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## **Worthington Conserves Community Ash Trees Through Legacy Tree Project**

(Worthington, Ohio) – In a battle against the emerald ash borer (EAB), up to 200 ash trees in the City of Worthington will soon receive the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 annual treatments, protecting them from the deadly beetle. Treatment on select trees in the City’s right-of-way or on public property, is expected to start in the next couple of days and take up to three days to complete.

In 2010, the City of Worthington was selected as one of only a dozen Midwest cities, towns and villages to participate in the Legacy Tree Project (LTP). Sponsored by Valent Professional Products, the LTP provides protection for up to 200 ash trees for the years 2010 through 2014, using the product Safari®. Participation comes at NO COST to the city.

“You can really see the difference between the LTP trees and untreated trees in the immediate area,” says Worthington Service & Engineering Maintenance Superintendent Tom Gilkey. “Even before starting the Legacy Tree Project, we began losing trees to EAB... So when the Project started in 2010, our trees were already under stress from this tree-killing insect.” Application will be made by certified professionals from The Davey Tree Expert Company. Residents living near the ash trees scheduled for treatment will receive flyers further describing the treatment. For more information from the Worthington Service & Engineering Department, please call (614) 431-2425.

Residents can learn more about protecting ash trees on their property through the links below:

- For tools to raise awareness about EAB:  
<http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/eab/index.php?page=management/nabb>
- To find a certified arborist in this area:  
<http://www.treesaregood.org/findtreeservices/FindTreeCareService.aspx>
- To explore the value of ash and other trees in your landscape: [www.treebenefits.com](http://www.treebenefits.com).
- For more information about Valent, visit [www.valentpro.com](http://www.valentpro.com) and the Legacy Tree Project visit [www.legacytreeproject.com](http://www.legacytreeproject.com).

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