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October 13, 2011

RE: Emerald Ash Borer-Ash Tree Removal and Canopy Restoration Tree Replacement Program

Dear Resident:

This letter is to inform you that your Ash tree (s) located in the tree lawn, between the street and sidewalk, are infested or soon may be infested with Emerald Ash Borer. For more information on this borer, visit: <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab>.

Emerald Ash Borer was confirmed to be present in the City of Urbana by the Ohio Department of Agriculture in the summer of 2010. Since that time, other infestations have been found in the city.

In November 2008, the Urbana City Council approved the City of Urbana Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan that the Urbana Shade Tree Commission developed. This plan called for a systemized plan to remove and replace ash trees with the tree lawn and on public property within 10 years.

Emerald Ash Borer has spread more quickly than initially planned, and the City of Urbana will be undertaking the removal of all ash trees in the tree lawn starting on **Monday, October 17, 2011** with completion of this project by late October. All ash tree removals will be done at no cost to you and will include removal of the tree stump. All ash trees will be marked for removal by the close of business on Friday, October 14, 2011. The City of Urbana has conducted a public bid process, and the city has awarded a contract to Edwards Tree Service and Landclearing, Inc. to complete this work.

During the removal process, please contact Doug Crabill at 652-4305 or doug.crabill@ci.urbana.oh.us with any questions. Furthermore, we request that you keep the parking area (s) near these trees as clear as possible until the project is complete. You may be asked to move your vehicle to facilitate the removal process, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Lastly, the City of Urbana was fortunate to receive a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. With these grant funds, we will be able to buy replacement trees. If you have not requested a replacement tree, you need to do so by **Monday, October 24, 2011**. Please contact Doug Crabill at the City of Urbana at 652-4305 or doug.crabill@ci.urbana.oh.us for more information. If you do not respond by the deadline, the City of Urbana cannot ensure that a replacement tree will be planted at your location.

Thank you for your help in helping us to address the Emerald Ash Borer in our community.

Sincerely,

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission