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Legacy Tree Project Year Number 4th

June 2013 – The City of Oak Creek is pleased to announce that 2013 marks the 4th year of participation in the Legacy Tree Project (LTP), a partnership with Valent Professional Products. The LTP is dedicated to helping homeowners understand that in urban and suburban settings, many trees can be managed for emerald ash borer (EAB) with treatment.

Through the Legacy Tree Project, Oak Creek is receiving five years of treatment for about 125 ash trees, using Safari® a systemic insecticide in Valent's product line. The City sought to partner in the LTP because doing so fit with internal goals to raise resident awareness about this tree-killing pest. Only a dozen sites across four states were selected to participate. Product and application costs are covered at all sites from 2010 – 2014, so there is no cost to taxpayers.

Ash enrolled in the LTP can be viewed on the following streets: Oak Lane, Lisa Drive, Cindy Lane, Estates Place, Riverton Road, Parknoll Drive, Laverne Drive and a few trees here and there near/at City Hall.

EAB was first detected in Oak Creek in late 2009. Trunk core samples suggest that Oak Creek is in approximately year 9 or 10 of an EAB infestation. In this late stage of infestation the insect populations are high and all untreated trees are assumed to be infested to one degree or another.

While ash trees now comprise less than eight percent of the street trees in Oak Creek, many thousands more grow on private property, including both lawn and woodland areas.

What Oak Creek Residents Can Do

Act now. Call an arborist and have your ash trees assessed. Arborists certified by the International Society of Arboriculture are the best-qualified landscape professionals to guide your decisions about treatment, removal or an integrated plan using both approaches.

If you own ash trees, there is no getting around the fact that EAB will cost you money. Skilled, thoughtful planning can prevent the high, safety-related costs associated with dead tree removal. Proper use of treatment can conserve the environmental benefits provided by established, healthy ash trees.

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Legacy Tree Project Details

The Legacy Tree Project is fully funded by Valent Professional Products from 2010 to 2014. *Safari* (Dinotefuran) is a systemic insecticide applied by soil injection at the base of each tree. Quickly taken up by roots, it is distributed throughout the tree. Applications will be completed by certified professionals with the Davey Tree Expert Company. The active ingredient in *Safari* is also used in flea control products for pets.

For more information on the Legacy Tree Project, go to www.legacytreeproject.com. For more information on Valent and *Safari*, go to www.valentpro.com.