

Tree Cabling a Piece of History

It's not every day you get to score some one-on-one time with a historic tree, which is why ISA Certified Arborist Robert Poley is considered one lucky son-of-a-gun around the office these days. It all started in Doylestown, PA where a customer called in to have Rob check out her property and, more specifically, the massive tree hanging around her front yard. When Rob got to the scene, he was [amazed by the size of the Kentucky Coffee Tree](#) he found himself in front of. When speaking with the customer a little more in person, that's when he found out that it was the second largest Kentucky Coffee Tree in the State of PA!



Now I know it sounds like we're geeking out here a little bit, and you may be thinking "Seriously? It's just a tree," let me explain: The Kentucky Coffee Tree is a very rare tree, especially in these parts which is far outside of its main geological range. So to check out the second largest one in the

entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is pretty remarkable for an ISA Certified Arborist. However, due to its immense size, it presented a very real danger with overgrown branches hovering over the house, and a pair of [codominant leaders](#) supporting a critical amount of weight. At approximately 43lbs per cubic foot, if one of these overgrown branches broke off, it could have caused some serious damage.

At the end of their meeting, the homeowner and Robert decided that the best course of action was to protect the codominant leaders with much-needed support. Robert and his crew anchored cables to the overgrown branches and main trunks of the tree; made sure they were tightened up; and, soundly secured any hazards. By doing this, Giroud Tree and Lawn has given the tree the ability to keep growing strong and uninhibited, while the customer can continue to enjoy the beauty of this rare tree and know her home and property are safe.

"It's not every day we get to work with rare trees so when a job like this comes along, we jump at the opportunity," says Robert. "It was a privilege to work on such a grand old specimen. Installing the cable system will hopefully give it many more years of life." If you have a magnificent tree growing in your yard, [let us check](#) it out to make sure it's secure and not posing a threat to you or your property.