

Emerald Ash Borer
Discussion Points and Items of Follow Up
Neighborhood Meeting on Shawnee Drive
April 19, 2007

1. Move Power Lines Underground

Research Cost of moving power lines
Research special assessment for homeowners
Determine if Consumers Energy has payment plans
Research 10 Year Payment Plan

2. Seek Grants from Foundations

Research Environmental and Arbor for replacement tree funds
Potential matching grant funds

3. Neighborhood want to plant 15 ft to 20 ft trees

Research how this could be accomplished
Develop a list of species appropriate for the neighborhood
Determine how citizens can choose their own tree
Give citizens a short list to choose from for planting

4. Create a no cut list "adopt a tree"

Streets and Sanitation Department will develop a no cut list form – permit form currently can be used for this purpose.

5. Create several lists of resources for homeowners

List of approved companies to treat trees
List of approved arborist
List of approved tree removal companies
List of approved vendors to purchase replacement trees

6. Secure a contract of tree removal, treatment and replacement companies that citizens can use

7. Put together PR pieces on Emerald Ash Borer on our website

Create a Website for homeowners to gather information
(www.grcity.us/emeraldashborer)

Four Neighborhood contacts were identified to update neighbors:

Leigh Ann (lap1226@aol.com); Tom Knape (Knape18@aol.com); Bob Gengle (genglebob@sbcglobal.net); and Jim Popiel (rpopiel@sbcglobal.net)

8. Identify companies that will partner to reutilize wood