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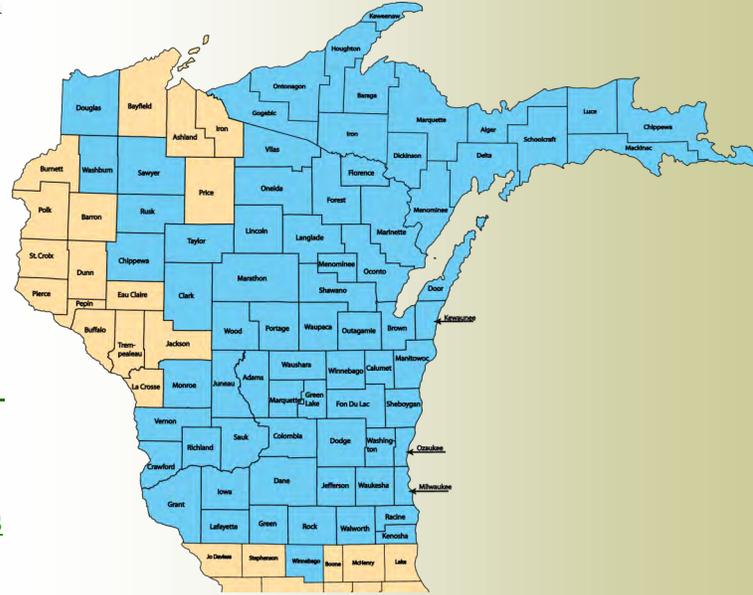


American Transmission Co. has launched a planting program to support tree and vegetation planting in communities in its service area (counties highlighted in blue).

Under the program, eligible cities, villages, towns, counties and tribes may apply for financial support for planting projects on public property within their community.

To qualify, communities must commit that all current and future planting plans and urban forestry activities near high-voltage electric transmission lines will comply with ATC's maintenance standards. Priority will favor projects that promote safety and reliability of the transmission system by supporting right-of-way best management practices and keeping trees out of the right-of-way. ATC will accept program applications June 1 through Sept. 30 each year, and recipients will be selected by the end of the calendar year. Awards will range from \$100 to \$5,000

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UW-Extension/Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

Brian Hudelson, Ann Joy, and Andrew Pape, Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

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Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week

Gov. Walker has proclaimed May 19-25 Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week – to draw Wisconsin citizens' attention to the role they can play in the battle. This particular week was chosen nationwide because Memorial Day weekend May 25-27 is the beginning of the summer tourism season, when the risk is high for people to inadvertently move EAB and other pests to new areas on firewood. [Link to full article](#)

Purple Traps Going Up to Track Emerald Ash Borer

The purple boxes are traps set with bait to lure the adult EAB, which then gets caught in a sticky substance coating the trap. The goal is to find new infestations of the ash-killing insect and track its spread in Wisconsin. Workers will be setting them up in most counties of the state over the next several weeks. [Link](#), [Map](#)

USDA APHIS PPQ

Emerald Ash Borer Report. [Link](#)

Recommendations to Reduce Spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Potentially Infested Wood (BMPs) .

As part of a good neighbor/good business policy, you can significantly reduce the risk of your wood being the source of a new infestation by following these recommendations. [Link](#)

Change in *Spathius agrili* Release Location Policy

[Bio-control Talking Points](#)

[Map of Latitude Guidelines for *Spathius agrili* Release 2013](#)

Hauling Ash and Planting Syrup

By: Kim Sebastian, Regional Urban Forestry Coordinator, Milwaukee

Back on a cold day in January, tree contractors removed eight ash trees from our SER headquarters parking lot and drive. We made the management decision to remove the trees, not because we thought they were infested with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive tree killing insect, but as a pre-emptive method to get a head of the curve. Unfortunately, there is not a wide selection of management options when it comes to dealing with EAB.

There is a treatment option, but after assessing the quality and condition of our trees, we determined they were not good candidates, and treatment was not a viable management option. Two of the trees were also in conflict with our parking lot lights.



Bill McNee, Forest Health Specialist, Plymouth peels and ash branch looking for EAB. *Photo: DNR Forestry*

We did physically check for the presence of EAB by peeling two south facing branches from each of four of the trees. This method is used by communities throughout our region. The other eight branches from the four remaining trees were wrapped in clear poly bags and checked once a month, for two months to see if we could “force” insect development and get the insects to complete their life cycle and emerge. No evidence of EAB was found.

