



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

MEETING AGENDA

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00pm

Sherwood City Hall, Community Room

22560 SW Pine Street
Sherwood, OR 97140

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Murdock Park Master Plan (Kristen Switzer, Community Services Director)
2. Tree Removal (Harry Banister, Operations Supervisor)

7. PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT (Harry Banister, Operations Supervisor)

8. STAFF UPDATES (Kristen Switzer, Community Services Director)

9. COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS (Doug Scott, City Councilor)

10. OTHER

11. ADJOURN

How to Provide Citizen Comments:

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SHERWOOD PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR

November 6, 2023

WORK SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Scheirman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- 2. BOARD PRESENT:** David Scheirman, Steve Munsterman, John Clifford, Rodney Lyster, Joy Kuczer, Jim Craig, Cory McLennan, City Councilor Doug Scott
- STAFF PRESENT:** Community Services Director Kristen Switzer, Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Steffens, Operation Supervisor Harry Banister
- 3. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** None.
- 4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION: FROM LYSTER TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES.
SECONDED BY CRAIG. MOTION PASSES.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - Murdock Park Master Plan (Switzer):
Switzer reported that the Request for Proposal to work on the conceptual design is due October 31, 2023. As of the date of this meeting, the city has received four proposals. There are four staff members scoring the proposals. Staff will schedule interviews November 13 through November 15 then issue an Intent to Award. That will be followed by a protest period. If the bid is over \$150,000, it will require a Resolution by City Council. If it is under \$150,000, the City Manager can sign. Switzer expects that a Notice to Proceed will be issued January 2024.
 - Tree Removal (Harry Banister):
Banister reviewed Exhibits A and B with the Board.

MOTION: FROM CRAIG TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED TREES. SECONDED BY MUNSTERMAN. MOTION PASSES. MUNSTERMAN

NOTED THAT IF THE TREES AT SNYDER ARE REPLACE WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT, IT WILL LOOK ODD.

7. PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT (Banister)

- Four walnut trees were removed at Snyder Park and will be replaced with four white and red dogwood trees.
- The backboards have been replaced at Snyder Park.
- Two permanent pickleball nets have been installed at Snyder Park. An adjacent tennis net was left up as a ball barrier for safety.
- The sunshades over Festival Plaza have been taken down for the season.
- Street tree lights have gone up in Old Town.
- Permanent high-water signs are up along the trail at Stella Olsen Park to replace the temporary signs that had been used.
- Leaf season has begun.
- Halloween trick-or-treat festivities in Old Town were successful.
- The tree for the Holiday Tree Lighting has been picked out and purchased. It will be picked up the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- Clifford informed Banister that there is a tree down on Cedar Creek Trail.

8. STAFF UPDATE (Switzer)

- City Council is moving away from the annual SWOT dinner meeting that is held in December. They met with all the Boards & Commissions Chairs in September and will meet again in December during an open work session. Instead of the SWOT dinner meeting all Boards & Commissions members will be invited to an appreciation dinner in April as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Scheirman shared with the Board that he expressed to City Council at the September meeting that the Parks Board's priorities are #1 Murdock Park and #2 future parks – land acquisition, dog park, and all-inclusive park.
- Bathroom at Skate Park is part of 2024 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Munsterman asked if City Council intends to earmark the money from the sale of the YMCA building for parks. Councilor Scott said that that City Council members are all in agreement that the money will go towards parks – unofficially for land acquisition.
- Clifford asked about the red house property. Switzer explained that a contractor is leasing the property on a 3-year lease and that there is the potential for the Cedar Creek Trail to tie into that property in Phase II.
- Craig asked about walking trails in the commercial area under construction off Oregon Street. Scott stated that the sidewalks will connect to the Tonquin Ice Age Trail.
- Lyster asked if the train trestle was active. Scott informed him that it has been rebuilt.
- McLennan informed Switzer that there is a section along Highway 99 where there is an interruption in the sidewalk by the new London Estates development. Switzer and Scott both stated that they would bring it to the attention of the correct people.
- Switzer informed the Board that Kuczer would be recommended for the Charter Review Committee to City Council at the November 7 meeting.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Scott explained to the Board that the Charter Review Committee that Kuczer is being recommended for consists of approximately 15 people. The City Charter requires that it be reviewed every 4-6 years. The committee recommends changes to City Council who, if in agreement, send it to the voters.
- City Council received 5-6 bids for the Pedestrian Bridge. Bids came in high. Council is looking for ways to cut costs.
- City Council is considering whether to request an expansion to the UGB. They need to decide by December if they are going to submit a letter. To send a letter to Metro doesn't bind us, just keeps the option open.

