

EMERALD ASH BORER COMMUNITY READINESS PLAN FOR:

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK



Developed by:

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****As of February 2009, Burr Ridge and
Oak Park are the closest areas of
EAB infection to La Grange Park****

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BORER AND THE INEVITABLE DAMAGE THAT OCCURS WITH A LACK OF
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MANAGEMENT.”***

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SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIONS
EMERALD ASH BORER READINESS PLAN

The La Grange Park readiness plan of action includes readiness team assignments, protocol and pro-active forestry management strategies for when the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) arrives.

If the Emerald Ash Borer is found, the EAB Community Readiness Plan shall be implemented immediately with the Incident Commander providing oversight.

Local authorities will be updated by the Director of Public Works on the status of the EAB as it moves or is found throughout Illinois.

A list of the Ash trees on public lands will be maintained, and regular inspections will be performed by the Director of Public Works.

A Public Relations Campaign outline is included in the EAB Readiness Plan.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Emerald Ash Borer Community Readiness Plan is to identify the essential personnel, resources, procedures and fiscal resources to combat the Emerald Ash Borer in La Grange Park, Illinois.

Early detection is the key to minimizing loss of ash trees in our State and our community forests.

La Grange Park, is a community of 13,295 population located in Cook County, Illinois. La Grange Park has approximately 33 street miles containing an urban forestry tree population of 6,610 trees. 20 percent of the community forest is comprised of ash trees which equals a total potential loss of 1,347 ash trees within the municipal jurisdiction.

La Grange Park has participated in the Tree City USA program for over 12 years and has been actively managing and budgeting for their forest resources during that time. La Grange Park has conducted a tree inventory and developed a management plan with partial funds provided through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Act. This tree inventory has put La Grange Park in a good solid position to be ready for an exotic invasive insect such as the Emerald Ash Borer. The tree inventory data has been used to determine the ash tree population in the community. Lists of ash trees by street address have been generated from the data for monitoring and control purposes.

Current tree authority is: *Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works*

To keep updated on EAB developments in and around our municipality, please refer to the Village's website: www.lagrangepark.org.

If you have questions about EAB, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 352-2922 Ext. 100.

POLICY AND AUTHORIZATION – STATE & LOCAL STATUTES
PERTAINING TO EMERALD ASH BORER CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

STATE STATUTES

The following State statutes provide state and local government with specific authorities to manage urban and community forests and to monitor, control and eradicate Emerald Ash Borer infested trees:

- 1) **65 ILCS 5/11-60-2 - Definition and abatement of nuisances.** Gives the authority to enforce nuisance issues. Each municipality may define, prevent, and abate nuisances.
- 2) **50 ILCS 90/1 through 90/30- Insect, Pest and Plant Disease Act.** This act is to prevent the introduction into and the dissemination within this State of insect pests and plant diseases and to provide for their repression and control. This law addresses the states authorities through the Illinois Department of Agriculture in dealing with invasive pests and diseases. La Grange Park has included local language that echoes concerns about movement of infected plant materials in their local ordinances. However, the authority for statewide enforcement is held by the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture. As of July 2006, the Department of Agriculture secured language on the declaration of Emerald Ash Borer as an official nuisance in Illinois.
- 3) **65 ILCS 5/11-42-13 - Arborists.** States that municipalities may register tree experts. La Grange Park has not implemented a mandatory permit system or similar registry of arborist within the municipal boundary. By pre-approval or permit systems the municipality has taken precautionary measures to determine if tree removal companies have adequate bonding (or accident insurance), driver's licenses and vehicle operator credentials, and appropriate arboricultural certifications and credentials for completing the work.
- 4) **65 ILCS 5/11-72-1 and 65 ILCS 5/11-73-1-2 and 65 ILCS 5/11-73.1-4 - Trees and Forestry.** Discusses the planting of trees by municipalities, and their rights to raise monies for that purpose. This law provides the local municipality the authority to create tax for the purpose of tree planting programs within the municipality. *La Grange Park is a member of the WCMC Suburban Tree Consortium, and plants trees yearly through this program with funding provided solely by the Village. The Village of La Grange Park has not implemented a tax for this program.*
- 5) **65 ILCS 5/11-60-1 Issuance and revocation of license** (65 ILCS 5/11-60-1) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-60-1) Sec. 11-60-1. The corporate authorities of each municipality may fix the amount, terms, and manner of issuing and revoking licenses. (Source: Laws 1961, p. 576.) (This law could give the municipality the authority to take a company off the tree removal service list if they are causing damage to property or not following incident protocol.)
- 6) **30 ILCS 735/1 thru 7 Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Act .** An act to provide technical assistance, training and financial aid to municipalities for

the development of plans and programs for the establishment and preservation of urban forestry programs.

