



The Village of Glenview

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GLENVIEW TO RECEIVE ASH BORER MANAGEMENT GRANT

Feb. 27, 2012 – The Village of Glenview has been selected to receive a \$20,000 grant to replace trees devastated by the emerald ash borer.

The U.S. Forest Service through its multi-year, interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative awarded \$500,000 in November 2011 to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for Illinois urban forest restoration projects. The Caucus distributed the funds through a competitive program, through which Glenview was among the communities selected Feb. 24 to receive the Illinois Urban Forest Restoration Grant.

Glenview was also the recipient of a similar grant in February 2011.

The emerald ash borer was first confirmed on the east side of Glenview in November 2008. In subsequent years, the small, metallic green beetle that has killed millions of ash trees across the Midwest has shown up in all areas of the village. The beetle lays its eggs on bark, usually in crevices. When the larvae hatch they chew through the bark and begin feeding underneath, destroying the vascular system needed for the tree's supply of water and nutrients. The result is fatal to the tree, usually within a few years of infestation.

There were an estimated 5,000 ash trees on Village-owned property, or about a quarter of the parkway inventory, and many more on private property when the emerald ash borer first emerged here.

More than 300 infested parkways trees have been removed in Glenview since 2008 due to the emerald ash borer infestation, which is increasing at an exponential rate here and in surrounding communities.

Along with replacing ash trees with different species, Glenview also is participating in the Legacy Tree Project, through which more than 200 ash trees on parkways will receive free insecticide treatments through 2014.

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