10. OTHER: None

11. ADJOURNED 7:46PM

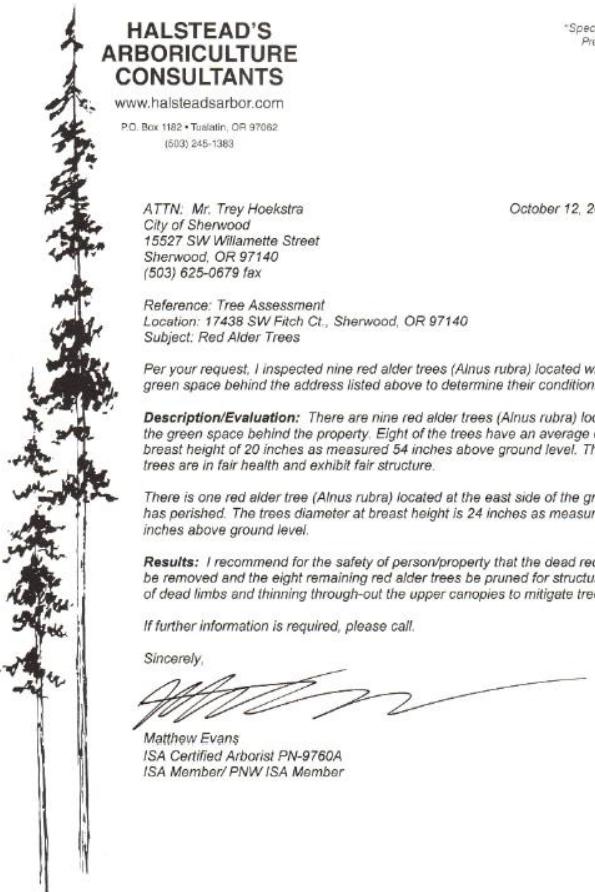
Tree Removal

November 2023

(Fitch, Mandel/Pinehurst Woodhaven Trails, Stella Olsen,
Snyder Park, Timbrel)

November 6, 2023

Open Space-Fitch Ct.



- Remove 1 large dead red alder
- Plant back a replacement tree this fall
- Prune remaining 8 red alders assessed, to mitigate tree failure

Open Space-Trail off Mandel



- Clean Water Services, as part of their stewardship of enhancement projects throughout the watershed, has certified arborist monitoring and assessing Oregon ash trees to determine potential risks from the recently confirmed Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). For the next 10-12 months, arborists will be visiting property, focusing on property boundaries and trails to understand potential risks from Oregon ash trees as they decline from EAB infestation.
- As part of their assessment that are also assessing for hazardous trees. We have an Oregon Ash, south of Mandel near the Woodhaven Trail that is noted as having root failure and decay, with a recommendation of removal
- Replant a tree this fall.

Open Space-Trail off Pinehurst



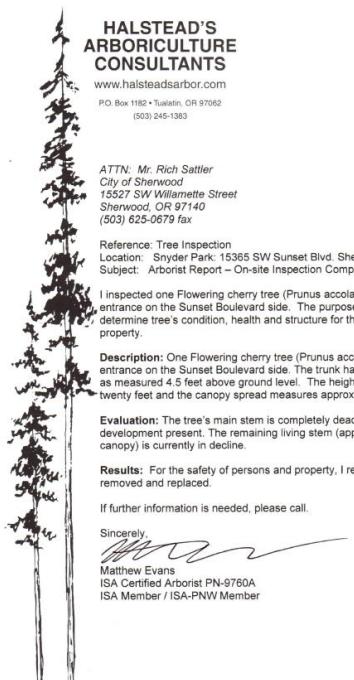
- Tree assessed by CWS arborist
- Remove two dead non-native cherry trees, previously girdled as part of our vegetated enhancement
- Replant a tree this fall

