Take a tour of Springfield’s neighborhoods to see some of the largest and most beautiful trees in the city.

Regreen Springfield and the City of Springfield, in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the Greening the Gateway Cities Program and the Massachusetts Dept of Conservation and Recreation invite you to take some time to look around Springfield and experience a whole new world... just by looking up and around you... as you travel through the city’s neighborhoods.

Heritage trees are part of what makes up our community’s fabric and experience.

The major criteria for heritage tree designation are age, rarity, and size, as well as aesthetic, botanical, ecological, and historical value. We have plenty of these important and impressive trees growing across the city of Springfield, on our streets, in parks and on private lands.

In Massachusetts, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (MA-DCR) Forestry Program formally recognizes the largest known tree of each species, trees of historical origins and other unique and significant importance growing in the state with the Massachusetts Legacy Tree Program and the National Champion Tree Registry.

Learn More...

**Springfield Significant Tree Act**
In Springfield, the City has an ordinance for ‘Significant Trees’ which aims to protect large, heritage trees growing in our neighborhoods. A “significant tree” is any tree which is seventy-five (75) years or older, or which is three (3) feet in diameter or more. To learn more, visit https://bit.ly/2WNe7uk

**Massachusetts Legacy Tree Program**
Do you know of a big, unique, or significant tree? A tree that is compelling for its age, size, form, history, species, or botanical interest? If so, the DCR’s Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry Legacy Tree Program and Champion Tree Registry may be of interest to you.

The DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry is looking for nominations for big, unique, or significant trees all over Massachusetts. Visit https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-legacy-tree-program

Heritage Trees of the Museum District

“A heritage tree is typically a large, individual tree with unique value, which is considered irreplaceable.” Peter Coates, 2006
The Museum District has many large, stately and significant ‘heritage trees’ growing on the streets and on private properties. Take a look around, and enjoy what nature has to offer.

On the Quadrangle

American Elm
*Ulmus Americana*
48” Diameter

London Plane Tree
*Platanus × acerifolia*
48” Diameter

98 Elliot Street

London Plane Tree
*Platanus × acerifolia*
23” Diameter

65 Elliot Street

Kentucky Coffeetree
*Gymnocladus dioicus*
51” Diameter

280 State Street

American Beech
*Fagus grandifolia*
42” Diameter

280 State Street

American Linden
(Basswood)
*Tilia americana*
40” Diameter

260 State Street

American Beech
*Fagus grandifolia*
42” Diameter

260 State Street

Tuliptree
*Liriodendron tulipifera*
38” Diameter

Visit www.regreenspringfield.org/heritage