



VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND

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Lockland Village takes action against emerald ash borer (EAB)

In 2010, the Village of Lockland joined with neighboring Wyoming to conserve publicly-owned ash trees through the Legacy Tree Project (LTP). This national initiative, fully-funded by Valent Professional Products, provides five consecutive years of treatment with Safari® for up to 200 ash trees on public property in more than a dozen Midwest cities, towns and villages. “2012 brings the 3rd year of treatment for these trees, and they look fantastic,” said Mayor Jim Brown. “Nearby ash trees are obviously infested and beginning to struggle.”

“We urge all property owners in Lockland to learn whether they have ash trees, and if so, to take action immediately. If tree conservation is desired, that must be initiated in June 2012. If tree removal is acceptable, get that scheduled while the tree still shows signs of life. Dead ash trees tend to drop limbs, raising risk to tree workers, and thus, the price of removal. Whatever your choice, act now.”

“In this central part of the county, tree canopy is precious,” continued Brown. “In 2011, the Village took what we’d learned in our first year of the LTP and put that knowledge to work on our remaining inventory of street side ash trees, numbering slightly over 100. We created a plan to remove a handful of over-mature ash, then placed the remainder under treatment.”

“Except for a couple of trees that were already heavily infested, the Village-funded treatment group looks very good this year. They should catch up with the LTP trees in a year or so.”

Neighbors and homeowners Kimberly Xander and Tom Karr of Mill St. were delighted to learn that the treasured ash in treelawns next to their homes would not be removed. Kim said, “I *love* my trees! They’re finally big enough to protect the front of my home from the blazing western sun. I didn’t realize that treatment was so reliable.” Tom said, “This tree is so valuable to me for shade and screening that I was looking into treating it myself.”

The LTP has calculated that by Lockland protecting 150 street side ash trees it:

- is preserving more than \$7,000.00 in *annual* dollar benefits provided by the trees, realized in terms of property value, improved air quality, decreased energy demands, and other green services
- is preserving 88% of the “green infrastructure” value of street trees, compared to a removal and replacement program, thus *preventing* need for taxes to build additional “grey” infrastructure for stormwater management
- is avoiding the loss of ash trees before they might age-out naturally, saving the Village from having to find \$75,000 in the budget to remove and replace the trees in a 3 - 5 year timespan

For more information about EAB (or street trees) in Lockland, call Dean Walden at 761-1124.

For great tools to raise awareness about EAB with your neighbors, see

<http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/eab/index.php?page=management/nabb>

To find a certified arborist in this area, go to

<http://www.treesaregood.org/findtreeservices/FindTreeCareService.aspx>

To explore the value of ash and other trees in your landscape, visit www.treebenefits.com.

For more information about the Legacy Tree Project, visit www.legacytreeproject.com.

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