Open Space-Stella Olsen, North parking lot



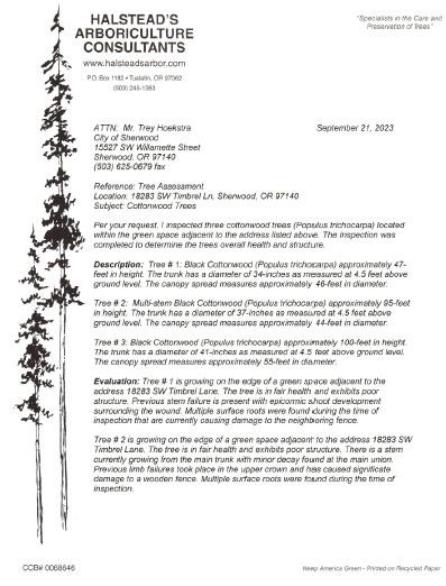
- Tree assessed by CWS arborist
- Remove one dead Red alder tree
- Replant a tree this fall

Snyder Park



- Remove 1 flowering cherry tree, due to main stem of tree being completely dead, canopy of tree is in decline
- Replant a more suitable tree for this area

Open Space-Timbrel



- Remove 3 cottonwood trees, due to poor structure, previous personal property damage claims to fence, roots causing damage to neighbor property, decay to main stem of tree, close proximity to residence
- Replant a more suitable tree for this area

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Reference: Tree Assessment
Location: 18283 SW Timbrel Ln, Sherwood, OR 97140
Subject: Cottonwood Trees

Evaluation continued: Tree # 3 is growing on the edge of a green space adjacent to the address 18283 SW Timbrel Lane. The tree is in fair health and exhibits poor structure. There is a stem cavity protruding from the trunk that may decay further at the soonest. Previous tree failures took place in the upper crown and has caused significant damage to a wooden fence. Multiple surface roots were found during the time of inspection.

Results: Due to the close proximity to the residence and the likelihood for additional limb failure to take place, I recommend trees numbered 1, 2 and 3 be removed.

Please see the attached site map for specific tree location and identification numbers.

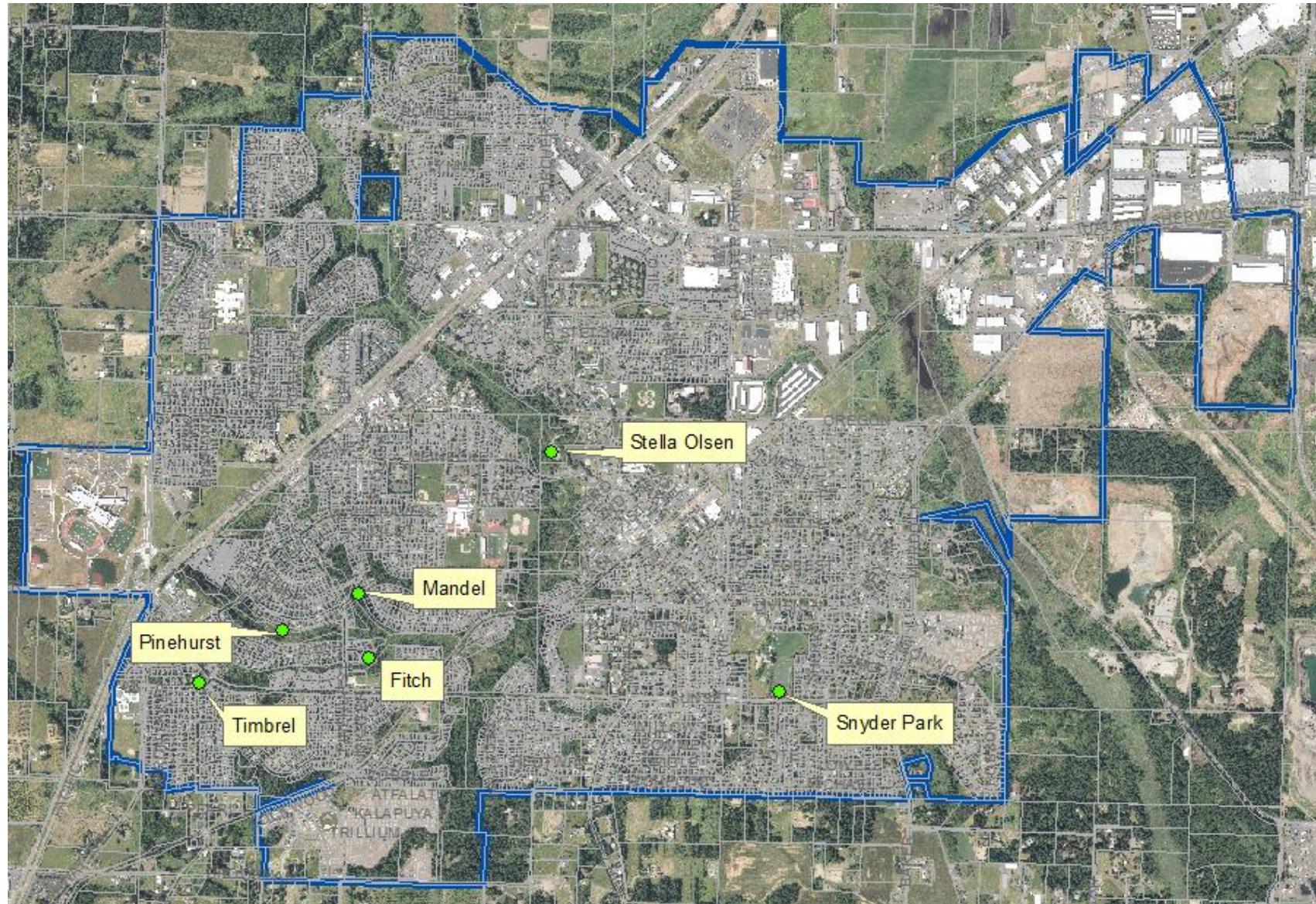
All recommendations are based on good forestry management and adhere to both American National Standards Institute A300 Standards and the International Society of Arboriculture Standards.

