

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department

Emerald Ash Borer – Information Sheet

Background

Ramsey County Parks manages 6,500 acres of which 2,500 acres are forested, with ash trees being part of the forest mix.

Ramsey County Parks has 2,000 planted ash trees in active use areas, which includes golf courses, picnic areas and beaches.

- Ramsey County will monitor the health of its ash trees
- Ash trees in active use areas showing decline will be assessed for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- Trees infested with EAB in active use areas will be removed
- Trees infested with EAB in forested areas will not be removed
- Active use areas with healthy ash trees will have additional tree planting of approved species (list below) in anticipation of the future loss of ash trees
- Ramsey County Parks will work with Public Health, Public Works and state agencies to manage EAB in the county, especially on county property
- Ramsey County Parks will be a conduit for educational materials on the detection and management of EAB from the state agencies

Approved Trees for Ash Replacement

American Basswood (linden)

Hackberry

Sugar Maple

Red Maple

White Oak

Northern Red Oak

Swamp White Oak

“Heritage” Elm