- 7) **65 ILCS 5/11-80-2 Cities and Villages** - use of streets (65 ILCS 5/11-80-2) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-80-2) Sec. 11-80-2. The corporate authorities of each municipality may regulate the use of the streets and other municipal property.
- 8) **20 ILCS 805/805-130 Conservation of forests.** Promotion of forestry and forestry management. The Department (of Natural Resources) has the power to take measures for the promotion of planting, encouragement, protection, and conservation of forests and to promote forestry in this State.

LOCAL STATUTES

Within the Village of La Grange Park the following ordinances are in place to address a situation such as an Emerald Ash Borer Infestation:

- 1) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.25, Diseased Trees. Definitions.
- 2) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.26, Nuisance Declared; Duty to Remove.
- 3) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.27, Enforcement; Right to Enter, Inspect, Remove; Interfering with Enforcement.
- 4) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.28, Statement of Costs of Removal by Village Required.
- 5) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.29, Collection of Costs of Removal by Village; Lien.
- 6) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.30, Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement.
- 7) La Grange Park Municipal Code – Section 95.99, Penalty.

These ordinances are placed under Appendix II.

LOCAL EMERALD ASH BORER CONTACT PERSON

The Director of Public Works will be the EAB point of contact person. The Director will perform the following duties:

Name/Title: Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works
Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Mobile: n/a
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

Tasks: Point Person for authorizing action and making the official call to the IDOA to verify any potential EAB sites within the municipal jurisdiction. The director will determine the location of where all communications, orders, and primary logistics will take place. The director will determine the Staging areas and Debris handling sites. The director reviews and oversees municipal policy to determine the need for implementing additional policy and ordinances such as current decision-making hierarchy pertaining to trees, nuisance provisions of the ordinance, and law enforcement pertaining to trees. The director will establish local protocol for reporting potential local EAB findings. The director will contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture at: 847-294-4343 (Des Plaines office) or contact the USDA APHIS @ 1-866-EAB-4512.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Primary Contact:

Name/Title: Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works
Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Mobile: (708) 243-1160
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

Secondary Contact:

Name/Title: Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager
Address: 447 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 354-0225 Mobile: (708) 243-2798
Fax: (708) 354-0241 E-mail: jcedillo@lagrangepark.org

Tasks: This person oversees or is responsible for the following positions: Media Relations Expert – Operations Section Chief and the Neighborhood Relations Expert – Operations Section Chief and oversees the following tasks: *PRE-EAB:* Prior to any infestation, this person is responsible for publishing the Emerald Ash Borer Community Readiness Plan and distributing the plan and other Emerald Ash Borer information and training events as determined in the plan. This person establishes communications with all team members to gather information for posting to the public on the status of EAB to the community such as setting up press conferences. Responsibilities include updating the municipality website, publishing articles in the municipal newsletter.

POST-EAB: Once EAB has been verified, the role includes direct oversight supervisor the role of Media Relations Expert – Operating Chief, Staff Training Expert – Operating Chief and Neighborhood Relations Expert – Operating Chief.

EMERALD ASH BORER READINESS PLAN INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

The following are the Incident Objectives related to the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation that will serve as a basis for establishing priorities. The person responsible for this task is noted in ():

- 1) Remove ash trees that are currently in poor condition. (Director)
- 2) Monitor ash trees for occurrences of Emerald Ash Borer infestations. (Director)
- 3) Identify ash trees that are highly acclaimed ash tree specimens. (Director)
- 4) Ensure an orderly investigation of the existence of Emerald Ash Borer within the municipal jurisdiction. (Director)
- 5) Contact Illinois Department of Agriculture. (Director)
- 6) Provide citizens with information on municipality protocol for reporting potential EAB sites within the municipal jurisdiction via website and newsletter. (Director & Assistant Village Manager)
- 7) Advise citizens to only use EAB compliant contractors for tree work. (Director)
- 8) Keep citizens apprised of the current status of EAB within Illinois and its proximity to the municipality without creating a panic.(Director)
- 9) Advise citizens not to transport firewood into the Village. If they do, firewood should have certification. (Director)
- 10) Ensure a safe and orderly dispatch of trained, qualified and certified workforce (EAB compliant contractors) if the Emerald Ash Borer is found within municipal boundaries. (Director)
- 11) If Emerald Ash Borer is found implement sound urban and community forestry management practices and sanitary residual wood procedures for the eradication and control of the Emerald Ash Borer. (Director)
- 12) Establish policies and procedures for the residual wood debris management and disposal. (Director)
- 13) Establish policies for tree removal that minimize potential property damage. (Director)
- 14) Keep aware of new technologies for combating EAB and implement those preventative measures as economics and research results support. (Director)

