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2017 Budget Fact Sheet: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Emerald ash borer (EAB) was first discovered in 2009 in Saint Paul. The City of Saint Paul took immediate action in response to this finding, including the development and implementation of the City's EAB Management Program, directed out of the City's Parks and Recreation department. Current estimates indicate the City will lose 35,000 trees over the next 10 years. These trees provide a needed canopy over our neighborhoods and combat the negative effects of climate change.

The EAB Management Program focuses on:

- **Monitoring and Inspections:** surveys to find infested trees and new infestations in Saint Paul
- **Sanitation:** prompt removal and disposal of infested trees
- **Treatments:** select public trees within infested areas are treated to help reduce beetle populations
- **Inventory:** records of all public property boulevard trees
- **Structured Removal:** proactive removal of non-infested ash trees
- **Reforestation:** with a goal of replanting a variety of species to increase diversity
- **Outreach and Education:** in order to give residents information on the pest

Mayor Chris Coleman's proposed budget includes \$1.7 million dollars to head off this emergent crisis and invest in our best resource for building a sustainable city: our trees.

- **Right-of-Way (ROW) Trees:** \$892,500 budget increase to remove and replant approximately 700 additional ROW ash trees in 2017 (nearly half of the ROW increase is dedicated to EAB).
- **Parkland Trees:** \$798,000 one-time investment to remove and replant approximately 1,100 additional ash trees on park land/ open space property in 2017.



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