Emerald Ash Borer and Community Impacts

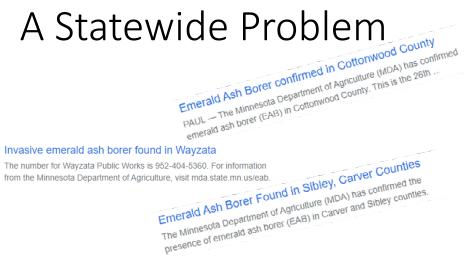
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Our Urban and Community Forest







Emerald ash borer discovered - Albert Lea Tribune

Emerald ash borer larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and ... EAB will have a major impact on Minnesota, according to the release, ...



In preparation for the arrival of the emerald ash borer, Mankato city officials have inventoried all of the ash trees planted on boulevards and in city parks. (Some trees marked on this map may have been removed already.) To see the number of ash in other parts of the city, check the larger version of this map at mankatofreepress.com. Map provided by City of Mankato

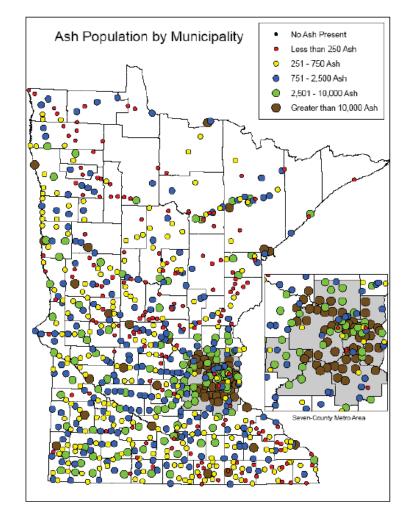


Figure 4. Ash populations in Minnesota municipalities, all tree-size classes. (Inset shows Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area at enlarged scale.)



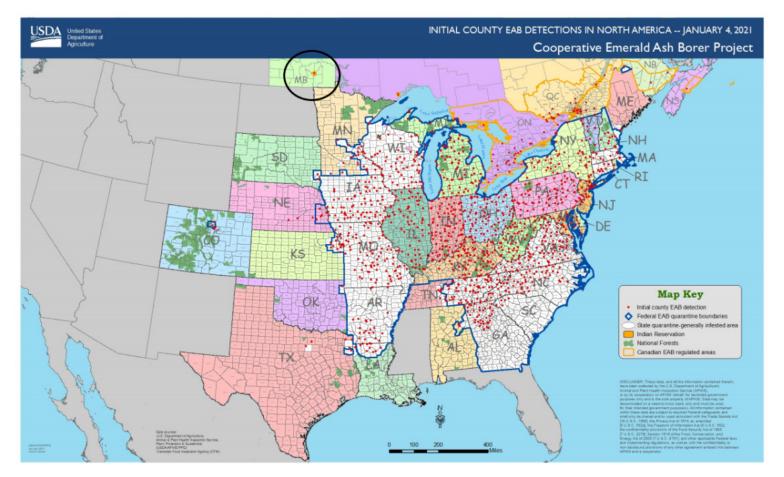
A Predictable Natural Disaster?



Scar from 2011 tornado, Google Earth, 2019



EAB in North America



USDA, 2021

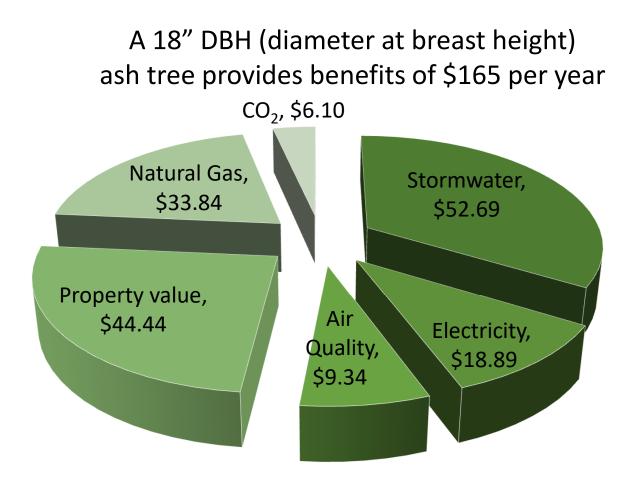


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From the National Tree Benefits Calculator, www.treebenefits.com/calculator

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The Plan Forward

- Provide assistance in the form of matching grants to cities and towns to allow access to all the tools necessary to mitigate the effects of EAB-\$8.5 million/year.
- Support sustained urban and community forestry funding to create a more resilient urban and community forest for the future-\$2 million/year.
- Support research efforts to protect our northern black ash stands.
- Incentivize wood utilization to adhere to climate change goals.



Urban ash re-use, Rochester, MN Photo: Jeff Haberman

