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July 18, 2011

RE: Emerald Ash Borer

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 late this summer. All ash tree removals will be done at no cost to you and will include removal of the tree stump. The majority of the removal work will be conducted by contractors hired by the city.

In addition, 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.

On that note, we need your feedback on selecting the best tree (s) for the tree lawn in front of your property. The City of Urbana has developed a preferred tree list from which you can select the preferred tree for your property. Go to the city's website at www.urbanaohio.com, click on city government, then click on boards and commissions, and then click on Shade Tree Commission. Look for the Emerald Borer section of this page, the preferred tree list is posted here. If you need help in making your selection, please contact Doug Crabill at the City of Urbana at 652-4305.

Your selection needs to be returned to Doug Crabill at the City of Urbana by Monday, August 15, 2011. Complete the form enclosed with this letter and return by the due date.

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

Sincerely,

City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission