

What is the City of Coon Rapids doing in preparation for the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)?

*City forester has been trained through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as a Minnesota EAB First Detector.

*City Council approved an additional \$50,000 in the 2011 budget for EAB mgmt.

*Starting to remove poor conditioned boulevard ash trees.

2010 - 51 ash removed

2011- 99 ash removed

2012-46 ash removed

*Replanting trees where an ash is removed.

Ongoing program that the city has done for many years.

We have not planted any ash trees on boulevards since 1999.

*Consider city cost share for annual Arbor Day tree sale. Advertise to the public why city is doing this (EAB readiness and to reforest Coon Rapids).

Example-All trees \$15.00 – this would cost the city ~ \$2,000 for the trees that I typically order and sell for our tree sale.

*Green Expo- Parks department booth with EAB information, pass out seedlings.

*Home Expo in Andover- Partner with the City of Andovers Naturalist to educate attendees about EAB and other tree related topics.

* Educate public via website, e-news, city wide newsletter and Herald as new findings arise.

*Received 3 tree planting grants from Minnesota DNR. Grants were awarded as a part of planning for the arrival of EAB. Pheasant Ridge park (2010), Riverdale park (2011) and Sunrise Pond park (2012). Keep applying for more opportunities as they come along.

*Park Reconstruction projects – when practical remove all ash trees in these parks as we reconstruct them.

*Chemical control???Not practical on city level. Residents can notify City Forester if they want to treat blvd tree at their own expense. However, latest costs are lowering and we may want to consider this now as a part of our program for delaying removals. See attached cost scenarios also.

*Snap shot of time

Nov. 22, 2010 snow/ice storm event.

Total 59 work orders-48 ash hangers and 11 other tree species

Total clean up for the 59 w.o.'s \$8,058.37 of which \$5,418.56 on ash trees

March 2nd, 2012 snow storm event.

Total 93 work orders- 63 ash hanger and 30 other tree species

Total clean up for 93 w.o's was \$14,582.82 of which \$9,916.31 on ash trees

Message here is that ash trees tend to be a high maintenance tree.

*Recently (2012-2014) hired a large tree contractor that has access to over 15 tree removal crews working throughout Minnesota along with retaining contracts with smaller locally owned tree services.

*Created EAB management plan.

See Attached

*Other

Average lifespan of urban ash is 30-50yrs, which many are in CR.

Consider updating shade tree disease ordinance Chapter 8-800 to include EAB and other tree pests.

Working on a formal GPS inventory of blvd and park trees as an EAB management tool.

Created formal Urban Forestry Management Plan for the City of Coon Rapids.

