

URBAN FOREST IN THE CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS

To better understand the condition of our municipal urban forest and help prepare for EAB infestation in the city, a tree inventory was recently completed along street rights-of-way and in Irvine and Marshall Parks in the summer of 2016. Several key points of the recent inventory include:



5,995

Trees Inventoried
(59 different species)

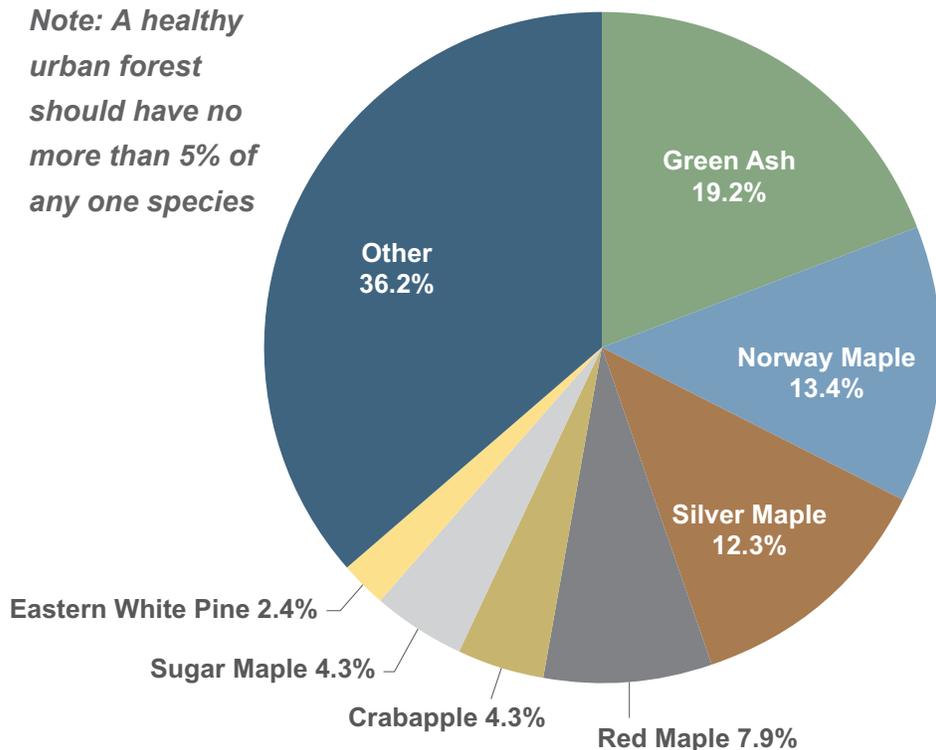


1,202

Ash Trees Threatened by EAB
(21.4% of public trees)

Top 8 Tree Species in Chippewa Falls

Note: A healthy urban forest should have no more than 5% of any one species



WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT EAB?

In 2015 a county-wide Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) working group was formed to assist municipalities in preparation for the anticipated EAB infestation in Chippewa County. Since forming, communities such as Cornell, Bloomer, and Chippewa Falls have completed urban tree inventories and developed urban forestry management plans utilizing State grants to help offset their expenses.

The City of Chippewa Falls will use its recent tree inventory and management plan to proactively manage the urban forest in a safe and responsible way. This will help ensure a rapid response and minimize the overall effects of EAB infestation to individual communities through regional coordination. Staff from Chippewa Falls and other municipalities within Chippewa County will collaborate to pursue greater effectiveness and cost reductions.

WHAT CAN PRIVATE LANDOWNERS DO ABOUT EAB?

Residents have a significant role to play as the number of privately owned ash trees is likely much higher than the number of publicly owned trees. EAB is expected to kill all unprotected ash trees. Options for private ash include routine chemical treatment or removal.

Residents should visit www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov to learn more about EAB and what to do if you think you have ash trees on your property. You may also contact your local parks and forestry department to ask about treatment options or what to do with ash wood if trees are cut down.

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