

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
ANOKA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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

AND WHEREAS, the City of St. Francis 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 manner;

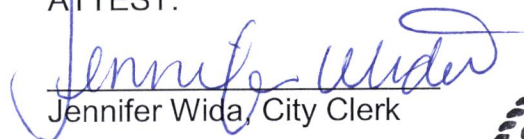
AND WHEREAS, the City will endeavor to distribute the costs associated with certain and pending tree death over a manageable time period, as well as lessen the economic impact that such an extensive loss will have on the quality of life in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA THAT:

1. The Public Works Director or designee, will be responsible for implementing this Plan and seeing that its provisions are carried out.
2. The City will conduct an inventory of all ash trees growing in 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 Public Works Director 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 the 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.
3. As 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 Public Works Director or designee. Those areas needing the most coverage to reach their goals will be planted first.
4. 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 current infestation and also provide a list of certified nurseries through which non-host species may be purchased and planted on private property within the City.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 20th DAY OF February 2024.

ATTEST:


Jennifer Wida, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Joseph Meuhlbauer, Mayor

