

**Saving Your Urban Ash Requires Good Planning and Timing!**

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## Emerald Ash Borer | Overview

- EAB Primer**
- Insecticide options
- Invasion Management
- Rallying Communities
- Summary and Resources

### EAB Basics

Learn about:

- ➔ How EAB Kills Ash Trees
- ➔ Why Ash Trees Are Valuable



# Emerald Ash Borer | Resource at Risk

for Master Gardeners

## Healthy Trees Have Value!

### National Tree Benefit Calculator

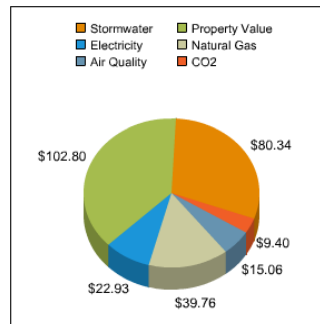
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Thank you for choosing this site to calculate the economic and ecological benefits of your tree.

Want a useful tool for demonstrating the value of clients' trees? See for yourself!

[www.treebenefits.com/calculator/](http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/)

Example: What are the benefits of a 20" ash in Lafayette, IN?



## Measuring Tree Size

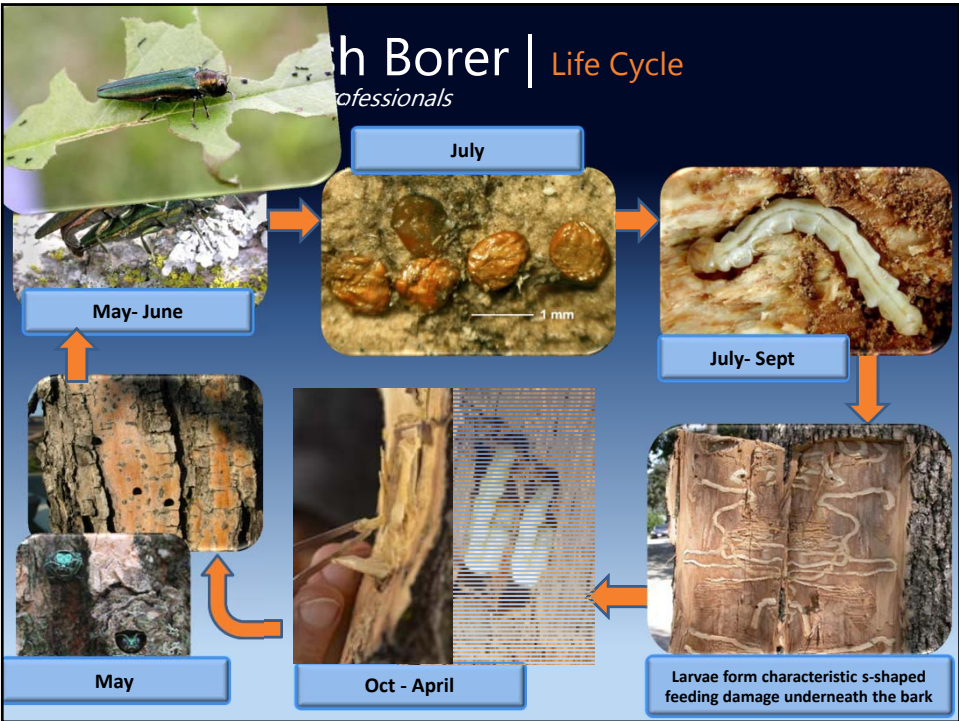
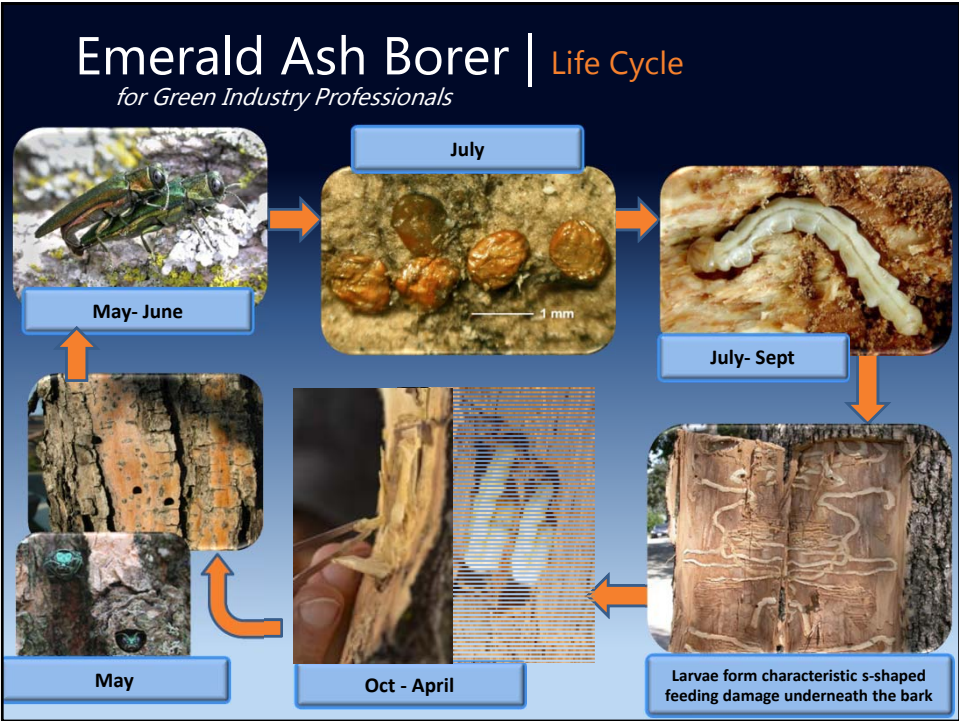
Treatment recommendations are based on the tree's DBH, or Diameter at Breast Height.



To get DBH:

1. Measure the distance around the trunk (circumference) at breast height (4.5 ft from the ground).
2. Divide that number by 3 to estimate diameter.

Example: If the distance around the trunk is 30 inches, the DBH is roughly 10 inches (actual diameter 30 inches divided by pi (3.14))



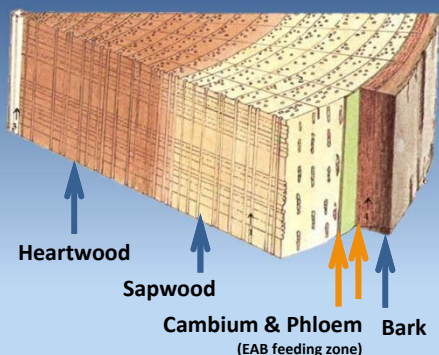
## Emerald Ash Borer | How EAB Kills Trees

- ▶ Larval feeding greatly reduces the tree's ability to circulate nutrients and water.
- ▶ Infested trees quickly starve to death, dry out, and fall.
- ▶ EAB attacks only true ash trees (*Fraxinus*).
- ▶ EAB kills **99.9%** of the untreated ash trees it attacks.

The juvenile, larval stage of EAB damages ash trees



**Larvae** feed on the tree tissues that are critical for nutrient and water transport. When the cambium and phloem are damaged by larval feeding, the tree starves to death.



## Emerald Ash Borer | Signs and Symptoms

*for Green Industry Professionals*

### Vertical splitting in bark



Vertical splits occur when larval feeding kills vascular tissues underneath bark, causing it to die and split open.



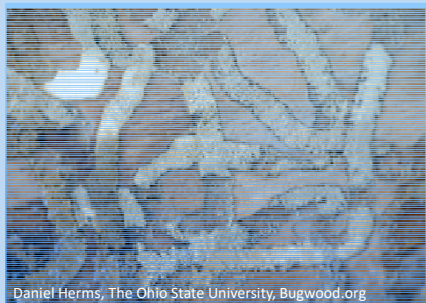

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**Presence of S-shaped larval feeding galleries under bark**

These zigzagging feeding tunnels are diagnostic of EAB in ash trees.

Feeding tunnels are packed with sawdust-like *frass*, or insect excrement.



Daniel Herms, The Ohio State University, Bugwood.org



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**Woodpecker activity**

Increased woodpecker feeding, especially during winter months, is a warning sign of infestation.

Woodpeckers are very good at locating EAB larvae under ash tree bark. They sometimes remove pieces of outer bark searching for them, leaving lighter patches on trunks of infested trees.



**Hole left by a woodpecker that extracted an EAB from its pupal chamber**

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## Thinning of leaves in the upper canopy

Decline usually begins in the top 1/3 of the canopy. Leaves may be lost or appear smaller than normal.



As more EAB larvae begin feeding in the tree, its ability to circulate water and nutrients is destroyed, causing branch decline and death.

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## Epicormic sprouting



Formation of epicormic shoots or “water sprouts” at the tree’s base, on the trunk, or on large branches is a stress response to loss of leaves in the canopy.

Though leaves on these thin shoots may appear lush and healthy, they will not support the tree.

Heavy epicormic sprouting, such as that seen at left, often appears just before the tree dies.

## Only Professionals Should Remove Ash

Dying Ash Branches are BRITTLE!!



**ASH TREE FAILS CAN BE DEADLY!**

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EAB Primer

**Insecticide  
Options**

Invasion  
Management

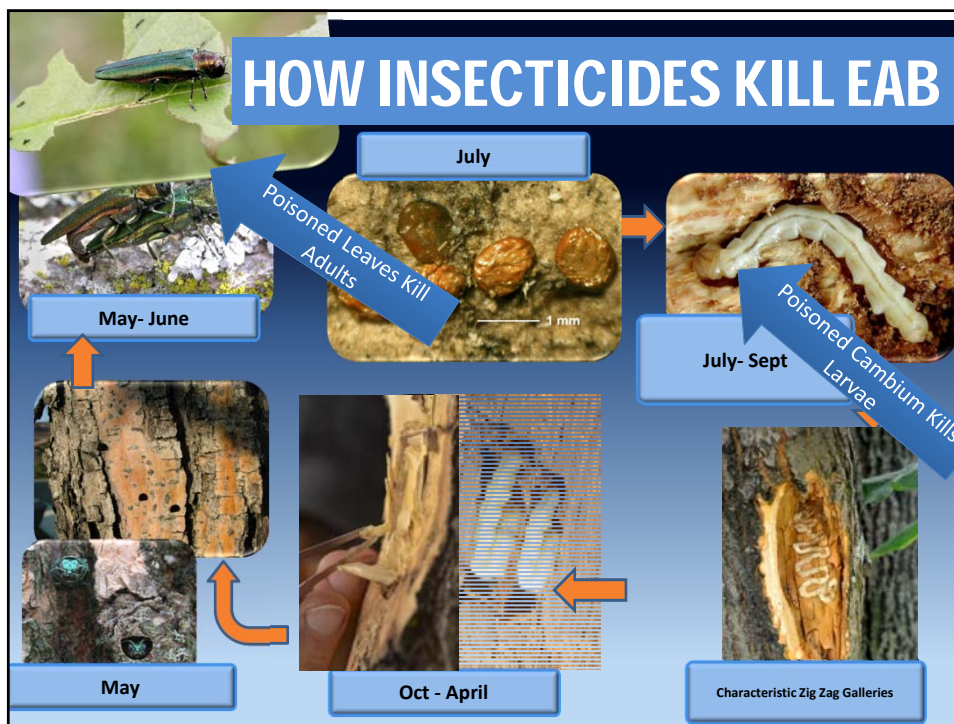
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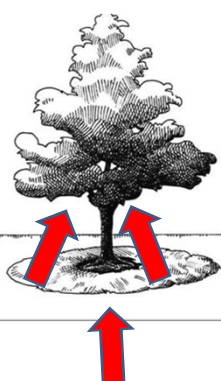
### Insecticide Options

Learn about:

- Types of applications
- How well insecticides work
- Treatment and removal costs for a 20" individual ash tree



## Effects of Insecticides on EAB Lifestages



Insecticide	Egg	Larvae				Toxicity of Poisoned Leaves to adults
		L1	L2	L3	L4	
Imidacloprid	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Sustained feeding
Dinotefuran	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	A few bites
Emamectin Benzoate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	One or two bites
Azadirachtin	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not toxic, but reduces fecundity of adults

Water carries the pesticide

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**Laboratory Evaluation of the Toxicity of Systemic Insecticides to Emerald Ash Borer Larvae**


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**Evaluation of *Agrilus planipennis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) Control Provided by Emamectin Benzoate and Two Neonicotinoid Insecticides, One and Two Seasons After Treatment**