STATE/FEDERAL HISTORY & PROTOCOL FOR EAB INCIDENTS

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency in addressing the Emerald Ash Borer. USDA APHIS is the lead federal regulatory agency.

On June 9, 2006, the Illinois Department of Agriculture in cooperation with USDA ASPHIS determined that Illinois had its first Emerald Ash Borer infested tree. This tree was in Kane County near Lily Lake. To view the first official announcement on June 13, 2006 see: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/newsrels/r0613061.html>

After the public hearing process, the Illinois Department of Agriculture took action.

On July 19, 2006 the Illinois Department of Agriculture officially declared all plants and plant products infested with the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis* Fairmaire) a nuisance. To access the official quarantine language as established by the Illinois Department of Agriculture see the web address:

http://www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/Pest/EAB_declaration_of_nuisance.pdf

Also on July 19, 2006 the Illinois Department of Agriculture established the Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine based on the first infestation in Kane County near Lily Lake. Since that time, four amendments have been made, defining new quarantine zones. Each quarantine zone affects the transportation of regulated items within the specified areas. To access the official quarantine language, and subsequent amendments, as established by the Illinois Department of Agriculture see the web address:

- Original Quarantine Issued July 19, 2006
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/OrigQtn7-06.pdf>
- First Amended Quarantine Issued November 9, 2006
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/200702069111.pdf>
- Second Amended Quarantine Issued January 12, 2007
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/20080421261.pdf>
- Third Amended Quarantine Issued April 27, 2007
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/200704279249.pdf>
- Fourth Amended Quarantine Issued July 19, 2007
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/200707197752.pdf>

For the most recent Emerald Ash Borer information and current quarantine maps, check with the Illinois Department of Agriculture website: www.agr.state.il.us or <http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/?pg=106>

Illinois EAB Confirmed Infested Locations. For the most recent locations, check with the Illinois Department of Agriculture website: www.agr.state.il.us or <http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/data/200901077839.pdf>

On December 1, 2006, USDA APHIS put in place a federal quarantine for the entire state of Illinois. For APHIS Quarantine information: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

Or http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2006/11/eab_fed_order.shtml

A question answer section has been provided on the APHIS website at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant_health/content/printable_version/emerald_ash_borer_faqs.pdf

PROTOCOL FOR CONFIRMED EAB SITES

As of 10/12/06, the confirmation of an Ash tree infested with Emerald Ash Borer creates the following federal, state and local protocol.

1) The lead agency- Illinois Department of Agriculture staff will conduct an extensive survey of all known Ash trees within a one mile radius of the initial find.

2) The local unit of government assumes a support role by: 1) providing a listing of Ash trees from their local tree inventory or from the information gathered using the official inspection form provided in this reference, 2) respond to public calls that will naturally occur due to the IDOA's official announcement of a new Emerald Ash Borer site.

3) Implement the local community readiness plan (see La Grange Park plan). Depending upon municipal staffing levels, local officials may be requested to provide assistance to the Illinois Department of Agriculture in conducting the surveys.

PROTOCOL FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH NON-INFESTATION SITES

1) Per your Local Community Readiness Plan, municipal officials should continue to serve as a contact for citizen inquiries on public and/or private municipal land (as local policy permits). The Village Representative (Director of Public Works, La Grange Park) should report any potential Emerald Ash Borer findings to the Illinois Department of Agriculture hotline: 1-800-641-3934.

2) Have staff properly trained for Emerald Ash Borer identification, bark peeling techniques, and local pre-EAB protocol. *Public Works training for EAB identification has been conducted.*

3) Monitor community forest for signs of an infestation using existing tree inventories and/or the EAB inspection form provided in this reference. Keep updated records on all Ash trees and be prepared to share the information with the Illinois Department of Agriculture officials as requested. Work with IDOA, APHIS, or Morton Arboretum - Detection Tree" survey program to monitor community Ash trees. *La Grange Park inventory is completed.*

4) Work with IDOA and other officials to conduct trap trees, detection trees and bark peeling surveys.