If further information is required, please call.

Sincerely,



Matthew Evans
Certified Arborist PV-97604
ISA Member/ PNW ISA Member



Tree Removal Location

Emerald Ash Borer Risk Planning



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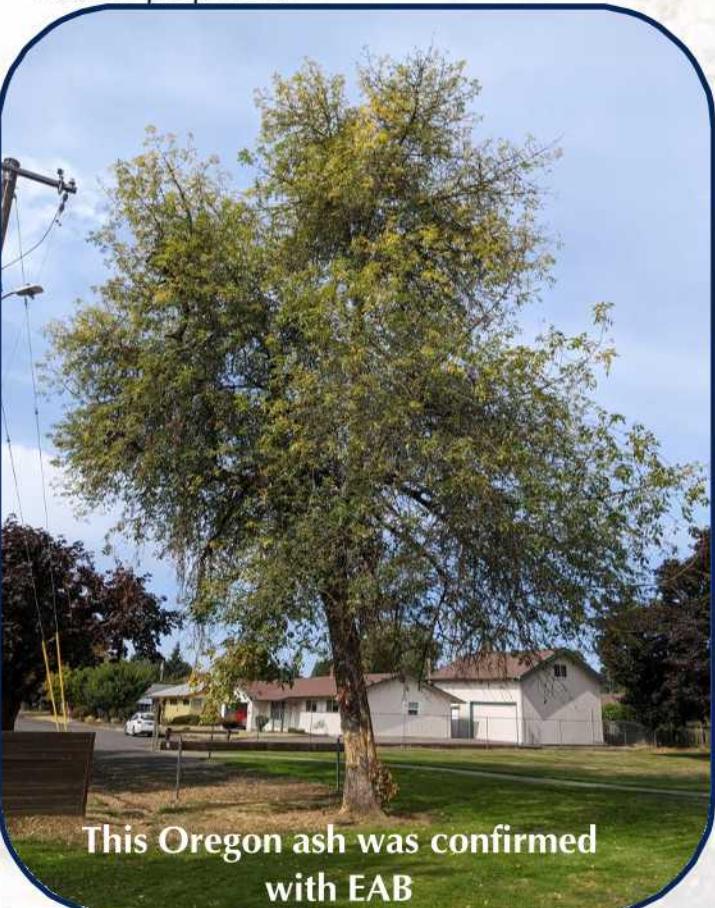


Overview

Emerald Ash Borer is a destructive insect that will kill many ash trees managed by Clean Water Services

[Emerald Ash Borer](#) (EAB, *Agrilus planipennis*) is a small green beetle native to Asia that has killed millions of ash (*Fraxinus* sp.) trees across North America. Adult beetles feed on ash foliage and lay eggs in bark crevices in early summer. Larva bore through the bark and create "S" shaped galleries damaging the xylem and phloem which disrupts the transportation of sugars and water throughout the tree. Ash trees typically decline, become brittle, and fail relatively quickly following EAB infestations.

[Clean Water Services](#) (CWS) is one of the largest riparian land managers at the epicenter of the EAB outbreak in Forest Grove, OR. Within the Urban Growth Boundary, CWS has 50 active projects across 144 properties covering ~1,700 acres. [Oregon ash](#) (*Fraxinus latifolia*) is a common riparian species in the Willamette Valley with canopy coverage of up to 60% on some of these properties.



This Oregon ash was confirmed with EAB



Adult Emerald Ash Borer

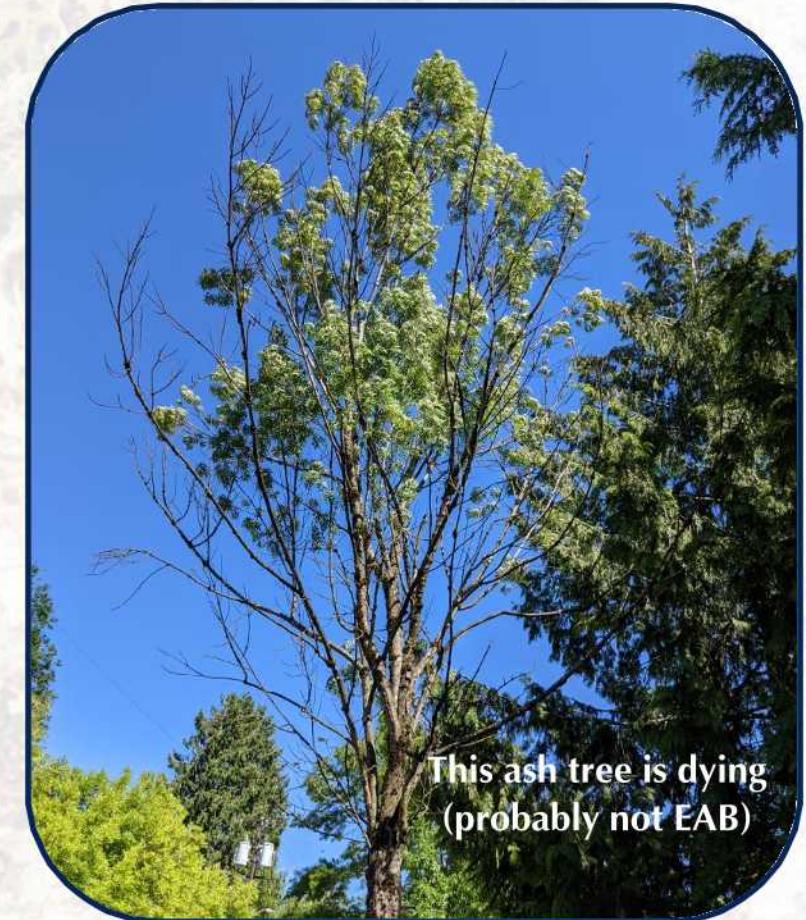
CWS focuses on protecting public health

[EAB is expected to kill hundreds of thousands of ash trees](#) throughout the area in the next few years. Public access is common on CWS project areas, and some neighboring properties will see increased risk due to the dying trees. Clean Water Services is preparing for the tree loss and managing the risk posed to people as these trees die and fail.

Arborists should assess ash trees for risk and CWS can use data to inform management decisions

While many communities have dealt with EAB, there are few models available to follow for how to proactively manage risk in urban natural areas. The proposed plan invests more in data collection and planning to make complicated decisions. This should allow CWS (and project partners) cost savings over the long run by making smarter decisions and retaining flexibility.

CWS is planning a response to mitigate the increased risk of tree failures associated with the EAB that keeps costs manageable.



This ash tree is dying (probably not EAB)



Tree removal is one mitigation option

[Initial estimates](#) were that ~225,000 ash trees would die with ~5,500 trees requiring mitigation at a cost of approximately \$4,000,000. These estimates helped to refine methodology and consider how to balance risk management and costs.

Specifically, the plan is designed to use tree risk assessments and allow low risk ash trees to die and fall apart in place, while identifying the trees most likely to injure people and damage property. These trees will be mitigated to low risk.

This plan should help CWS manage their risk and budget while retaining wildlife habitat benefits of dead and dying trees.





Plan

Use a metric to prioritize projects based on important characteristics

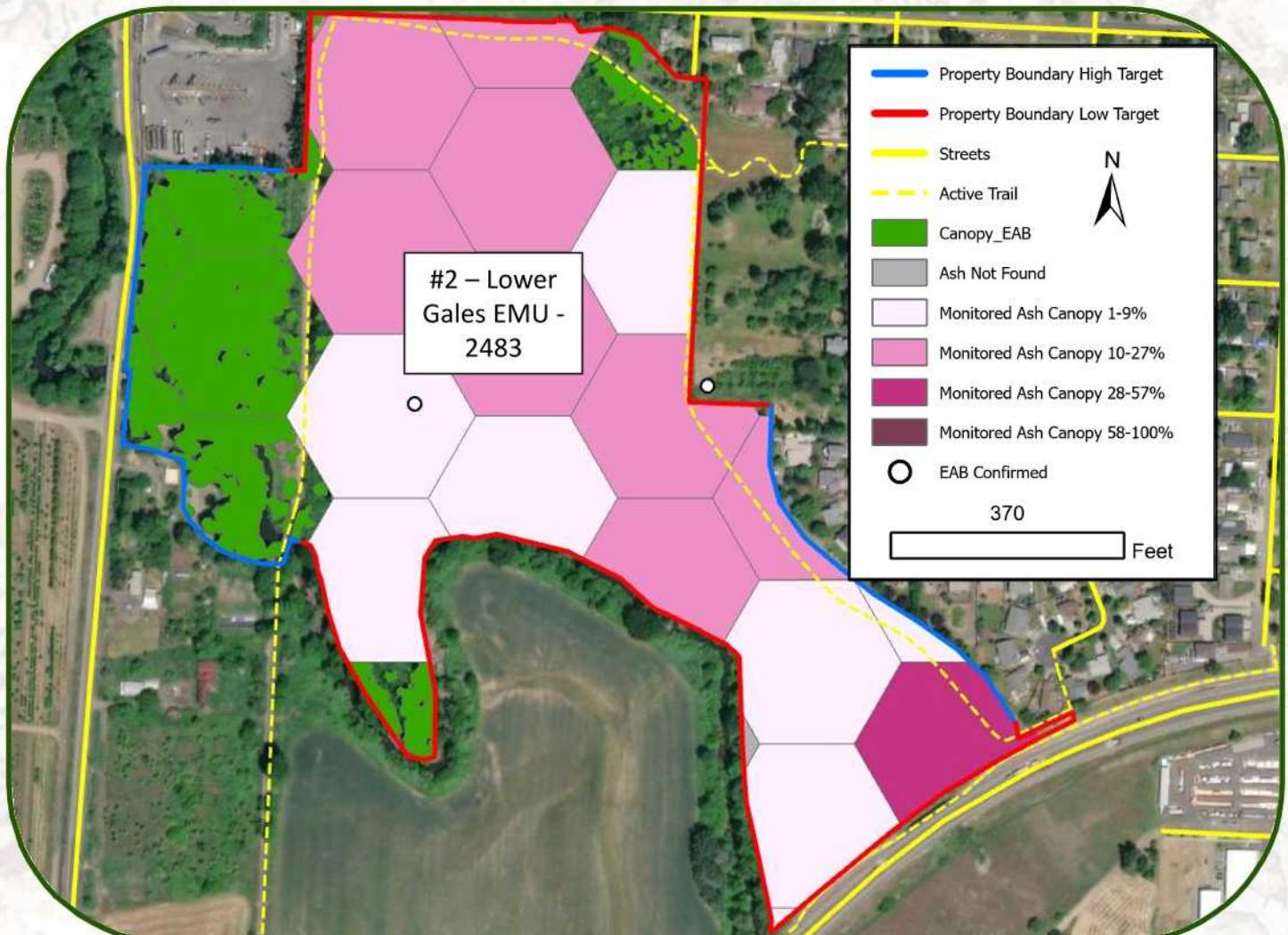
A [metric to prioritize](#) projects was created to decide which properties to assess first. The [metric](#) uses:

- Length of property perimeter with high value targets
- Length of trails
- Ash canopy of hexagons where CWS monitors
- Deciduous canopy of areas not monitored
- Distance to verified EAB locations

Some of the highest [priority areas](#) to assess are:

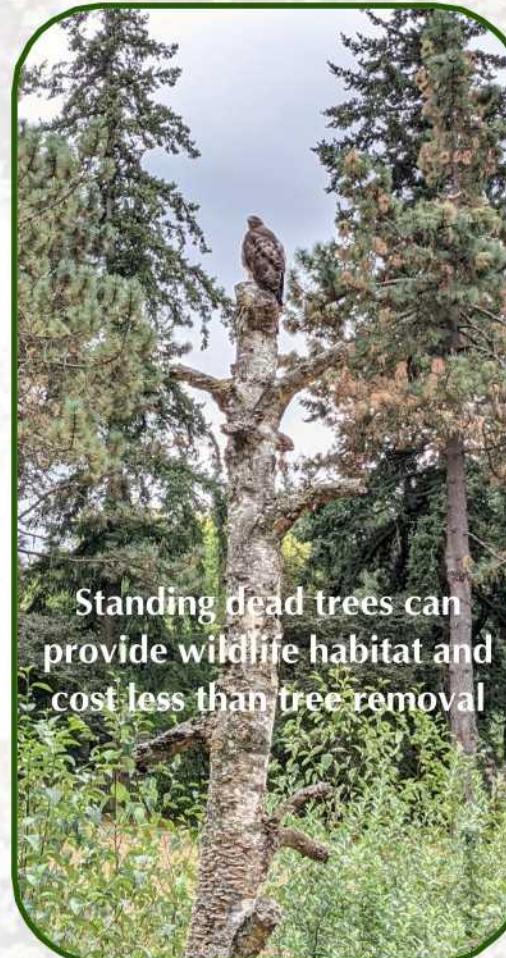
1. **Fanno EMU 3.** Many targets, high ash canopy, far from EAB
2. **Lower Gales EMU.** Many trails, EAB present within site
3. **Community Projects West 1.** High deciduous canopy, close to EAB

Lower Gales EMU



Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Certified Arborists perform risk assessments along high value target areas

Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) Certified Arborists should perform [risk assessments along high value target areas](#) (mostly trails and property boundaries). The vast majority of ash trees on CWS projects will pose low risk even as they die and fall. Arborists will not collect data on these trees. In addition to ash trees, arborists will look for high or extreme risk trees of other species. Arborists will identify ash trees that will eventually have a moderate, high, or extreme risk rating.



Mitigation options: insecticide treatment, felling, pruning, and partial removal/snag

For each tree, data from the assessment can be used by CWS or partners to [mitigate trees to low risk](#) as cost effectively as possible while maintaining important wildlife habitat. Four mitigation options will be considered: insecticide treatment, felling, pruning, and partial removal/snag creation.

Trees that currently pose low risk, but will pose moderate, high or extreme risk as they decline are candidates for insecticide treatment. These treatments are on-going for the life of the tree but appear to be highly effective in protecting healthy ash trees from EAB.

Trees that can be safely felled, will be, but many ash trees will be leaning over neighboring properties requiring more complicated (and expensive) removal techniques. Most of these trees will be planned for partial removal/snag creation.

Some trees can be mitigated to low risk as they die and fall apart through pruning. Other trees can be pruned to initially mitigate the risk of a branch failure but will require insecticide injections to keep from dying and becoming moderate, high, or extreme risk.

A variety of data will be collected that will help CWS and/or partners determine the appropriate mitigation and how to prioritize this work.





High and extreme risk trees should be mitigated as soon as possible by the responsible party.

