

SAVE YOUR ASH

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PPR Division of Urban Forestry and Ecosystem Management has initiated an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) suppression effort within the City of Philadelphia's park system. This effort follows an ash tree inventory conducted during summer 2013. That effort identified approximately 7,500 ash trees, within 100 feet of a target (path, structure or playground) within our parks. During that inventory, approximately 1,000 ash trees were identified for long term protection, since ALL untreated trees will be killed by EAB.

Our suppression effort has been initiated because the EAB is on our doorstep (discovered in neighboring Bucks and Montgomery Counties in PA and Burlington County in NJ) and may already be impacting trees within the City. This endeavor will be led by four trained interns who will work in two teams, drilling and injecting trees throughout our parks. The City of Philadelphia recently received an \$85,000 grant from the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources in support of our efforts; since we are recognized as one of only a small handful of Pennsylvania municipalities that have developed a management plan.