5) Implement a systematic approach to tree care. For routine tree care have the municipal staff equipped with the tools and forms necessary to inspect and record inspection findings. *Ash tree inventory list will continue to be maintained.*

6) Implement a systematic approach to tree removal. For the tree removal place highest priority on trees that are in poor condition. Next using ash species as a criterion, remove dead, dying and high maintenance Ash trees prior to EAB arrival.

7) Replant the community forest with a wide diversity of tree species. Ash trees will not be planted.

INSECT/CHEMICAL CONTROL

The USDA APHIS's currently does not endorse chemical control of Emerald Ash Borer. Their stance is that treatment is up to the individual tree owner. The Illinois Department of Agriculture recommends that you follow University of Illinois Extension Entomology Fact Sheet NHE-163 by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, October, 2006. Copies are available from your local University of Illinois Extension Office.

This publication indicates the following considerations when determining whether to use insecticidal control.

- 1) The only certain method to control Emerald Ash Borer is to remove the tree.
- 2) Healthy trees growing in locations with proper soil, fertility, light wind exposure and other environmental factors will survive attack longer than those in poorer health.
- 3) If trees are being removed in an area, it will probably be less expensive to have it removed at that time rather than later.
- 4) Cost of the purchase and planting of replacement trees not susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer should be considered.

For insecticidal control it is stated:

- 1) Treat trees no more than 10-12 miles from a known infestation
- 2) Control is more effective if the trunk diameter is less than 10 inches.
- 3) If many infested untreated Ash trees are nearby, any control attempts are unlikely to protect the tree.
- 4) It is difficult to keep the tree alive once it is infected.
- 5) Watch for new research findings that will address cost effectiveness and ability of insecticides to control EAB. Currently nothing has been proven to be effective.

Professional Insecticidal Controls:

1) Imidacloprid (Merit, IMA-jet, Imicide, Pointer) See publication for details

2) Foliar and bark sprays for bifenthrin (Onyx), cyfluthrin (Tempo), permethrin (Astro), or carbaryl (Sevin) in both mid May and late June will control visiting beetles and hatching larvae.

Homeowners insecticidal control options:

Follow insecticide label directions. Bayer Advanced garden Tree Shrub Control containing imidacloprid. For larger trees, due to the potential of drift issues, foliar and bark applications are best handled by a certified arborist or other professional horticulturalist.

Factors concerning treatment with imidacloprid are provided in the Extension publication.

It is best to contact a certified arborist to treat your trees. The list is available on:
<http://www.illinoisarborist.org>

PROTOCOL FOR EAB POTENTIAL SITE INSPECTIONS

Provided is the official local contact authorized by the Village of La Grange Park. The director is available to conduct inspections of ash trees on your property or public property within the municipality's jurisdiction.

The individual who conducts the site inspection is the Director of Public Works. He is the local authority that is responsible for reporting potential EAB sites to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. *It is important that only the municipality's designee should be responsible for calling in the state officials in case a potential site is found. Please realize that the state system is not staffed heavily enough to accommodate the amount of calls that could potentially be generated from an unorganized approach.*

If you feel the person conducting your inspection on private property is in error, please contact a local arborist (to be paid for at the property owner's expense).

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Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Ext.100
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

In addition, if an adult borer is found, you may place it in a tightly sealed jar and call the Director of Public Works. Please provide your name and address and the address where the borer was found, if different. An investigation will be conducted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

LISTING OF OFFICAL EMERALD ASH BORER INSPECTORS

Residents of La Grange Park should contact the following OFFICAL EMERALD ASH BORER SITE INSPECTOR for a site inspection if symptoms are seen on an ash tree.

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Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
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Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

EMERALD ASH BORER INSPECTION

FORM A- Initial Site Review

(Front of Form)

Inspector Name: _____ Community Identifier: _____
 Date of Inspection: _____ Sequential Record Number: _____

State: ILLINOIS County Reference: Cook
 Legal Description, GPS coordinates or Street Address of Potential EAB Site:

Inspection Requested By Whom: _____ Date of Request: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____

Overall condition of the Ash Tree <i>(Circle appropriate response to right)</i>	EXCELLENT or GOOD	FAIR	POOR
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Check all the items below that are observed on site:

EAB/ASH TREE SYMPTOMS	ENVIRONMENTAL/MECHANICAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Dying branches in top of tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Excessive Pruning
<input type="checkbox"/> Dying branches through out tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Mechanical Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Construction Damage
<input type="checkbox"/> Branch sprouts	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Drainage/Water saturation <input type="checkbox"/> Potential for salt damage (next to road)
<input type="checkbox"/> Basal Sprouting/epicormic shoots	<input type="checkbox"/> Drought current or previous year <input type="checkbox"/> Potential for chemical drift (near field)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bark fissures	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited growing space
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood pecker damage/holes	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of other insect or disease
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8" D-shaped emergence holes (Remove 6"x4" bark section) <i>(Go to FORM B)</i>	List sightings of other Insect or Disease problems below:
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Emerald Ash Borer <i>(Go to FORM B)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bark falling off and S-Shaped galleries are disclosed <i>(Go to FORM B)</i>	POSSIBLE DIAGNOSIS:

EMERALD ASH BORER INSPECTION

FORM B - Potential Site

(Back of Form)

Inspector's Name: _____

(If not backed to Form A add:

Community Identifier: _____ Date of Inspection: _____ Sequential Record Number: _____

Legal Description, GPS coordinates or Street Address of Potential EAB Site:

It is advisable to take a Photograph or all details associated with the tree and the adult borer, if possible.

IF A POTENTIAL ADULT EMERALD ASH BORER is found:

All actions must follow the regulatory protocol established jointly by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Additionally, follow any additional precautions above and beyond the IDOA and APHIS requirements that are indicated in the Community Readiness Plan. Per the Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan, contact the Community Forestry Administrator – Deputy Commander for further instructions.

CONDUCT A 6"x4" BARK SECTION REMOVAL TO LOOK FOR S-SHAPED GALLERIES

Check observation:

_____ 6"x4" Bark Section Removed

Observation:

_____ S- Shaped galleries

_____ Linear Galleries

_____ No galleries

_____ Other (Please describe: _____)

Other comments:

**Please fax the completed form if you feel that this tree is suspect for
EAB in the future, please fax to:
Mark Cinnamon, IDOA, 9511 Harrison Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016
Phone: 847-294-4343**

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
STAFF Training and Public Education/Awareness Campaigns

Communication and training are key to a successful eradication operation. Providing staff training will reduce the potential for accidents, ensure better adherence to protocol and a more efficient response to the situation. The following Departments are targeted for staff training: *Village of La Grange Park, Public Works Department*

Informing Elected Officials The Village President and Trustees meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Additional avenues for sharing information with municipality leaders include: E-mail and written communications. This plan will be reviewed by all Board members in June 2009.

List or check the key messages that will be shared with these officials:

- The threat of Emerald Ash Borer
- The number of ash trees in the municipality
- The cost of removal and replacement of infested trees
- Illinois Department of Agriculture directives
- Local EAB Readiness Team members and function
- Established Inspection and Verification Protocol
- Emerald Ash Borer Biology and life cycle

The Village of La Grange Park Board of Trustees will be provided with information concerning EAB. The following Village officials will also be provided with information:

Bohdan J. Proczko, Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park
447 North Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois 60526
Telephone: (708) 354-0225
Fax: (708) 354-0241

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park
447 North Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois 60526
Telephone: (708) 354-0225
Fax: (708) 354-0241

LISTING OF LOCATIONS FOR EAB MATERIALS
DISTRIBUTION TO RESIDENTS

Public Locations For Materials Distribution. Below is a list of public places where EAB information can be distributed.

Name of Site: La Grange Park Public Library
555 N. La Grange Road
La Grange Park, IL 60525
Phone: 708-352-0100
Fax: 708-352-1606

Contact Person: Dixie Conkis

List Possible Materials to be distributed at this site: Illinois Department of Agriculture
Brochure – Emerald Ash Borer

Name of Site: La Grange Park Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: 708-354-0225
Fax: 708-354-0241

Contact Person: Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager

List Possible Materials to be distributed at this site: Illinois Department of Agriculture
Brochure – Emerald Ash Borer

LIST OF MEDIA CONTACTS

Media Contact List. Below is a list of media contacts, reporters and media outlets that should be contacted for an official announcement verifying Emerald Ash Borer in La Grange Park.

These contacts will be sent a press release with the following information such as:

- Who found the site within your municipality?
- When was it found?
- What was the process that you went through to verify the site? And
- What should citizens do now that it is found in your municipality? (Examples: check their trees, don't move firewood, who is the point of contact, don't remove trees, who will handle residual wood, should they treat the trees)

(A draft Press Release follows the list of media contacts)

Name: The Doings Newspaper
Fax: 630/887-9646

The Suburban Life Newspaper
Fax: (630) 969-0228

DRAFT

DATE:

Julius Hansen, 708/352-2922

PRESS RELEASE

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK LATEST VICTIM OF EMERALD ASH BORER

La Grange Park, IL – La Grange Park, Illinois of Cook County is the latest community to discover the emerald ash borer (EAB). The EAB was found on **<description or address of infested site – suggestion – just state – EAST, CENTRAL, WEST part of town??>**. The Illinois Department of Agriculture has confirmed on **<date>** the EAB.

The EAB discovery was made on <date>, when <describe circumstances>. <Title and Name of person related to find> went out to survey the tree. “Quote,” says <person related to circumstance>. <Municipality Public Works, or city forester> <describe how the area was surveyed and the extent of damage that was determined for the area. Also tell if the trees have been removed or plans to remove them on certain date>.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a small, metallic green, non-native invasive pest whose larvae feast on the trunks of ash trees thereby cutting off their ability to transport nutrients and ultimately causing the tree’s decline. Ash trees can be infested with EAB for a few years before the tree begins to demonstrate any signs of EAB infestation. Symptoms of EAB include canopy dieback, D-shaped exit holes, shoots sprouting from the tree trunks and S-shaped larval galleries underneath the bark.

“The Illinois Department of Agriculture certainly supports a tree owner’s right to determine for themselves whether a pesticide treatment is appropriate in their specific circumstance,” Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau Manager of Environmental Programs Warren Goetsch said. “Tree owners are encouraged to thoroughly research the various treatment options currently available and carefully weigh the costs associated with the required repeated treatments. Please be advised, however, that treatment of an ash tree will not guarantee that a specific tree might eventually be required to be removed.”

EAB was first discovered in North America in 2002 in the Detroit and Ontario areas. Since then, it is estimated that approximately 25 million ash trees in North America have been felled due to EAB.

A computerized inventory of all parkway and public property trees indicates that the La Grange Park has approximately 1,371 ash trees which makes up only 21% of the village’s total canopy. Fortunately, as a Tree City USA community, La Grange Park has practiced planting a variety of species to avoid a major devastation of the community’s canopy.

The Director of Public Works will respond immediately to suspect sighting of EAB. It is very important for area residents to be aware and vigilant in inspecting their ash trees for this pest. If you suspect you may have found adult or larval form of this insect, contact the La Grange Park Public Works Department at (708) 352-2922 ext. 100.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the following links:

www.emeraldashborer.info/

www.agr.state.il.us/newsrels/r0727062.html

www.IllinoisEAB.com

www.agr.state.il.us/

www.na.fs.fed.us/thp/eab

www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/eab/

www.mortonarb.org

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

These sources are internet sites and written materials that can be accessed to keep current of Emerald Ash Borer Activity in Illinois.

EMERALD ASH BORER INTERNET SITES:

For the official national Emerald Ash Borer website with information on the national movement of the Emerald Ash Borer and regional information on EAB:

www.emeraldashborer.info

For the USDA Forest Service Forest Health Emerald Ash Borer home page with information on the national movement of the Emerald Ash Borer and official USDA publications and information on EAB

<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/>

<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/index.shtm>

Illinois Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Website where the official verification and announcement was posted:

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/index.html>

APHIS Emergency and Domestic Programs website featuring Emerald Ash Borer:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/downloads/survey_guidelines_2008.pdf

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Website has the Prairie Tree Companion electronic newsletter featuring Emerald Ash Borer, The Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Community Readiness Plan, the Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan Workbook – A Framework for Local EAB Preparedness and Community Action, Tree City USA program information, Urban and Community Forestry Grant information.