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PHILLIP LEWIS,<sup>5</sup> AND DAVID CAPPAERT<sup>1</sup>

J. Econ. Entomol. 104(5): 1599–1612 (2011); DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1603/EC11101>



## Poison Profile



**Imidacloprid (Imicide)**

- Adults
  - Take days to die
- Larvae
  - Avoid feeding on infused diet
  - At 1 ppm LT 50 = 48.5 days
  - With 50 d exposure LC 50 = 2.04 ppm



## Poison Profile



### **Dinotefuran (Safari)**

- Adults
  - Die after eating a few bites
- Larvae
  - Avoid feeding on infused diet
  - At 0.5 ppm LT 50 = 34.8 days
  - With 49 d feeding LC 50 = 0.52ppm
    - (1/4 of imidacloprid)




## Poison Profile




### **Emamectin Benzoate (TreeAge)**

- Adults
  - Die after eating one or two bites
- Larvae
  - Readily eat impregnated diet
  - At 1 ppm LT 50 = 23.1 days
  - At 32 days LC 50 = 0.34 ppm

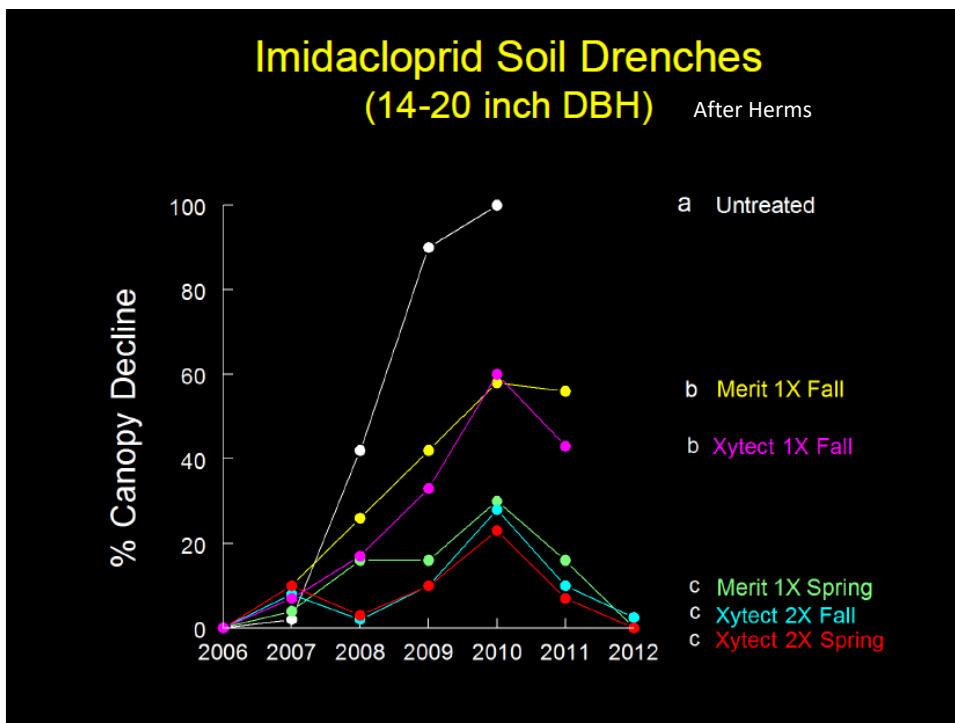


## Poison Profile



### Azadirachtin (TreeAzin / Azasol)

- Adults
  - Reduces adult fecundity
- Larvae
  - Readily feed on infused diet
  - At 1ppm LT 50 = 12.1 /15.0 days
  - At 24 days LC 50 TreeAzin = 0.4 ppm
  - At 27 days LC 50 Azasol = 0.4 ppm