Resources



Prioritize mitigation based on tree assessment and other data

Data from the assessment can be used to [prioritize tree mitigation](#). High and extreme risk trees should be mitigated as soon as possible. How to prioritize the removal of low and moderate risk trees that will become riskier over time will depend on additional factors not known at this time such as:

- How many trees require mitigation and what is the available budget?
- How is EAB spreading across Washington County and how quickly are ash trees declining?
- What are project partners and state agencies doing and finding effective?



Next Steps



Prioritize mitigation based on tree assessment and other data

I recommend Clean Water Services next take the following actions.

1. Coordinate internally and make any necessary revisions to this plan.
2. Mobilize tree risk assessment evaluations of the highest priority properties (and probably include some lower priority properties for budget estimation).
3. Select at least a few trees to begin mitigation operations (primarily for future budget planning).
4. Use data from #2 and 3 above to plan budgets for future years.
5. Work with project partners, state agencies, and professionals to continue assessing the status of the EAB outbreak and what others are finding effective.

The digital version of this document is interactive with links to resources scattered throughout.

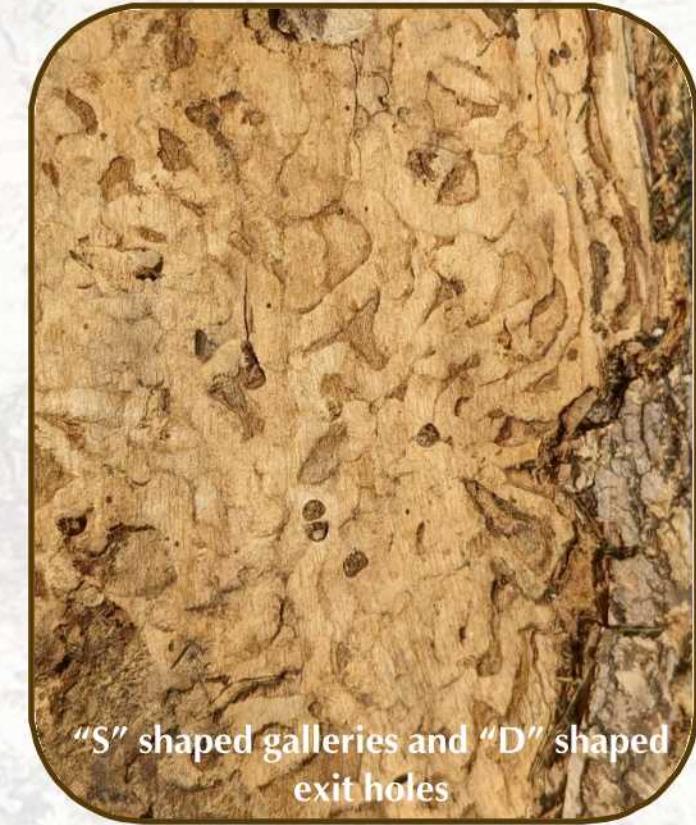
The resources linked throughout the document are also listed below along with additional key resources.

Additional Components of this Report

1. [Property priority metric](#)
2. [Property Priority metric excel sheet](#)
3. [Property Priority Maps](#)
4. [Tree Risk Assessment](#)
5. [Mitigation Plan](#)
6. [Prioritizing Mitigation](#)
7. [Printable version of this report](#)

Previous Documents from this Project

- [CWS EAB Info Sheet](#)
- [Initial Estimates](#)
- [Emamectin Benzoate Sheet](#)



Other Resources

- [Nidus Consulting's Website](#)
- [Ryan Gilpin's CV](#)
- [Oregon Department of Forestry Emerald Ash Borer Factsheet](#)
- [Clean Water Services Emerald Ash Borer Article](#)
- [Recognizing ash trees in Oregon, Washington and Northern California](#)
- [Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Health](#)
- [Oregon Department of Agriculture Emerald Ash Borer](#)
- [Oregon State University Extension Emerald Ash Borer Resources](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer Readiness and Response Plan for Oregon](#)
- [ODA EAB Dashboard](#)
- [CWS Instagram Account](#)
- [USDA Forest Service Monitoring Ash Decline and Emerald Ash Borer Symptoms in Infested Areas](#)