During Earth Week (April 22-26, 2013), we planted a little grove of our state tree – the sugar maple. While these trees are small, they are a welcome addition to our landscape.

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Urban Forests Valued at Billions

US Forest Service (May 7) - From New York City's Central Park to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, America's urban forests store an estimated 708 million tons of carbon, an environmental service with an estimated value of \$50 billion, according to a recent US Forest Service study. In the study, which was recently published in the journal Environmental Pollution, Dave Nowak, research forester with the US Forest Service's Northern Research Station, and his colleagues used urban tree field data from 28 cities and six states and national tree cover data to estimate total carbon storage in the nation's urban areas. [Urban Trees Hold Estimated Value of \\$50 Billion, Science World Report](#)



(Photo: Flickr/Kevin Poh)

Whitewater, Wisconsin's Unique Tree Guards



Check out the City of Whitewater's unique tree guards designed by the Tree Board and city staff. These guards are used in the sections of the city where tree damage from pedestrians is more frequent. The one-of-a-kind design protects the trees, but it also deters pedestrian climbing b/c the runs are "loose" in the stakes. The tree guards are kept in place until the trunk reaches a diameter of 3" (when measured as nursery stock, 4"-6" off the root collar.) It takes about 10 minutes install one of the tree guards, including welding the ends together. City forestry staff can install as many as 30 per day when drive time is factored in. For more information please contact Chuck Nass, City Forester, (262) 473-0542, cnass@whitewater-wi.gov

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Federal Grant Opportunities

Looking for funding for a new project in your community? HUD, DOT, EPA, and several other agencies have made available millions of dollars in funding to support the planning and implementation of projects that promote sustainable communities. [Link](#)

UW-Extension

Trees for Energy Conservation. Urban Forestry Conservation experts have come together to provide you with timely, up-to-date information on best practices for the use of trees in an urban environment. [Link](#)



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Safety Recall: Stihl Equipment

Recently received some information regarding a current safety-related recall for Stihl products. Gasoline additives and ethanol content can distort parts of the fuel cap on certain equipment, creating a dangerous situation where the fuel cap cannot be properly installed. Please review your inventory for affected equipment and take action as recommended by the manufacturer. Your local dealer will install a new toolless fuel cap at no cost if you bring an affected product to the shop. The following products are affected:

- Backpack blower
- Hedge trimmer, extended reach
- Pole pruner
- Edger
- Trimmer/brushcutter
- Clearing saw
- KombiEngine

Please click the link for additional information, including affected model numbers and serial numbers.

<http://www.stihlusa.com/information/recalls/toolless-fuel-cap/>

Should you have questions, contact Stihl at 1-800-233-4729.

City of Ashland Urban Forestry Newsletter

Wonderful publication from the city addressing their urban forestry and community trees. [Link](#)

Arbor Day Celebration Video

The City of Columbus, WI documented their Arbor Day Celebration [video](#)

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Always check our calendar at the DNR Urban Forestry Webpage. [Link](#)

MFI 2013

“One –Week Adrenaline Shot” for Urban Forestry

By Owen Croy, MFI Teaching Cadre, Manager of Parks, City of Surrey, BC. [Link](#)

Grey to Green: Economics of Green Infrastructure
Toronto, ON [Link](#)

May 21-22

Urban Forestry and Arboriculture Conference
Lisle, IL [Link](#)

June 12

Rochester Arborist Workshop
James Urban: Up by Roots Workshop
Rochester, MN [Link](#)

June 13

ISA Conference and Trade Show
Ontario, Canada. [Link](#)

August 3-7

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Webinars

EAB University
EAB 101

May 21, 12-1:00 EST

The Planning for Growth and Open Space Conservation Webinar Series

May 29, 2:00-3:30 EST

Session 14: Conserving Private Lands in Perpetuity: Monitoring and Enforcement of Conservation Easements

[Link](#)

Quantifying the Benefits of Trees

May 30, 2:30-4:00

An Overview and Introduction to i-Tree. [Link](#)

RSVP by May 24

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Forester: [Link](#)

Plant Pest and Disease Spec-Senior. [Link](#)

DNR FTE Positions

Forestry Team Leader—Integrated Programs. [Link](#)

Forestry GIS Program Manager: [Link](#)

Conservation Coordinator

New York City: [Link](#)

Urban Forestry Permitting Supervisor

City of Portland: [Link](#)

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