

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO.

WHEREAS, the (EAB) infestation is both an environmental and economic threat to the City of Springboro; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springboro is being proactive in the mitigation of the potential disruption to its urban forest caused by the pending infestation of the (EAB); and

WHEREAS, taking a proactive approach to this infestation will enable the City to address public and private needs in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the City will endeavor to distribute the costs associated with certain and massive tree death over a manageable time period, as well as lessen the economic impact that such an extensive loss will have on the quality of life in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Manager or designee, will be responsible for implementing this Plan and seeing that its provisions are carried out.

SECTION II: The City will conduct an inventory of all ash trees growing on its Right-Of-Ways, in parks and on other municipal properties. In the municipal Right-Of-Ways, each ash tree will be identified and systematically removed and replaced with a non-host species of tree. In the park areas and other municipal properties, the City Manager or designee will document each ash tree location, size and condition. An estimated budget and timeframe will be generated from the collected data. Tree removal in the parks and municipal properties will be prioritized with hazardous trees being removed first followed by those that are no longer assets to the community (dead or dying). Utility contractors will be encouraged to remove all ash trees with their easements as part of their normal line clearance activities.

SECTION III: The City will develop a plan to use the wood generated during the removal program. The plan will comply with the Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) regulations for handling regulated materials. Wood that cannot be used for lumber, turning, firewood, or mulch, will be disposed of according to ODA specifications.

SECTION IV: As the annual budget permits, all removed public ash trees will be replaced with non-host species trees that will enhance the planting site, and add to the diversity and general health of the urban forest. Plantings will be budget-based and prioritized by canopy cover goals as identified by the City Manager or designee. Those areas needing the most coverage to reach their goals will be planted first.

SECTION V: The City's Planning Commission is strongly discouraged from permitting the inclusion or planting of ash trees in any future private developments within the City.

SECTION VI: The City will create and maintain an EAB Informational Page on the City's website. The City will provide information to assist residents with the pending infestation and also provide a list of certified nurseries through which non-host species replacement trees may be purchased and planted on private property within the City.

SECTION VII: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This resolution was prepared by Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager and Alan B. Schaeffer, Law Director.