

# **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **FORESTRY TECHNICAL SERVICES**

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2018

### **EAB Programs: Treatments, Removals and Replacements**

#### **Treatments**

Since 2016 only trees in “Good”, which is excellent condition, are being treated. On a two-year cycle we are still treating about 3,200 trees in year 1 and 2,400 in year 2. Approximately 5,000 ash trees are no longer being treated. Most of these trees have tags on them from treatments prior to 2016. A door hanger will be left at the time of treatment to let residents know the tree has been treated. Treatments are generally performed between June and August.

#### **Removals**

The 5,000 ash trees that are no longer being treated will be rated for condition this summer 2018 and scheduled for removal over the next 3 years based on their condition. Currently, approximately 600 ash tree removals will be completed by the end of April 2018. Door hangers are left at least two weeks in advance to let residents know an ash tree(s) will be removed. Trees that are dead should be reported to the 311 Call Center.

#### **Replacements**

Each ash tree removed will be replaced by the end of the next planting season, if there is a location that meets Forestry’s planting specifications. A variety of trees proven for this region, and that do not have any known problems will be planted. Residents will not have a choice of trees as it is not possible to coordinate with planting contractors, and availability of trees is in short supply. Only trees of the proper mature size for the tree lawn between the street curb and sidewalk will be planted. Tree lawns less than 5’ will not be planted. As with removals door hangers will be left at least 2 weeks prior to planting. Residents must call the 311 Call Center and submit a “DO NOT PLANT” request if they do not want a replacement tree. After the 2-week period and a tree has been planted such requests cannot be honored.

If residents would like to purchase their own tree and plant it in the street right-of-way, they must obtain a free tree PERMIT by contacting 311 Call Center (dial 311, email [3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org](mailto:3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org), or visit [www.kcmo.gov/311](http://www.kcmo.gov/311) ). Permits sent free of charge and give the City a record that a tree has been planted at an address.

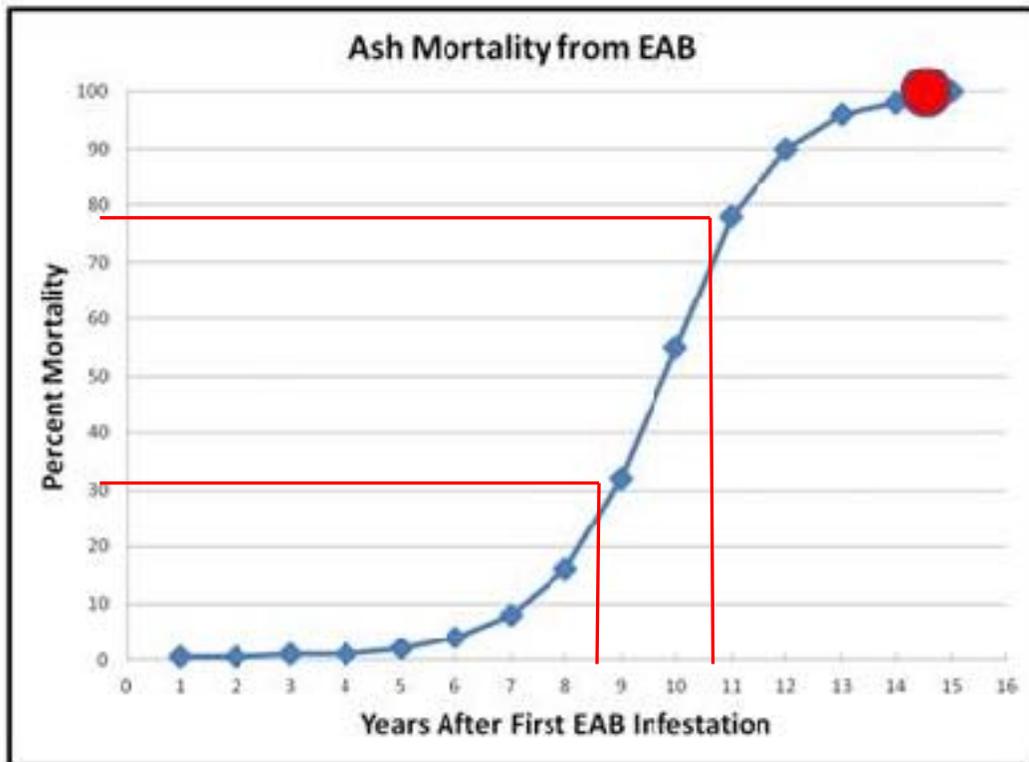


## IMPACTS

The EAB Ash Mortality Curve – “EAB Death Curve”.

# Detroit – Epicenter of EAB

## What just hit us???



DAVEY 

- Typically, little evidence of the infestation(s) are seen until years 4-5, and not typically discovered until years 7-8 when they are well developed.
- At the height of the exponential population growth, in a two-year period, approximately 50% of all Ash trees in an area will die. We have reached peak levels in 2017 and expect to see large numbers of ash trees declining quickly this year and in the coming years.
- It is estimated that there may be as many as 400,000 ash trees on private property within Kansas City, MO, and over 6 million in the 9-county metropolitan area.

## **MESSAGE to HOA's**

### What Can You Do About EAB, and More Importantly, What Can You Do to Manage ALL Your Community Trees?

EAB should be a springboard to a better understanding of the importance of trees in our communities, all the benefits they provide, and our stewardship of them for future generations.

### **A SIMPLE PLAN !**

#### ***Establish a Tree Board / Committee for the HOA***

Find a “Champion” who would like to make a difference in the community that goes beyond their lifetime by sharing information and coordinating efforts to maintain and enhance the community’s trees beginning with EAB.

#### ***Perform a Tree Inventory & Health Assessment***

Work with a local Certified Arborist to determine which Ash trees should be treated and which should eventually be removed. At the same time, identify suitable locations for PLANT NOW trees on private property. If possible, get a complete inventory and basic health assessment of private trees in your community.

#### ***Treat trees, Remove trees and Plant trees***

Solicit group rates for treatments, removals and plantings.

#### ***Prepare for a 10-year transition (from 2012)***

Begin planting new trees NOW ! Trees should be removed and replaced over time systematically.

## QUESTIONS

Most common questions can be answered by simply visiting the City’s website at [www.kcmo.org/eab](http://www.kcmo.org/eab). For additional information you can visit the state website at [www.eab.missouri.edu](http://www.eab.missouri.edu) and the national website at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) .

# Ward Parkway Homes Association

Green dots represent Ash trees. Those in red were slated for removal from January to April 2018. Ash trees being treated are not identified on the map.

