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MEMORANDUM

TO: Village of LaGrange Park; Julius Hansen
FROM: Mark Cinnamon, Scott Schirmer; Illinois Department of Agriculture
DATE: October 5, 2011
SUBJECT: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Confirmed in Your Community

This memo serves as official notice that on September 20, 2011 the presence of EAB was confirmed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) and documented within your community. Emerald Ash Borer was verified during our statewide EAB trap survey or through outreach activities performed by IDA EAB staff. We will soon list your community by name on our list of confirmed communities. The IDA will also recognize your community with one red star on our statewide EAB map using the location coordinates and the date of the field confirmation. We can work with you to help explain and outreach this news to staff or citizens.

The extent and the severity of any EAB infestation are very difficult to quantify. A confirmed presence of EAB anywhere in town indicates a larger, more widespread EAB population is likely nearby. Due to our experience of observed patterns of local and regional spread, and the biology of this insect, the entire ash population within your community is at risk or is likely already infested with EAB. Newly affected trees may show few, if any symptoms and may appear healthy and green for up to a few years. Officials and residents should plan accordingly by assuming their ash trees are now infested.

All or parts of 23 northeast Illinois counties are quarantined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture at this time. Please go to the following link to find the most recent amended IDA EAB Quarantine:
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/index.php>

The Illinois EAB program is counting on municipal compliance of all regulations within the Illinois EAB Quarantine and the prudent management or destruction of EAB infested ash wood. Please become familiar with the quarantine map and the Illinois EAB Compliance Agreement which lists existing rules and regulations concerning ash and the EAB in Illinois. That agreement was revised with new regulations effective November 23, 2009. The compliance agreement lists the enforceable EAB rules of the state and our department regardless of the signing an EAB Compliance Agreement and can be found on our website at <http://www.illinoiseab.com>.

Aggressively destroying declining ash trees, or in some cases aggressive insecticidal treatments, may slow the rate of tree mortality locally and remains the best practice. Treatment with systemic insecticides on individual trees which are not yet severely infested is an option for individual landowners and village managers to consider on a tree-by-tree basis to try to protect a single tree. Such treatment has a risk of failure if trees are already infested and is not guaranteed to be ultimately successful on any specific tree. Educating residents to the fact that this pest is confirmed in your area, that all ash trees are at risk and will become infested, and that quarantine rules exist is all very important.

For general EAB questions please call the IDA DeKalb office at 815-787-5476.
For community outreach, educational help, and informational packets please contact: IDA EAB Outreach and Education Coordinator Juliann Heminghous at 217- 785 -5575 or juliann.heminghous@illinois.gov