

Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan for the City of Perrysburg, Ohio

PLAN PURPOSE

The City of Perrysburg will implement a proactive approach to the management of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This plan will include treatment of all city owned ash trees in the right-of-way and city parks. Yearly treatments will continue on trees that respond variably. Dead, dying and hazardous city ash trees will be removed and replanted with a variety of street tree species.

ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN

The EAB plan for the City of Perrysburg will be implemented by the Street Division under the supervision of Jon Eckel, Director of Public Service and Greg Kuhr, Operations Supervisor Parks, Land and Trees.

COMMUNICATION

The mayor, city council, division heads and members of Street Tree Commission will receive periodic updates through regular channels. Residents will be informed via city web page, and articles in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal. Letters will be sent to individuals when needed.

ASH TREE REMOVAL

The city maintains a tree inventory of all ash trees in the right-of-way and in city parks. The inventory will include treatments and removal of ash trees.

PROTECTIVE PESTICIDE TREATMENT

The city will continue yearly ash tree treatment on city trees that show benefit.

WOOD UTILIZATION AND DISPOSAL

The city will take all ash logs and trimmings to the City Compost Site for double grinding. The brush and wood chips will be processed into landscape mulch to be used in city landscaping and available to city residents for their personal use at no fee. This landscape mulch is to be used within the city limits.

EDUCATION

City staff is urged to attend EAB seminars to keep current with the EAB situation and new developments. The residents will be kept informed via the city web

page at www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us that has pertinent city information and links to state informational sites.

CANOPY REPLACEMENT AND CARE

The City will continue the treatment plan on city trees that show good results and remove trees that do not respond to the treatment. As the street tree budget permits, dead and hazardous city ash trees will be removed. The tree inventory of 2000 will be used as the data base for city owned ash trees. This data base will be updated to include treatment, removals and replanting.

POSTPONED WORK

The city street tree inventory update has been postponed due to the refocus of funds to the EAB situation.

PRIVATE ASH TREES

The Street Division will serve as a resource for residents in options for treatment and removal of ash trees. A copy of the EAB plan will be included on the city web page at www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us with up-to-date information.

The city will publish a full page information ad in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal outlining the city's EAB plan and options for residents and their personal trees. This information will also be posted on the city web page.

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APPROVED CONTRACTOR LIST

A list of approved contractors is available from Perrysburg Street Division

BUDGET

2007

Treatment of 1,261 city ash trees

8 dead ash trees removed

\$25,000 added to Street Tree budget for treatment and removal of city owned ash trees

2008

Treatment of 1,258 city ash trees (13,989 inches DBH treated)

20 dead ash trees removed

Additional \$25,000 added to Street Tree budget for treatment and removal of city owned ash trees

2009

Treatment of 12,238

dead ash trees scheduled for removal will be decided after they bud out.