



City of Grand Rapids

Life with EAB

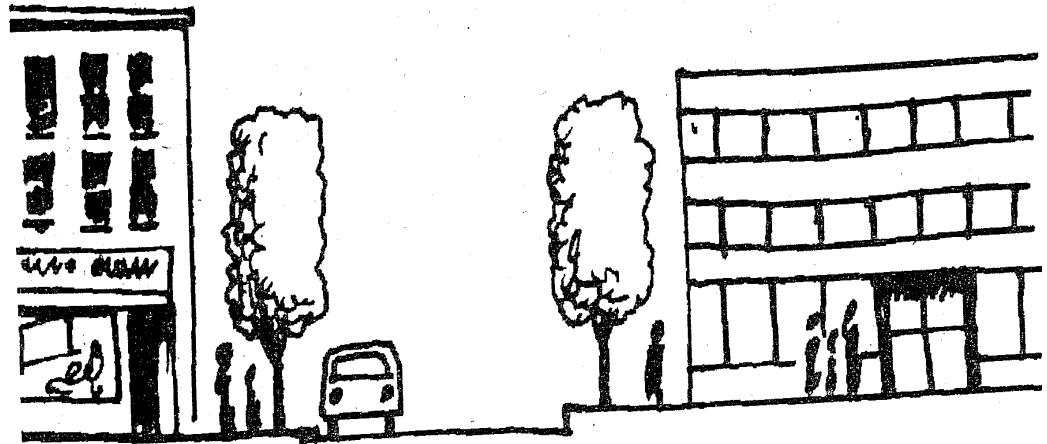
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Forestry Supervisor

Demographics

- Population- 197,800
- Street Miles- 600
- Parks & Cemeteries-
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- Street trees-69,000
 - 35% Tree Canopy
 - 10-15% Ash
 - 7000 Street Ash
 - 1500 Park Ash



Government

- Commission - Manager
- Mayor
- Six commissioners / Three Wards
- Neighborhood Associations



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EAB Discovery

- 2002 Identification in SE Mi.
- 2003 Outlier site in Wyoming
- 2005 Identification in Cascade Township
 - Inventory ash
 - Options & Response Plan



Options & Response Plan

- Chemical Treatment
 - Limited effectiveness
 - Unknown effect on environment
 - High cost
- Remove Infested Ash
- Ash Inventory Reduction
- Assist Property Owners
 - Treatment-No Cut List
 - Removal
 - Planting
- Provide Info. On City Website
 - Local updates
 - Links to additional information







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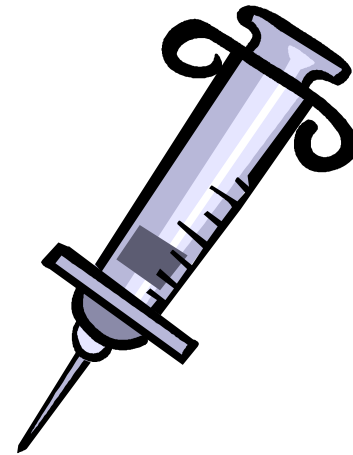






Pilot Treatment Program

- Soil injection
- \$12,000/year for 3 years
- Parks-Joe Taylor, Coit, & Riverside
- High Traffic Streets
 - Canopy value
 - High visibility



- West Michigan Environmental Action Council
- April 2008 Public Meeting
 - Research
 - City funding
 - Introduction of EB
- August 2008 Media Event





Management Concerns

- Public Safety
- Work Load
- Funding





EAB Impacts

- Biology
- Economic
 - Budget/costs
 - marketing
- Political
- Social
- Psychological



Positive Changes

- Species Diversity
- Right Tree-Right Place
- Community Involvement
- Healthy Urban Tree Canopy