## Eagle Creek Park

May 22, 2016

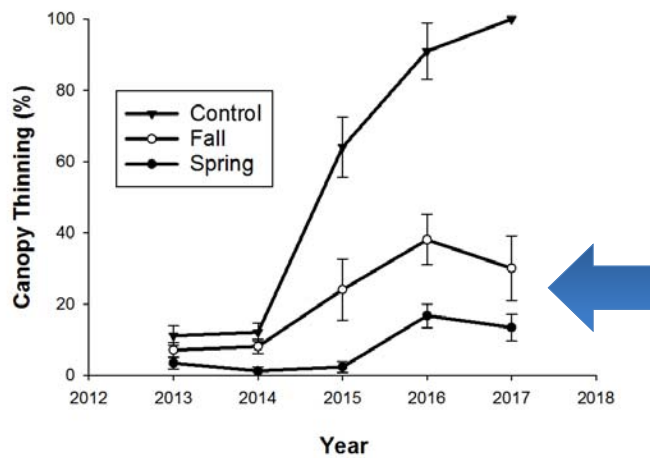


### Eagle Creek Once @ 3 yrs

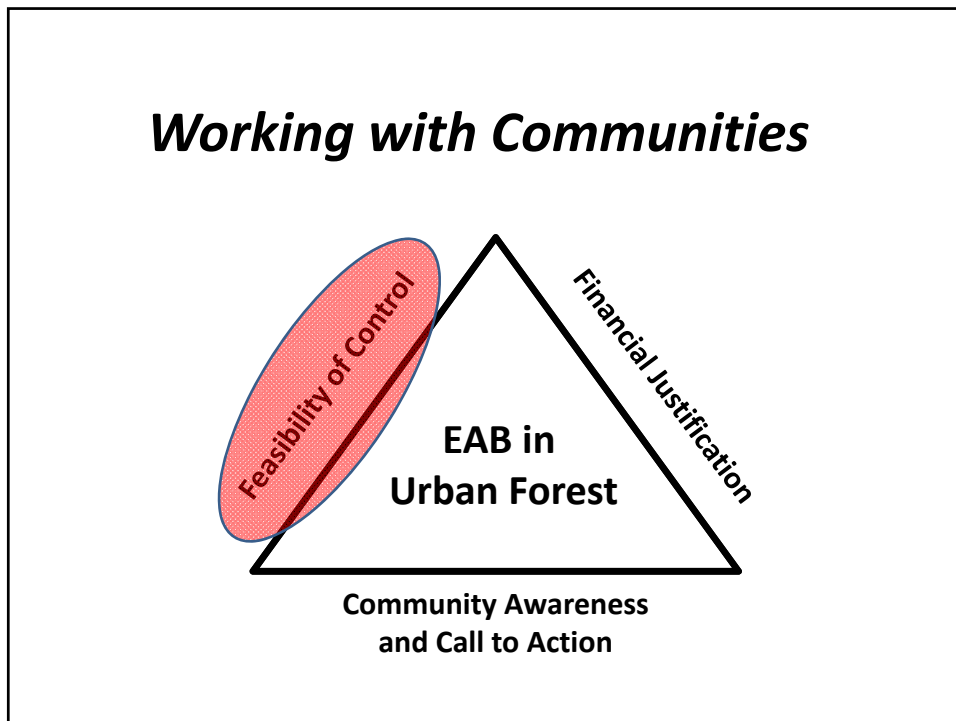
Average DBH =  $39 \pm 3.16$  inches

Range = 28-62, 10 trees per treatment

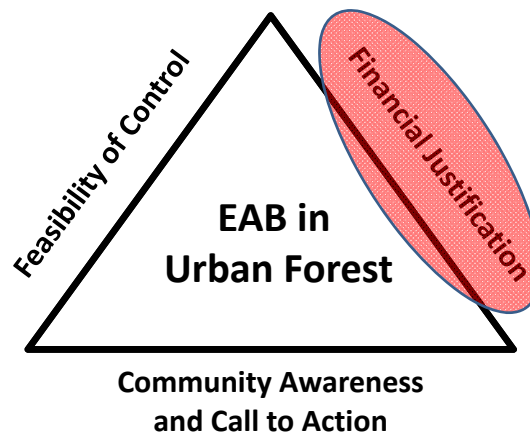
5 ml/DBH, Tree Age in 2013 and 2016



The screenshot shows the ISA website's product page for 'Best Management Practices - Tree Injection'. The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'Membership', 'Professional Credentials', and 'Education and Research'. A sidebar on the left lists various product categories such as 'Apparel', 'Books', and 'DVDs'. The main content area features a book cover for 'Tree Injection' by Shawn Bernick and E. Thomas Smiley, with pricing information for members and non-members, and an 'Add to Cart' button. A large red banner at the bottom of the page reads 'HIRE A CERTIFIED ARBORIST'.



## *Working with Communities*



## Ten Year Cost Estimates for 20" Ash Tree

### **Removal and Replacement Cost = \$880**

- Removal and stump grinding
  - @\$22/inch DBH = \$440 (Not near target)
- Replacement
  - @ \$400 to buy, plant and stake 2" DBH tree

### **Treatment Cost = \$660**

@ \$10/inch DBH once every 3 years (assuming tree growth = 0.5 in DBH/yr)  
= \$660

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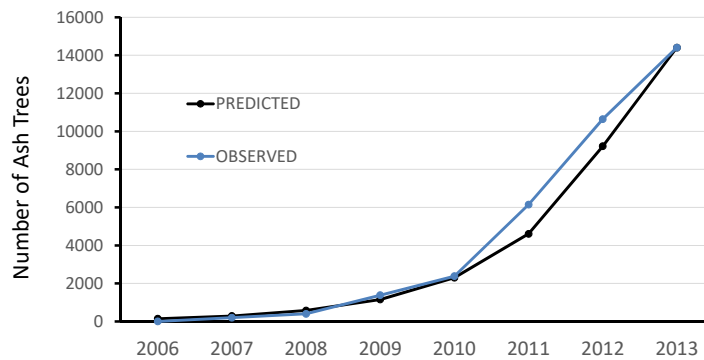
## Invasion Management

Learn about:

- EAB population and ash decline cycle
- Staging your infestation
- Cost/Benefits of intervention at different stages of invasion

### Rate of Ash Decline

Observed Ash Removals in Fort Wayne, IN Support Doubling Model



Stage Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PCT>removed	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	100

Year Detected

# Emerald Ash Borer | To Treat or Not To Treat? *for Master Gardeners*

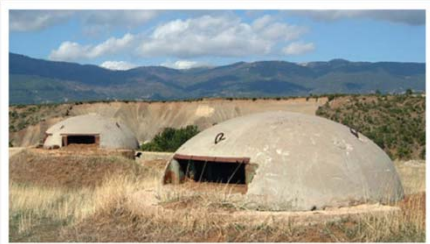


Sometimes trees can look worse the year following treatment. This is common if the tree was already infested or if beetle densities in the area are high. Continue with properly applied treatment, and trees generally begin to recover in the second year.

## The EAB "Bunker"

A good way to conceptualize treatment is that you are creating a protective "bunker" for the ash tree as the tidal wave of EAB moves through the area. The bunker must be very strong during the peak of the invasion, when pest pressure on the trees is high.

**Begin treating when EAB is reported within 15 miles of your trees.**



## Early intervention is critical for saving an ash tree

Good < 10%

Fair > 10% and ≤ 30%

Poor or worse > 30% thinning

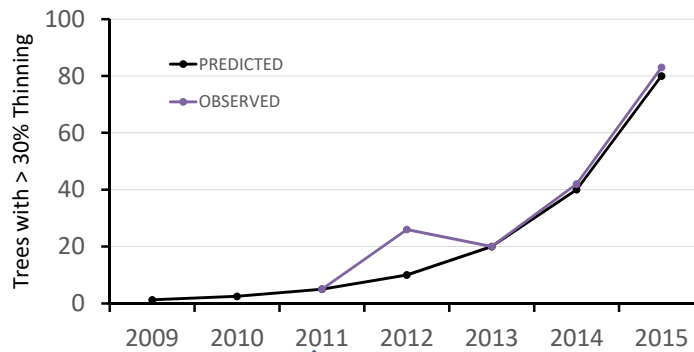
10% thin

30% thin

50% thin

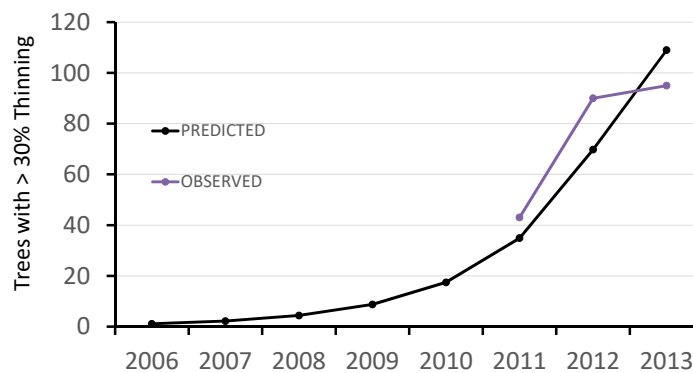


### Predicted and Observed Ash Decline Lafayette, IN




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### Predicted and Observed Ash Decline (Indianapolis – Sahm Park)



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- Evaluate management plans that reduce the frequency of ash treatment after the initial wave of EAB has passed through your forest.
- Compare the annual and cumulative costs and the size of the remaining forest over a 25 year period for ANY management strategy that includes a mixture of tree removal, replacement, and insecticide treatment.
- Generate and share electronic and printed reports of projected costs of up to 3 management strategies at a time.

