

## Franklin County SWCD Announces 2017 Big Tree Contest

The Franklin County Big Tree Contest will be held May 1st through October 15th. 2017 marks the fourth year of this contest.

The goal of this contest is to find really big and/or old native trees, including the lesser-known trees as listed on the Maine Forest Service website:

[http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/cities\\_towns.html](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/cities_towns.html) under "Project Canopy."

A simple nomination form can be picked up at our FCSWCD/USDA, 107 Park St, Farmington office, or by going to our website [www.franklincswcd.org](http://www.franklincswcd.org). We ask for information on the person nominating the tree, the property owner, where the tree is located, and information on the tree itself.

Nominations received at Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District will be given to Patty Cormier of the Maine Forest Service. She will visit the site of each nominated tree. The tree may be measured to see if it is the biggest in Franklin County or even better, in the state! When there is a notable tree, Patty will photograph it for documentation.

Individuals who nominate a winning big tree that is verified will receive a "Forest Trees of Maine" booklet. Anyone who finds a tree that becomes a state champion will receive recognition at the district's annual meeting in April, where they will be awarded a certificate. Their achievement will be posted on the Maine Forest Service and the FCSWCD web sites.

For more information please contact Patty Cormier at MFS (592-2238) or Rosetta White at FCSWCD (778-4279).