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/urban/index.htm>

For a newsletter on EAB that includes a detailed biological description of the Emerald Ash Borer, quarantine information:

<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/info/info.shtm>

For downloadable images of EAB (Please remember to give credit to the photographers, when possible)

<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/img/img.shtm>

For a website that addresses the ash resource and includes the USDA FS research paper on ash in Chicago:

<http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab/ar/ar.shtm>

For the USDA Forest Service's Emerald Ash Borer PEST ALERT flyer:

www.emeraldashborer.info/files/EAB.pdf

http://na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/pest_al/eab/eab.pdf

For NE ILLINOIS - Morton Arboretum=s Plant Health Care reports and Plant Health Care website with a new publication on Emerald Ash Borer in Illinois:

<http://mortonarb.org/plantinfo/plantclinic/index.htm>

For a general map showing location of EAB nationwide:

<http://www.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/images/maps/fullSize/nationalMap.jpg>

MEETINGS PROVIDING EAB UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

Name/Title: *Northeast Illinois Municipal Foresters Meetings*

Name of Organization/Group: Illinois Arborist Association/IDNR

Contact: April Toney, Executive Director

Address: P.O. Box 860, Antioch, IL 60002

Phone: 887-617-8887 E-mail: iaa@wi.rr.com

Meeting Dates: Typically second Thursday of each month

Special Interests in EAB: Presentations on Emerald Ash Borer, IAA provides educational training sessions throughout the year. Check their website for

information: Web Address: <http://www.illinoisarborist.org/> or

http://www.illinoisarborist.org/northeast_municipal_foresters_lu.htm

Name/Title: *Annual Illinois Arborist Association Conference*

Name of Organization/Group: Illinois Arborist Association

Contact: April Toney, Executive Director

Address: P.O. Box 860, Antioch, IL 60002

Phone: 887-617-8887 E-mail: iaa@wi.rr.com

Meeting Date: Fall each year

Special Interests in EAB: Certified Arborist Training, Presentations on Emerald Ash Borer, Arboricultural Treatments for EAB, IAA provides educational training sessions throughout the year. Check their website for information: Web Address:

<http://www.illinoisarborist.org/>

Name/Title: *Tree City USA Conference and Awards Ceremony*

Name of Organization/Group: Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Urban and Community Forestry Program

Contact: Reinee Hildebrandt, Urban Conservation Program Administrator

Address: One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Phone: 217-785-8771 Fax: 217-785-2438

E-mail: reinee.hildebrandt@illinois.gov

Meeting Dates: Last Tuesday in March each year

Special Interests in EAB: Presentations on Emerald Ash Borer, IDNR provides the Prairie Tree Companion electronic newsletter with a special issue on Emerald Ash Borer, Tree City USA NewsBits are sent automatically to Tree City USA communities, and IDNR-Urban and Community Forestry Program maintains an Urban and Community Forestry Newsletter located at the following Website Address:

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/urban/index.htm>

LISTING OF CITIZEN/PUBLIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The following citizen and public education activities are planned:

CITIZEN/PUBLIC EDUCATION

Title/Topic: EAB General Information /Protocol

Mode of Communication: The Rose Clippings Newsletter

Date: *Quarterly Newsletter, first article in Summer 2009*

Target Audience: All Residents of the Village of La Grange Park

CITIZEN/PUBLIC EDUCATION

Title/Topic: EAB General Information /Protocol

Mode of Communication: Village of La Grange Park Website (www.lagrangepark.org)

Date: *On-going*

Target Audience: All residents of the Village; any website users

CITIZEN/PUBLIC EDUCATION

Title/Topic: EAB General Information /Protocol

Mode of Communication: Cable Channel – Village of La Grange Park
(basic wording to forward attention to website or Julius Hansen with questions)

Date: *On-going*

Target Audience: All residents of the Village

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

Village of La Grange Park has a total of 1,347 ash trees in the municipality.

COMPLETE ERADICATION OF ASH TREES – *Estimated Cost*

Tree Removal	\$276,000
Stump Removal	\$ 60,100
Disposal of Wood	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
	\$411,100

TREE REPLACEMENT – Planting of New Trees – *Estimated Cost*

$$1,347 \times \$200 = \$269,400$$

COMMUNITY FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

La Grange Park has a Street Tree Inventory of all public trees in the municipality. This inventory was completed in 2008 with partial funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Act grant program. The inventory is a computerized inventory system with continual updates conducted.

La Grange Park is a community of 13,295 population located in Cook County, Illinois. La Grange Park has approximately 33 street miles containing an urban forestry tree population of 6,610 trees. 20 percent of the community forest is comprised of ash trees which equals a total potential loss of 1,347 ash trees within the municipal jurisdiction.

