

Notable Trees of Tennessee

Welcome to the traveling photo exhibit, *Notable Trees of Tennessee*, presented by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC). The TUFC, established in 1991, is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to public awareness and to understanding and improving Tennessee's urban forests.

Urban Forestry is the science and technology of managing trees and forest resources in and around urban communities for the many benefits that trees provide society. This field enhances the urban environment through the planning, establishment, protection and management of trees. Learn more on how you can help your urban forest by contacting your local urban forester, community tree board, local Tennessee Division of Forestry office or the TUFC.

Tennessee is abundant with trees noted for their beauty, size, longevity and historical distinctions. This exhibit showcases trees from the TUFC Landmark and Historic Tree Register and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry Champion Tree Program. The Landmark and Historic Tree Register recognizes trees for historical, geographical or cultural significance. The Champion Tree Program recognizes the largest known trees statewide for each species, several of which are also national champions.

Although many of these significant trees have stood for more than a century as witnesses to the history and development of our state, the long-term viability of our urban trees may be in jeopardy. Large trees are true champions in their capacity to mitigate environmental problems such as air pollution and stormwater runoff, but they are still vulnerable to the many challenges of the urban environment. Today's urban areas require that we plan ahead for beautiful trees. Appropriate site and tree selection; proper arbor care; best management practices for insect and disease control; and smart growth to offset urban sprawl are all important. With care and forethought, notable trees will always be present in our urban landscape.

With great appreciation, the TUFC thanks the host of professional and amateur photographers from across Tennessee who volunteered their time and expertise to this unique project.

This exhibit has been made possible with funding from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Development Fund through the sale of "AG TAG" specialty license plates and the statewide membership of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council. For more information on the TUFC and future locations of the *Notable Trees of Tennessee* Traveling Exhibit, visit www.tufc.com.