

**Monclova Township
Lucas County, Ohio
Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan
Adopted 10-20-08**

Purpose:

By implementing the provisions in this management plan, the Township will attempt to mitigate the disruption to its urban forest caused by the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Taking a proactive approach will enable the Township to address public and private needs in an efficient and effective manner.

The Township will endeavor to distribute the costs associated with certain and substantial tree loss over a manageable time period, as well as lessen the social and economic impact that such loss will have on the quality of life in our community.

This plan applies throughout the Township on all public properties where ash trees are currently growing, as well as on private properties where such trees may negatively impact public rights-of-way or other public properties.

Administration:

Township Maintenance Department staff, with the assistance of the Administrator, will be responsible for implementing and executing the provisions of this plan.

This plan is subject to periodic revision as new information about the borer becomes available, or should state or federal policies change.

Ash Tree Removal:

The Township will maintain an inventory of all ash trees growing on its rights-of-way, in parks and on other Township properties. For each ash tree a record of its location, size and condition will be maintained. Tree removal will be prioritized with hazardous trees being removed first followed by those that are no longer assets to the Township (dead, dying or diseased). Utility contractors will be encouraged to remove all ash trees within their easements as part of their normal line clearance activities. An ash tree inventory database will be maintained to prioritize and record the removal, treatment or status of each tree.

Wood Utilization and Disposal:

The Township will control the use of the wood generated during the removal program in compliance with existing state regulations. The Township will not dispose of any wood outside the quarantine area.

Township Protection of Public Ash Trees:

Based on a township-wide inventory of public ash trees, the Township will determine which, if any, ash trees will be chemically treated. Because research in this field is currently evolving, the Township will monitor all treatments for their effectiveness and future use.

Private Protection of Public Ash Trees (trees within the public right-of-way):

Protective pesticide treatments may be applied at the discretion and expense of an individual property owner or homeowners association, with prior Township approval. All applications must be carried out by a Commercial Pesticide Applicator, licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Ornamental Pest Control, Category 6a. In the event treatment fails, the Township reserves the right to remove dead, dying, or diseased trees according to the provisions of this plan.

Replacement Tree Strategy:

Replacement of street trees removed by the Township under the provisions of this plan will be left to the discretion of the individual property owner or homeowners association. A list of approved replacement tree species that will enhance the planting site, are appropriate for the planting site and add to the diversity and general health of the urban forest will be provided to each homeowners association. Replacement trees should be in the 1¼” to 2” caliper range. All new plantings should conform to the “10-20-30” tree species diversity rule, meaning that no more than 10% of the trees should be in the same species, no more than 20% in the same genus and no more than 30% in the same family. The planting, nurturing and early maintenance of replacement trees will be the responsibility of the individual property owner or homeowners association.

Private Ash Trees:

The Township will create and maintain an EAB Informational Page on the Township’s website.

Communications:

The Board of Trustees will receive periodic written reports through normal channels.

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