

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Preparedness Update

Recent forestry activity visible throughout the City of Clayton is partially due to the removal and replacement of ash trees. In an effort to preserve public safety Clayton has implemented an EAB preparedness plan that includes removal, replacement, and some chemical treatment of ash trees in our tree inventory. We are currently wrapping up our second year of our six-year plan. Below is a summary of what has been completed thus far. Also included totals for our standard removals as a comparison and to provide an overall picture of our changing urban tree canopy.

2017

- **79 total ash trees removed**
* Completed by a contracted tree service.
- **142 total ash trees treated**
* Ash trees to be treated on a two-year cycle.
- **182 total non-ash trees removed**
* Number includes residential and business district trees

2018

- **126 total ash trees removed**
* 99 completed by a contracted tree service
* 27 completed by city forestry crews
- **132 total non-ash trees removed**
* 118 completed by a contracted tree service
* 14 completed by city forestry crews
- **264 total trees planted**
* 62 trees planted as replacements for 2017 ash removals
* Ash trees removed this year are scheduled to be replaced starting in Fall of 2018.

Now in year two, **205** ash trees have been removed from a total of **580** (6.2% of total inventory) making up **35%** of the entire ash street tree population. It is the goal of the City of Clayton forestry division to replace as many removed trees as possible. However, due to circumstances such as inadequate spacing, the location of utilities and so forth, city foresters are unable to replace every tree that is removed. In an effort to make up for that difference, city foresters will plant additional trees where space allows or where tree sites have been left vacant.