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Press Release

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Confirmed in Brookfield

The City of Brookfield has confirmed the presence of Emerald Ash Borer in the southeastern portion of the city resulting from regular surveillance and monitoring by City Parks & Forestry staff. The Brookfield confirmation adds to the fourteen (14) other confirmed communities in Waukesha County.

City employees on a tree removal crew were conducting a routine removal of a partially dead ash tree located at 110 S. Elm Grove Road (South of Golf Parkway north of I-94) and observed symptoms of EAB infestation, small D- shaped exit holes in the bark of the tree. Further examination of the tree by peeling the bark lead to the observation of S shaped tunneling and ultimately an EAB larvae.

A series of photographs of the specimen and symptoms were sent to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). WDNR confirmed it was EAB.

Property owners who are concerned about trees on private property are encouraged to take the following measures:

- Visit <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp> for excellent detailed information
- Consult a certified arborist for expert advice
- Consider planting other tree species that are not susceptible to EAB

Emerald ash borer is native to China and was first found in the United States in the Detroit, Michigan area in 2002. It was first discovered in the state in Newburg, Wisconsin (Washington county) in 2008. It was found in Waukesha County in 2012 in the Village of Mukwonago and has been found in 13 other communities in Waukesha County. To date EAB has been found in 35 counties in the state.

On their own, EAB may spread about a half mile per year, but can be moved in firewood spreading the insect rapidly. There are 38 quarantined counties in the state of Wisconsin which prohibits ash wood/products movement.

