



Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards



Dear Landowner:

August 30, 2013

A tree(s) on your property has been nominated for the Maryland Big Tree Program, and needs to be re-measured. The purpose of the program is to identify the largest trees of each species in Maryland. Besides the obvious purpose of identification, the program helps identify potential genetic improvements and species range and reproduction.

We would like your permission to visit your property to re-measure your tree(s). The measurement process does not harm your tree; we do not take core samples. We measure the outside circumference of the tree, the height, and crown spread. The official formula is: Circumference (in inches measured at 4.5 ft. from the ground) + Tree Height (in feet) + one fourth of the Average Crown Spread. The point value obtained by this formula is then compared to the current Maryland State Champion. If your tree's score is higher than the current State champion, it will replace the old champion on our list. If your tree's score is within 70% of the current State champion, the tree will be added to the Maryland Big Tree Register and you should receive an official certificate of registration. If your tree(s) is added to our official list, we would want your permission to publish your town only. This service is free, and does not impact your property rights in any way. You retain full ownership and may care for or dispose of the tree in any way at any time.

Please sign and return the form below if you give permission for us to re-measure, photograph and register your tree(s). Unless you indicate otherwise, a photo of your tree(s) may be displayed on the Maryland Big Tree website, www.mdbigtrees.com. As agents of the State, we have full liability coverage under Maryland insurance. Please contact me at 410-287-5980, or at mdbigtreetreeprogram@aol.com if you have any questions. Return to John Bennett, at P. O. Box 328, North East, MD 21901, FAX it to 410-287-0010, or email the form with a facsimile signature.

Sincerely,

John Bennett
Volunteer Coordinator
MD Big Tree Program

I do \_\_\_ do not\_\_\_ give permission for my tree(s) to be re-measured, photographed, registered and added on the web site at www.mdbigtrees.com for the Maryland Big Tree Program.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

Phone

Printed Name

Tree (if known)

County



"To promote the stewardship, conservation, and sustainable use of Maryland's forest resources"

