**NJ Big Tree Program or Heritage Tree Program** **Right of Access Form (ROA)**

Species of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All Big Trees Owned: [ ]

Address on Which Nominated Big Tree or NJ Heritage Tree is located:

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Lot and Block: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address if different than above:

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General description of

area on which tree is

located on property: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Date of Site Visit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, (hereinafter “Property Owner”) hereby grants to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and its staff, a right of access to enter onto the property described above (hereinafter “the Property”) to perform the following on the date listed above:

Yes No

[ ]  [ ]  I authorize the NJDEP, Bureau of Forestry staff to conduct measurements of the

tree listed above and list the tree and measurements in the NJ Big Tree Register on the Bureau of Forestry website and have the information displayed in the NJ Big Tree Interactive Map.

Yes No

[ ]  [ ]  I authorize the NJDEP Bureau of Forestry to list the tree referenced above,

its location, and measurements in the NJ Big Tree Register on the Bureau of Forestry website and have the information displayed in the NJ Big Tree Interactive Map.

Yes No

[ ]  [ ]  I authorize the NJDEP Bureau of Forestry to photograph the tree listed above

and use the photograph on the NJDEP website for educational purposes.

Yes No

[ ]  [ ]  I authorize the NJDEP Bureau of Forestry to collect seed from the tree

referenced above. I understand that the collection of seed is by hand from the ground and low hanging branches or cuttings of small branches using a pole pruner or similar equipment and will not result in any harm to the tree. Any means beyond this will require additional written authorization.

Yes No

[ ]  [ ]  I authorize the NJDEP Bureau of Forestry to grow seedlings from the seeds

collected for sale at the State Nursery. I acknowledge I will not receive compensation as a result of these sales.

1. It is fully understood that this ROA does not create any obligation on the part of NJDEP, to perform inspection or make repairs to the Property.
2. NJDEP shall not enter onto the Property to conduct any activities authorized until this ROA is completed in full and signed.
3. Granting access for the purpose of inspections to the NJDEP and its employees, is required for a tree to be confirmed for listing on the Big Tree/Heritage Tree Program list.
4. This ROA shall not authorize NJDEP to enter any buildings on the Property.
5. The Property Owner understands that the NJDEP and its employees, determines the extent of the required measurements for assessing the Big Tree/Heritage Tree.
6. Authority:

The Property Ownerrepresents and warrants that they own the Property and have full power and authority to execute this ROA and grant access to the Property to NJDEP.

If Property Owner is a public or state entity, the Property Owner also represents and warrants that Property Owner has such power and authority pursuant to its governing instruments, without the need for any further action, and that the person(s) executing this ROA on behalf of Property Owner are the duly designated agents of Property Owner and authorized to do so. If a resolution or other instrument is required for approval, such document will be affixed to this ROA.

1. Termination:

Upon written request of the Property Owner to the address listed below, NJDEP shall remove the Tree from the listing for the Big Tree program.

1. Tools and Equipment:

All tools, equipment, and other property taken upon or placed upon the property by the NJDEP shall remain the property of the NJDEP.

By signing this ROA, Applicant acknowledges that the above-mentioned work may be performed pursuant to this ROA.

Owner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Return this Right of Access Form to:

Joseph C. Bennett

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NJDEP Forest Service

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