and not topped or poorly pruned.
2. Be of exceptionally mature size and form, in healthy condition, free of disease, insect infestation, and storm damage.
3. Must be visible from publicly accessible location(s) after development.

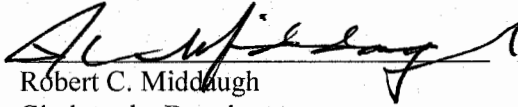
In addition to meeting the three criteria above, any tree being considered for nomination as an outstanding specimen tree must meet at least one of the following descriptions:

1. Notable by virtue of its outstanding size and quality for its particular species as determined by the Planning Director or his designee.
2. Notable for its historic or cultural significance as determined by the Planning Director or his designee.



Mary K. Jones
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Robert C. Middaugh
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KENNEDY	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
MCLENNON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
JONES	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 22nd day of November, 2011.

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