

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 21, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – Update**

The presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was confirmed within the Dallas city limits and western Dallas County by the City's Forestry Task Force in May 2022. The EAB is a non-native, wood-boring insect destructive to ash trees.

The Forestry Task Force has provided Emerald Ash Borer updates to the Environmental and Sustainability Committee since the arrival of the beetles in Dallas. The task force has been working with the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to monitor EAB populations, initiate treatment of significant ash trees, and perform limited removal of infected trees if they pose a public safety concern.

The task force continues its outreach efforts that include partnering with TFS, TDA, and stakeholders to increase public awareness of the EAB. The task force has conducted virtual EAB community meetings, public presentations, arborist school, and Community Forester Academy educational opportunities. Additional information and EAB resources can be found on the City of Dallas Forestry website at dallascityhall.com/Forestry.

To accommodate your schedule and to reach your constituents, the Forestry Task Force is available to present information about the Emerald Ash Borer at your next community, homeowners association, or council district meetings.

Please send an email to the Forestry Task Force technical team at CODForestry@dallas.gov with your meeting request and the team will coordinate with your staff.

Please contact me at 214-671-9735 should you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl P. Simpson'.

Carl P. Simpson
Assistant City Manager

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