2013 Western Lake Erie Basin Ash Removal Grant Program

In response to the continued devastating impact of the emerald ash borer, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry established the 2013 Western Lake Erie Basin Ash Removal Program. The main objective of this program is to assist local governments in eligible communities with the removal of ash trees on public land through both technical assistance and financial support.

The Request for Proposal for this program was made available to the public in the summer of 2013. The deadline for electronic receipt of proposals from applicants was July 29, 2013. Upon receipt and review of the applications, all applicants were notified of their status by mid-September 2013. All work under this program must be completed by May 15, 2014. Only ash tree removals are covered under this program's purview. This is a 50/50 cost-share program. The total available funding for this program was $300,000 with maximum and minimum request amounts of $50,000 and $3,000, respectively.

With a total of thirty-one (31) applications received totaling $520,511, seventeen (17) applicants were awarded funding. As of October 8, 2013, the proposals received on July 29 have been evaluated, scored and posted with awards now officially approved by the Chief of the Ohio Division of Forestry. Below are the communities that applied for funding under this grant program. Highlighted portions indicate the communities and their respective award amounts.

COMMUNITY	COUNTY	REGION	POPULATION	ASH REMOVED	REQUESTED AMNT	AVERAGE SCORE	APPROVED
Arcadia	Hancock	4	590	25	$3,000.00	110	$3,000.00
Ashland	Ashland	6	20,362	200	$50,000.00	137	$35,748.00
Bay Village	Cuyahoga	3	15,651	77	$15,847.50	133	$15,847.50
Brecksville	Cuyahoga	3	13,656	249	$33,485.00	149	$33,485.00
Elyria	Lorain	3	54,533	120	$14,715.00	122	$14,715.00
Fostoria	Hancock, Seneca, Wood	4	13,441	50	$14,260.00	122	$14,260.00
Lakewood	Cuyahoga	3	52,131	118	$13,500.00	138	$13,500.00
Lyndhurst	Cuyahoga	3	14,001	175	$23,231.25	133	$23,231.25
Mansfield	Richland	1	47,821	26	$10,315.00	106	$10,315.00
Minster	Auglaize	4	2,805	13	$4,225.00	132	$4,225.00
Parma Heights	Cuyahoga	3	20,217	89	$10,000.00	114	$10,000.00
Pepper Pike	Cuyahoga	3	5,979	179	$25,000.00	113	$25,000.00
Perrysburg	Wood	4	20,623	175	$36,320.00	105	$36,320.00
Rossford	Wood	4	6,293	39	$6,260.00	113	$6,260.00
Sidney	Shelby	5	21,229	167	$24,515.92	123	$24,515.92
Strongsville	Cuyahoga	3	44,750	200	$25,000.00	119	$25,000.00
Vermilion	Erie, Lorain	3	10,594	27	$4,577.50	114	$4,577.50
Independence	Cuyahoga	3	7,133	300	$37,500.00	101	-
St Marys	Auglaize	4	8,332	172	$27,508.50	101	-
Bedford Heights	Cuyahoga	3	10,751	424	$50,000.00	93	-
Coldwater	Mercer	4	4,427	25	$7,000.00	90	-
Arlington	Hancock	4	1,455	16	$5,000.00	89	-
New Riegel	Seneca	4	249	33	$3,000.00	88	-
Fort Loramie	Shelby	5	1,478	63	$10,350.00	78	-
Vanlue	Hancock	4	359	31	$3,000.00	77	-
York Township	Medina	3	3,423	202	$20,000.00	72	-
Granger Township	Medina	3	3,928		$10,000.00	69	-
Deshler	Henry	4	1,799	35	$7,000.00	67	-
Clay Township	Ottawa	4	5,118	37	$16,500.00	64	-
Napoleon Township	Henry	4	10,331	32	$6,400.00	63	-
Damascus Township	Henry	4	1,781	20	$3,000.00	50	-
		Totals	425,240	3,319	$520,510.67	103	$300,000.17