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## Staging your infestation

% of Trees Damaged or Lost to Date	Years w/ EAB	Years Until All Trees Are Damaged or Lost to EAB
1%	<input type="radio"/> 1	7
2%	<input type="radio"/> 2	6
4%	<input type="radio"/> 3	5
8%	<input type="radio"/> 4	4
16%	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	3
32%	<input type="radio"/> 6	2
64%	<input type="radio"/> 7	1
100%	<input type="radio"/> 8	0

How long will you aggressively protect your trees from EAB? Default value is 10 years to reflect the time it takes from when 1% of trees are beyond saving until all of the remaining untreated ash trees are completely dead and unable to sustain and feed EAB larvae.

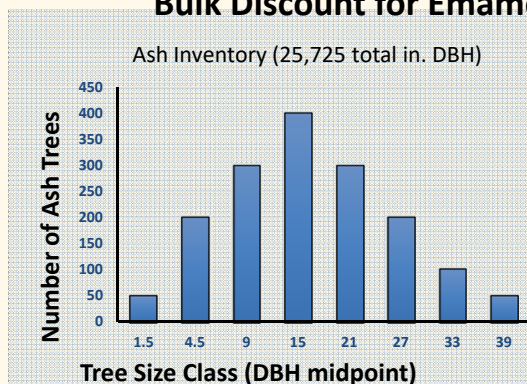
## How to determine 2 Yr Decline Survey (Ginzel- Sadof)

**Year 1** Identify and Survey equal numbers of trees with < 10% canopy thinning and 10- 30% canopy thinning

**Year 2** Survey and record trees with > 30% Canopy Thinning. The percentage tells you your year in the cycle.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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### Representative Forest with 1600 Ash Trees Bulk Discount for Emamectin Benzoate Trt



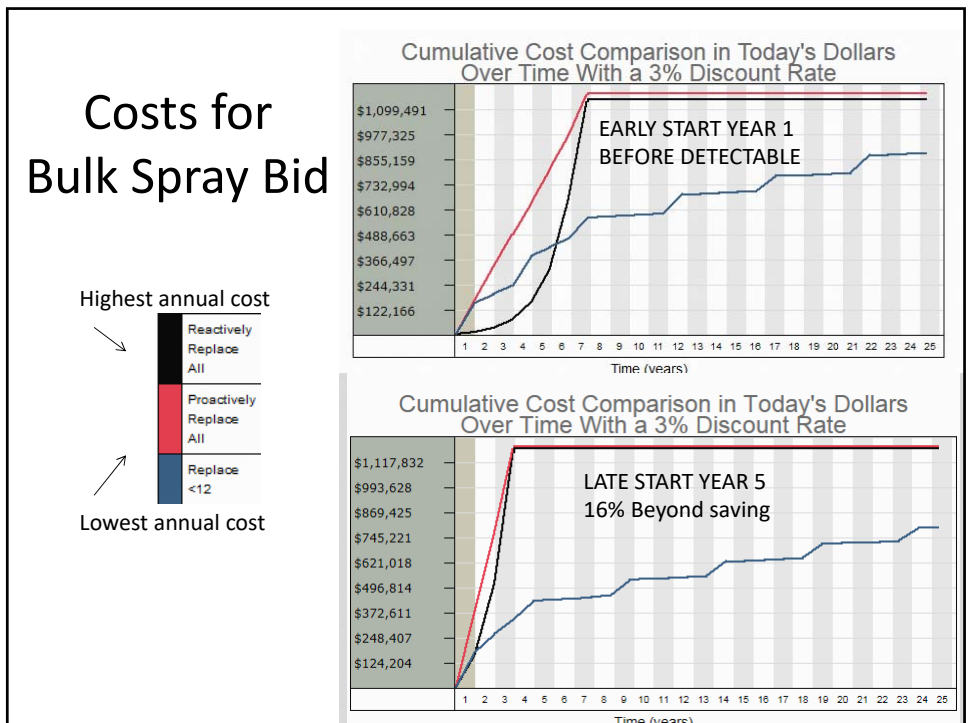
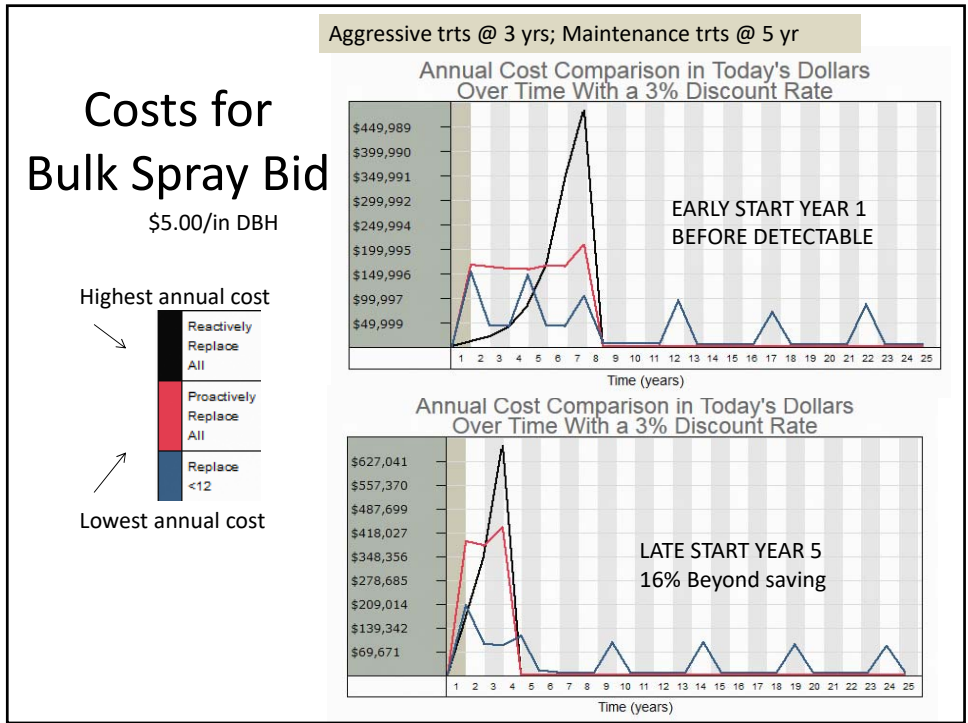
**Strategies**  
**Reactive Replace Ash**  
 Replace unsalvageable ash (poor)  
**Proactively replace ash**  
 Replace over next 7 years  
**Save all trees with DBH > 12"**  
 Optimize investment in larger trees  
 Replace the rest over next 7 years

