The Village of Lockland
Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

As approved by Village Council on November 16, 2010

Purpose: By implementing the provisions in this management plan, the Village of Lockland is attempting to mitigate the disruption to its urban forest resources caused by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Taking a proactive approach will enable the Village to address public and private needs in an efficient and effective manner. The Village will endeavor to distribute the costs associated with tree death over a manageable time period, as well as lessen the social and economic impact that such an extensive loss will have on the quality of life for our community.

Applicability: This Plan applies throughout the Village on all municipal properties, parks and rights-of-way, where ash trees are currently growing.

Administration: The Department of Public Works staff will be responsible for implementing this Plan and seeing that its provisions are carried out.

Ash Removal Plan: The Village will systematically remove all of its infected ash trees. Tree removal will be prioritized; with hazardous trees being removed first, following by those that are no longer assets to the community (dead, dying, diseased, or miss-sited). Utility contractors will be encouraged to remove all ash within their easements as part of their normal line clearance activities.

The Village will control the use of the wood generated during its removal program in compliance with existing state regulations.

The Public Works Department will keep a record of the all ash trees removed and the disposal of the wood and wood chips.

Monitoring: If an EAB infestation is discovered, a thorough survey of the surroundingarea will be made and acted upon. All ash wood from pruning or removals shall be inspected for EAB by looking for D-shaped exit holes and removing the bark to find larval galleries.

Communications: The Mayor, Village Council, and the Street Tree Commission, and Department Heads will receive periodic briefings through normal channels.

Enforcement: The Village will enforce the relevant sections of the Lockland Code of Ordinances Chapter 1024: Trees and Shrubs. Trees on private property that are dead, diseased or otherwise in a bad condition and constitute a hazard to life and property, or that harbor insects or diseases which constitute a potential threat to other trees in the Village, shall be removed by the owner of the property upon written notice by the

Village. Failure to comply with such notice shall cause such trees to be removed by the Village and the costs shall be assessed against the property owner.

Education: The Public Works Department Staff and Street Tree Commission Members are urged to attend seminars on the Emerald Ash Border problem and to keep current with the latest information through various education web sites.

Public Relations: The Valley Courier and the Village website will be used to relate the "what" and "why" of this plan to residents and businesses. The Village will use EAB posters to educate the public about EAB identification and regulations. The Village will observe EAB Awareness Week with a proclamation.

Replacement and Care: As the budget permits, all removed public ash trees will be replaced with non-host species that will enhance the planting site, are appropriate for the planting site, and add to the diversity and general health of the urban forest. Trees will be planted in accordance with the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association/Ohio Division of Forestry Tree Planting Specifications and be between 1 ¼" to 2" caliper range. No plantings will be made that cannot be adequately maintained.

Private Ash Trees: The Village will create and maintain an EAB Informational Page on the Village's website, http://www.lockland.com/.

Approved Contractors: To assist the public, the Village will post on its website a list provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture of contractors certified by the ODA.

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Date: 11/16/10