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## **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan to be presented to Urban Forest Commission February 16**

[Duluth, MN] - The public is invited to a public meeting to review and comment on the revised Draft of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. A public hearing is scheduled for February 16 at 6:00 pm in Room 303, Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street. Evidence of Emerald Ash Borer was discovered last November prompting an emergency quarantine of the Park Point area. The City has drafted a management plan in order to proactively address this issue and to be prepared in the scenario additional evidence is found elsewhere in the City.

Comments were accepted on the City website for a 45 day period on the draft EAB Management Plan. The public comments have since been compiled and will be incorporated into a revised EAB Management Plan that will be presented to the Urban Forest Commission (formerly named Duluth Tree Commission). A formal adoption of the Plan will take place in March. The City established a brush drop off site on Park Point but has temporarily closed it until new hours are established for the spring.

As a reminder, the quarantine requires that Park Point residents not remove any wood or wood parts off of the Point.

The MDA has extensive information for residents and a specially created hotline to pose questions or concerns about EAB. People can call Arrest the Pest, at 888-545-6684. The following web page was created with multiple resources available to the public,  
<http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/emerald-ash-borer/>

The emergency quarantine has ended but a formal quarantine is in place. The City thanks residents for their cooperation to prevent the progression of EAB to the broader city neighborhoods.

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