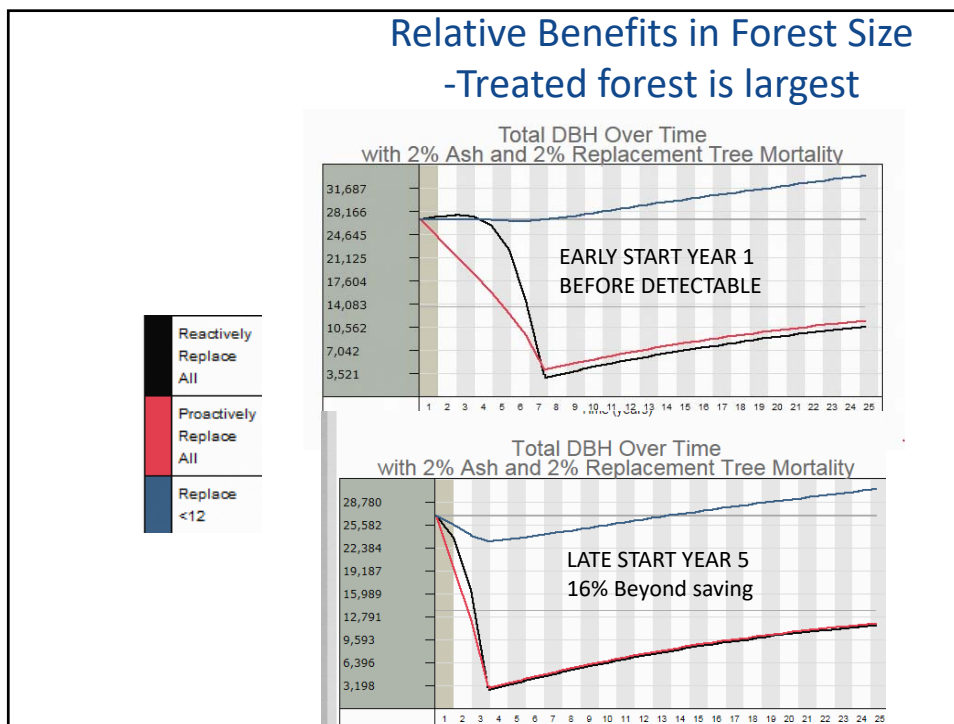
**Treatment Assumptions**  
**Costs**  
 \$5.00/ in DBH  
**Frequency**  
 Aggressive = every 3 years through yr 10  
 Maintenance = every 5 years  
 Treatments save 95% of trees  
 Annual mortality of replaced or saved tree is 2%

Cost of removal +  
 Stump grinding  
 (Actual Indianapolis  
 Prices)

DBH <sup>1</sup>	Avg. Cost / DBH
1 - 3	\$ 14.00
3 - 6	\$ 14.00
6 - 12	\$ 14.75
12 - 18	\$ 18.00
18 - 24	\$ 21.75
24 - 30	\$ 25.10
30 - 36	\$ 30.50
36 -	\$ 36.00

**Replacement Tree Assumptions**  
 Tree Size is 2.5" DBH  
 Trees Cost \$400 to purchase, plant and stake





### Discounted Cost to Produce Accumulated Years of Benefit (\$/m DBH)

Time step of Initiation	Start in Year 5 of 25 yr cycle	
Dollars per (inch) for treatment	\$5	\$10
Reactive Replace	\$1,933.32	\$1,933.32
Proactive Replace	\$1,983.20	\$1,983.20
Treat > 12" DBH	\$625.40	\$981.56
Treat 50%	\$886.33	\$1,148.08
Treat best 80%	\$648.75	\$962.17
Treat All	\$579.32	\$952.74

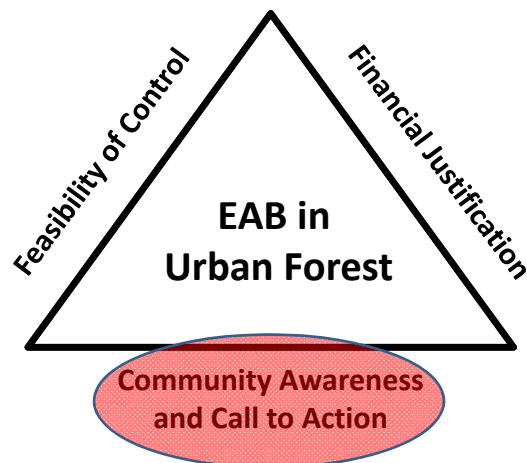
**Benefit Percentages:**

- 2.5% (Reactive vs Proactive)
- 68% (Treat > 12" vs Treat All)
- 55% (Treat 50% vs Treat All)
- 67% (Treat best 80% vs Treat All)
- 71% (Treat All vs Treat > 12")

## Summary

- Starting your management program in year 5 after damage is noticeable in community (16% poor) will:
  - provide benefit to up 84% of ash
  - cost less than replacement
- Hope for communities that must see damage before they act

