

Monclova Township  
Emerald Ash Borer Update  
June 2009

In 2007 The Ohio State University Extension assisted the township in an inventory and assessment of public ash trees. Public trees are trees growing in the public right-of-way, typically between the street and sidewalk in subdivisions. Trees growing on private property were not considered in this evaluation. Of the 265 ash trees identified, 144 were rated healthy. It was determined that the remaining 121 trees were already infested with the Emerald Ash Borer. Once infested, little can be done to save a tree and it will usually die within three to five years.

In October of 2008 the township Board of Trustees adopted an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. This plan is posted as a separate document on this WEB site. Upon adoption of the plan, the Board of Trustees made the decision to treat all public ash trees that were still considered healthy. Competitive proposals were accepted and an agreement was signed with Davey Tree. Of the 144 trees deemed healthy in 2007, Davey treated 92, adding 52 to the list of infested trees.

In the spring of 2009, Davey returned to apply a second treatment. In this round, only 85 trees were treated, bringing the list of infested trees to 180. Of those, 45 were dead and earmarked for removal. The Monclova Township Maintenance Department has already begun removing the 45 dead trees. Since the township does not have stump removal equipment, that process is being outsourced. Once a stump has been removed, the township will fill the void with topsoil and apply grass seed to the area.

Tree replacement is at the discretion of the individual property owner or homeowners association. A list of approved replacement tree species has also been posted on this site.