



Date: February 28, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Contact: Daisy Huffman, City Administrator, 641-585-3574
Andrew Faber, Street Dept. Supervisor, 641-585-2829

THE CITY OF FOREST CITY HAS PLANS TO ADDRESS THE EMERALD ASH BORER

FOREST CITY, IA – The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has arrived in Forest City. EAB is an invasive wood-boring beetle that attacks and kills Ash trees. EAB attacks trees of any size, age or state of health, and trees can die within two years of infestation.

The City has identified affected trees on City property and has created a plan for both treatment and removal of Ash trees that are impacted by this invasive species.

The public should be aware that Ash trees located in the City's right-of-way are identified with an "X" and will be removed by the City. The City is also planning to begin treating eligible Ash trees that are located in the right-of-way.

Residents are encouraged to be proactive with trees on private property (treating or removing). Read more about it on the DNR's website

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/conservation/forestry/forest-health/emerald-ash-borer>

If you have any questions, please contact the Street Department 641-585-2829.