## *Working with Communities*



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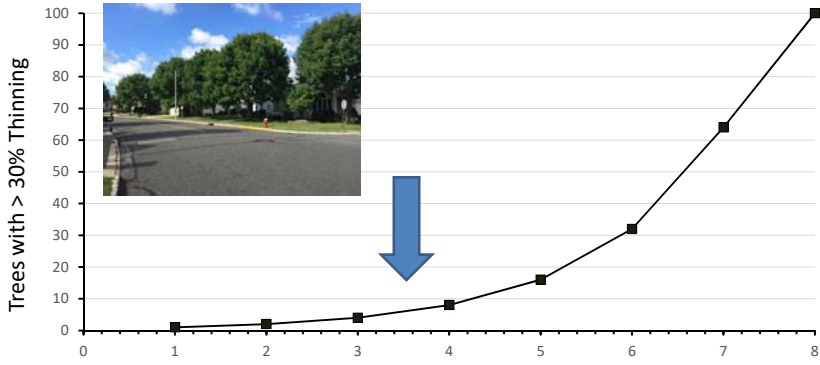
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- Why communities fail to act
- Staging your infestation to get support
- EAB Action Cycle
- NABB examples over time

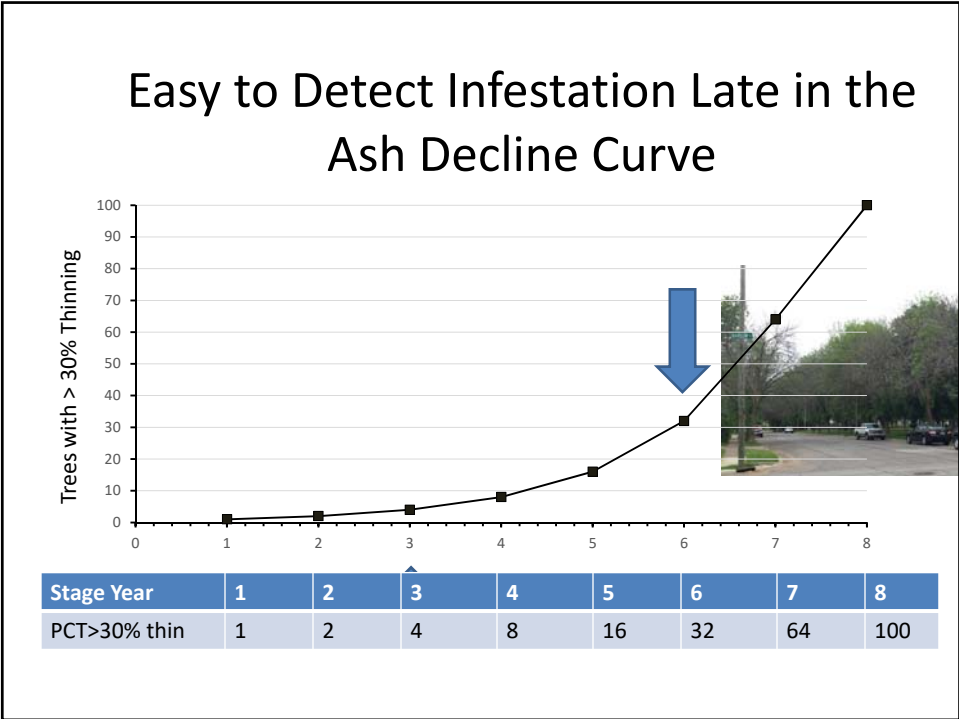
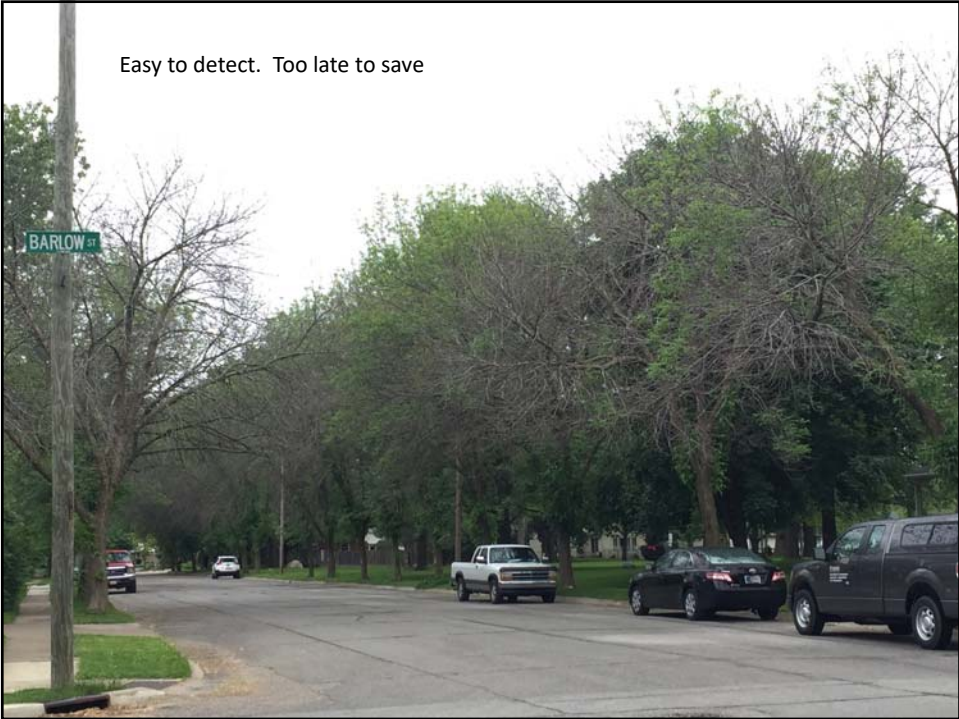




### Hard to Detect Infestation Early in the Ash Decline Curve



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## How to Get Things Moving:

Bottom-Up Approach

# NABB

Neighbors Against Bad Bugs

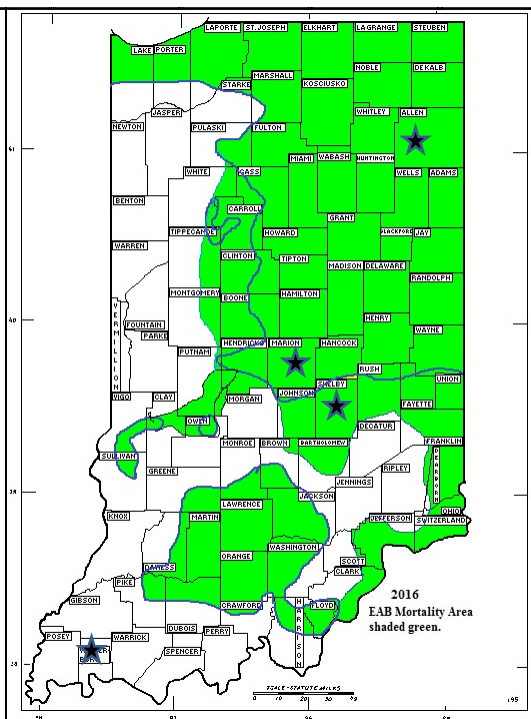
Act now. Save trees. Save \$.



