

Emerald Ash Borer Update & Grant Funding

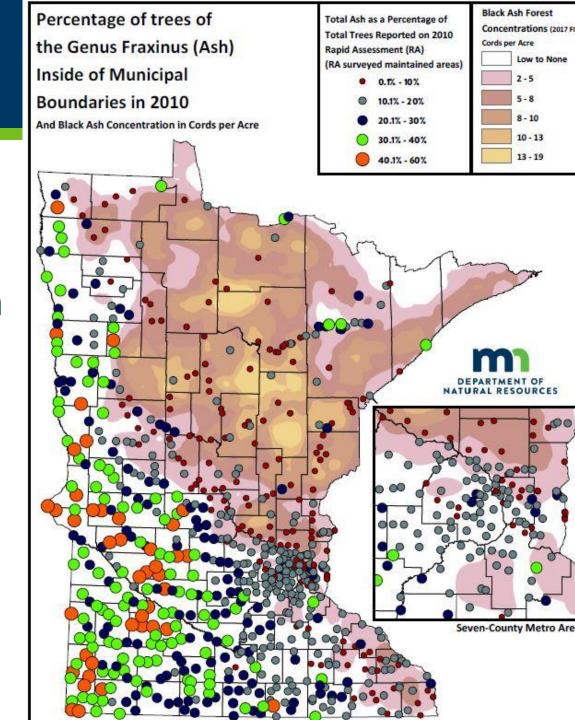
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Ash in Minnesota

- Nearly 1 billion ash trees
- 1-in-5 community forest trees are ash
 - Up to 60% ash in some communities

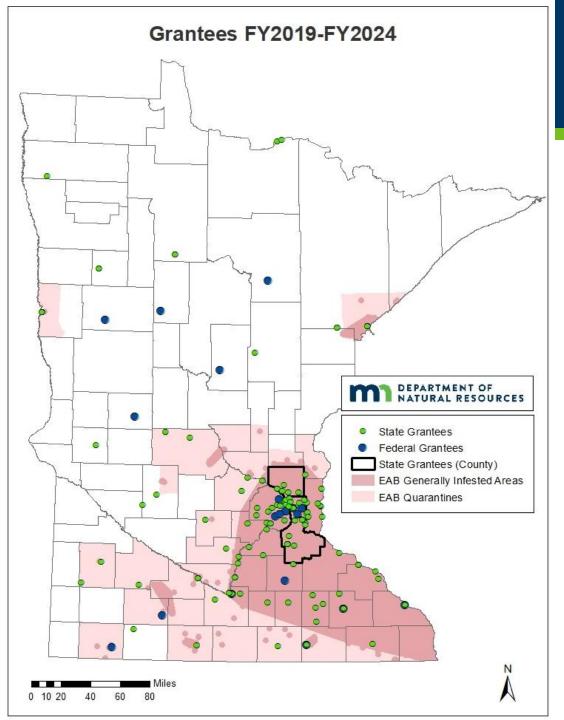
- EAB kill rate over 99%
 - Kills saplings down to 1" in diameter



Community Forests and Public Safety

"Infested ash have the structural integrity of a standing potato chip."





Recent Community Support

FY 2020

- General Fund \$700,000 Closed
- LCCMR \$300,000 Closed
- Federal Forest Health & Resilience \$167,309

FY 2021

- Bonding \$1 million
- Federal SUFR \$250,000

FY 2022

- General Fund + Heritage Enhancement \$1.7M
- LCCMR \$3.5 million (\$2.4M in grants)
- Federal SUFR \$489,000

FY 2023

General Fund + Heritage Enhancement \$1.7M

FY 2024

General Fund \$315,000

Community Forest Needs



Inventory

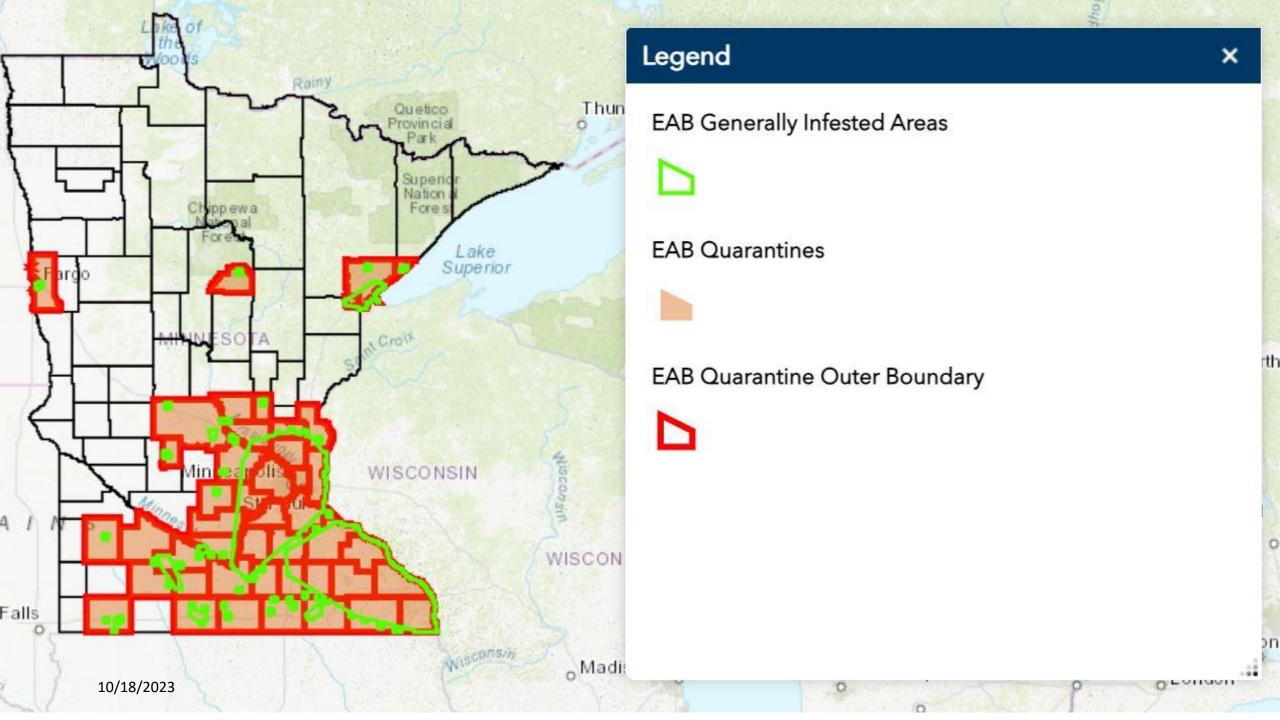
Management plans

Treat and remove ash

Plant diverse replacement trees

Educate residents

Help homeowners



Looking forward

- EQB recommended \$8.5M for 30 years
- MN ReLeaf \$6.883M available; over \$33M requested through 151 applications
- Shade Tree Bonding \$10.063M available; nearly \$17M requested through 72 applications
- Mn ReLeaf \$6.883M available July 1, 2024; ongoing \$400,000



Thank You!

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