According to the inventory and urban forestry management plan, in La Grange Park , there are 6,610 trees on Village property. 20 percent of the public owned trees are ash trees for a total public ash tree population of 1,347 ash trees. *The number of ash trees located on private property is unknown.*

Key areas within the municipality for high risk of Emerald Ash Borer due to the high number of ash trees include: *A complete map showing where all the public property ash trees are located is being compiled. Once complete, areas where a high density of trees are located will be listed.*

Appendix I contains a listing of all publicly owned ash trees within the municipal boundaries is attached.

LIST OF MUNICIPAL STAFF AUTHORIZED FOR TREE REMOVAL

*All trees 8" or less, could potentially be removed
by the Public Works Department*

Below is a list of La Grange Park municipal employees that will be called upon for tree removal purposes on public lands, for trees 8" or less. All workers are not ISA certified; but have attended a local EAB Procedural Training. Employees have been screened according to the skills and abilities needed to safely operate the equipment necessary to remove trees safely.

Name/Title: Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works
Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Ext. 100
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

Attended local EAB Procedural Training: Yes No

LIST OF PRE-APPROVED TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTORS

Below is a list of potential tree removal contractors with the permits, qualifications, certifications and bonding (insurance) for tree removal within the boundaries of La Grange Park. Municipal residents must use one of the individuals listed below for EAB tree removal purposes. Contractors who are removing private property trees must obtain a Permit from the Village. *The following contractors have EAB Compliance Agreements completed, and currently have contracts with the Village of La Grange Park for tree removal and other tree related work.*

Company: Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Contact Name/Title: Larry Gauger
Address: 7942 S. Madison Street, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60521
Phone: (630) 321-1840 Fax: (630) 321-1844
E-mail: lgauger@asplundh.com
Bonded yes no Permit obtained yes no
ISA Certified yes no Other

Company: Sinnott Tree Service
Address: 301 S. Spring Avenue, La Grange, Illinois 60525
Phone: (708) 579-5300
Bonded _yes ___no Permit obtained ___yes ___no
ISA Certified _yes ___no *Other*

Company: Steve Piper & Sons, Inc.
Contact Name/Title: Lori A. Mantuano
Address: 31W320 Ramm Drive, Naperville, Illinois
Phone: (630) 898-6050 Fax: (630) 898-6191
Bonded: _yes ___no Permit obtained ___yes ___no
ISA Certified _yes ___no *Other*

Company: Vega Tree Service, Inc.
Contact Name/Title: Noe Vega
Address: 1818 North 38th Avenue, Stone Park, Illinois 60165
Phone: (630) 450-9181 Fax: (630) 450-9136
Bonded: _yes ___no Permit obtained ___yes ___no
ISA Certified _yes ___no *Other*

DEBRIS HANDLING CENTER TRUCKING CONTRACTS

Below is a list of potential contractors with the permits, qualifications, certifications and bonding (insurance) for debris removal/ trucking of debris to the designated debris handling site.

Company: Steve Piper & Sons, Inc.

Contact Name/Title: Lori A. Mantuano
Address: 31W320 Ramm Drive, Naperville, Illinois
Phone: (630) 898-6050 Fax: (630) 898-6191
Bonded: _yes ___no
ISA Certified _yes ___no *Other*

Company: A. Block
Contact Name/Title:
Address: 15660 Canal Bank Road, Lemont, Illinois
Phone: Fax:
Bonded: _yes ___no
ISA Certified _yes ___no *Other*

PUBLIC PROPERTY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Tree Replacement program specifications are: *As ash trees are removed, the address of the site will be put on a list for replacement. As funds are available, (currently the Village has a budget of approximately \$20,000 annually for purchasing approximately 75 trees), planting at these sites will occur in chronological order.*

SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT TREES LIST

A listing of all ash trees located on public property is attached hereto as Appendix I.

No Ash trees that are susceptible to EAB will be planted. Currently the following trees are being planted in La Grange Park (through the Village's program): Hybrid Elm, Pear, Maple, Oak, Crabapple and Ginkgo.

The tree planting efforts will be monitored by:

Name/Title: Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works
Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Mobile: (708) 243-1160
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

Post tree planting care will be handled by:

Name/Title: Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works
Address: 937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 352-2922 Mobile: (708) 243-1160
Fax: (708) 354-9942 E-mail: jhansen@lagrangepark.org

As a member of the Suburban Tree Consortium, the Village has contracted with Wilson Nurseries over the past 5 years to provide the Village with trees for its yearly tree planting program. Furthermore, the Suburban Tree Consortium membership provides the services of the landscape contractor Pugsley and Lahaie for the planting of these trees.