Community outreach program that teams Purdue Master Gardeners, Extension Educators, and neighborhood associations to determine best management practices for ash trees.

## NABBs Over Time

- 2008 Fort Wayne
  - Community bids
- 2011 Indianapolis
  - ABate
    - KIB, INDY PARKS
    - King Park
- 2016 Evansville/Shelbyville
  - Adopt A Tree
  - TruGreen



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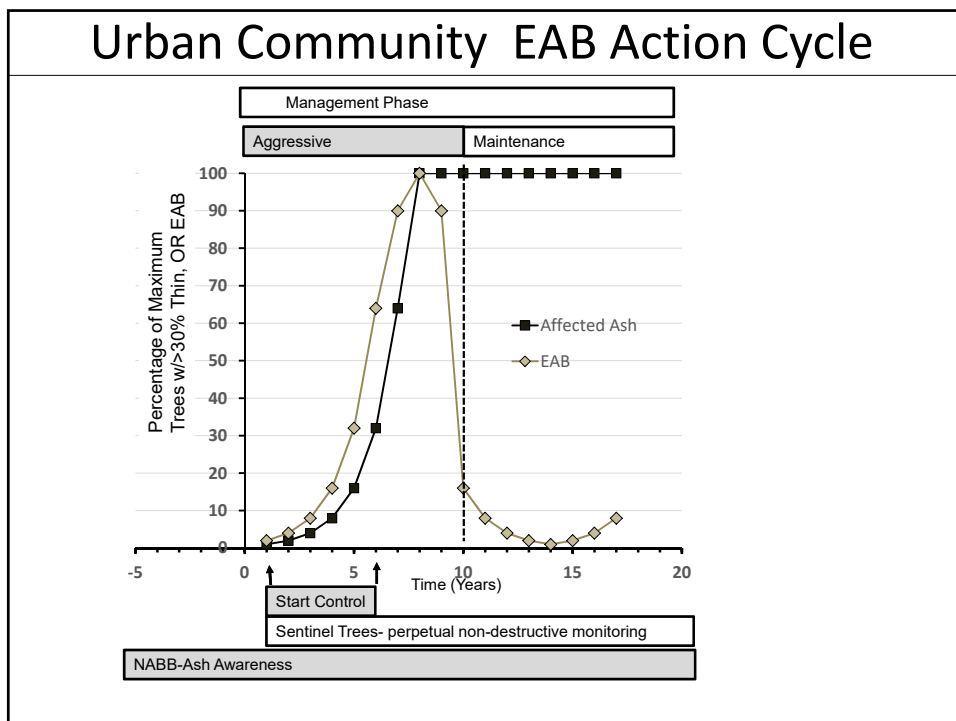
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- ➔ Invasion Management Model

## Resources

- ➔ Decision Guide for Communities
- ➔ Purdue Tree Doctor App



### Managing Emerald Ash Borer: Decision Guide

## Getting Communities To Care B4 too late

- Tree Tagging/ Inventory indicates scope but not urgency

Available at [Eabindiana.info](http://Eabindiana.info)

Verizon 9:38 AM 45%

Back Pest Detail

**Emerald Ash Borer**

*Agrilus planipennis* INVASIVE ALERT

**Key Features**

- Dieback of canopy in ash trees
- Woodpecker holes
- Splits in bark

Trees Attacked

Useful Links

**Symptoms:**

Home

Damage


Stages

Control

Early intervention is critical for saving an ash tree

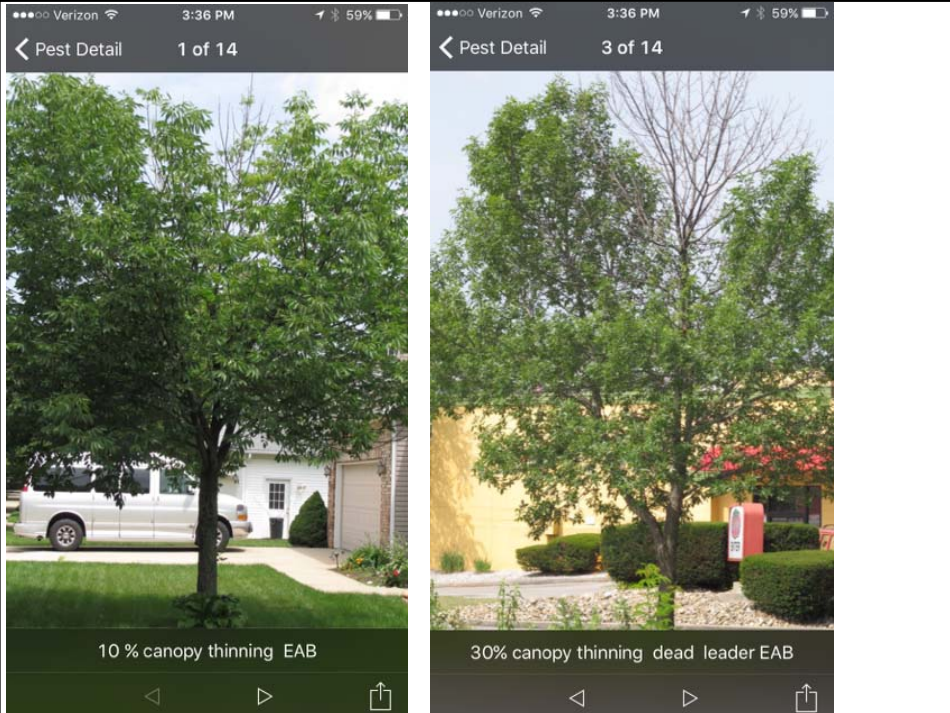
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Use the Purdue Tree Doctor to estimate canopy thinning

[Purdueplantdoctor.com](http://Purdueplantdoctor.com)



10 % canopy thinning EAB

30% canopy thinning dead leader EAB

