

EAB Regulatory Review

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RFPs for Forest Protection Reserve Grants

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued requests for proposals (RFPs) for two new grant programs.

To combat the threat posed by invasive forest pests, Forest Protection Reserve funds were appropriated to the MDA from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The priority of the state is to prevent or slow the spread and subsequent impacts of emerald ash borer within Minnesota. The MDA is making this funding available as competitive, matching grants to local units of government and other entities. Two grant programs are available:

1) INCIDENT RESPONSE GRANTS. Competitive, matching grants are available to local units of government and other entities seeking to respond to documented infestations of emerald ash borer on lands under their jurisdiction, ownership or management. <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/rfp-fpr-irgp.htm>

2) PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS GRANTS. Competitive, matching grants are available to local units of government and other entities seeking to plan and prepare for the invasion of the emerald ash borer. <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/rfp-fpr-pgpg.htm>

To request a copy of the RFPs and application forms or if you have questions regarding these grant programs, contact:

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Ongoing Survey Efforts for EAB in St Paul

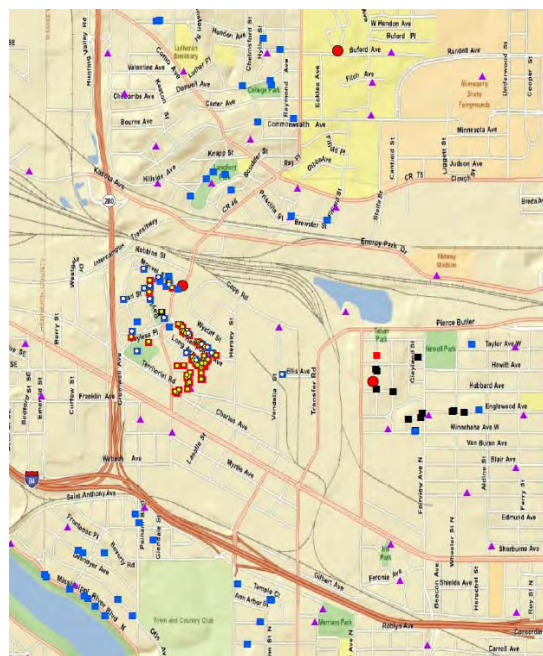
When EAB was first discovered in St Paul in May, MDA, City of St Paul and many other cooperators worked to implement surveys to determine the extent of the infestation. These surveys included:

- Visual survey – this survey was done in late May over a 16 square mile area by visually inspecting trees for signs of EAB infestation. Suspect trees were more closely examined with a bucket truck or tree climbers if needed. Infested trees were found throughout a neighborhood ½ mile in diameter.
- Purple trap survey – 659 traps were placed on a grid within 4 miles of the infested neighborhood (~8 traps / square mile) during

June. All traps were removed in September. Three positive traps were found during the summer, one in the original neighborhood and 2 within 1 mile of the neighborhood.

- Destructive sampling of declining trees – 50+ declining ash trees were identified by MDA and City of St Paul during the summer in the areas surrounding the original infested neighborhood. In September, those trees began to be removed by City of St Paul and sampled by MDA. Thus far, 13 of the trees have been removed and one has been found positive for EAB. This tree was on Howell Avenue (east of Prior Avenue) and was one block from one of the positive traps. Interestingly, three other trees were sampled on the same street and all were negative for EAB.

Additional visual survey and inspection will be



conducted during the winter in these areas to identify trees with newly visible woodpecker activity.

Current EAB survey results in St Paul.

Links and Resources

Best Management Practices for Known EAB-Infested Areas

Forest Protection Reserve – Incident Response Grants

Past Bulletins

