

## Dallas Forestry Update

### Environment & Sustainability Committee March 6, 2023

### City of Dallas Forestry Executive Team

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## **Presentation Overview**



- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Status Update
- City Code
- Tree Planting
- Historic Tree Designation
- Outreach
- Next Steps



### Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Status Update





- The emerald ash borer is a destructive, non-native, wood-boring, pest of ash trees. Native to Asia, EAB was unknown in North America until 2002 in southeast Michigan. All native ash species are susceptible to attack.
- First identified by Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) May 2022 within Dallas city limits and western Dallas County
- TFS, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the City activated the EAB Action Plan



# Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

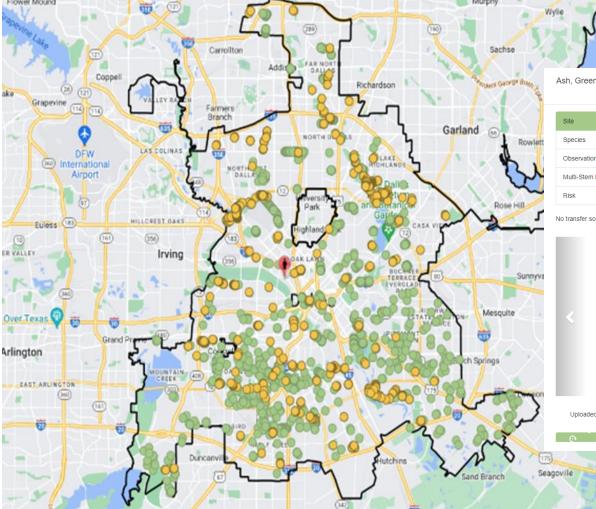


- 1,068 ash trees inventoried and assessed at X sites
  - Inventory includes: size, age, condition assessment, geolocation, photography
- 116 significant ash trees tagged and treated
  Treatment selected based on condition and accessibility, and border of protection "fix wording"

Note: Ash tree treatment will re-start mid-March – active growth required to move treatments throughout the tree



### Treekeeper – Ash Trees Inventoried



Ash, Green at 850 S Longacre Ln	
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Observa	ations	
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Address	Street
850	S Longacre Ln
Side	On Street
unknown	S Longacre Ln
From Street	To Street
Great Trinity Forest Way	S Longacre Ln
X	Y
2518478.31388684	6943191.79422096
Remote ID	Site ID
KW20220811101835	2786
Date Added 08/11/2022	City Dallas
City Maintained	Land Use
Yes	Forest
Park Name	Grow Space
N/A	Natural Area
Grow Space Size	Overhead Utilities
Class III (large) - 11ft+	Not present
Comments	Last Changed Date
Significant	09/02/2022
Last Changed Time	Last Changed By Kristi Halverson

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## **Treatment Tags**







Treatment tags on significant ash trees



### City Code/Landscape and Tree Manual



- On October 26, 2022, City Council Approved code amendments NO.32340
  - SEC 51A-10.101 Arizona ash moved from Class 3 designation to Unprotected
  - Sec. 10.103 Ash tree species prohibited in required landscaping or new plantings on City property
  - Sec. 10.135 Natural Deforestation Event designation for planting on single-family and duplex residential property
  - Sec. 10.140(b) Defense to Prosecution for removal of threatened tree species

### Landscape and Tree Manual (updates underway)

- Amending Sections 1 and 2 and updates and improve its presentation.
- Target Fall 2023 for completion and publication online.



## 2022-2023 Tree Planting

- Fall total 3470 new trees at homes, parks and schools
- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately 4500 new trees





# **Historic Tree Designation**

- Texas Historic Tree Coalition nominated 7 trees
- On public properties
- Committee/Council Briefings



Join us for the presentation of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition Proclamation and recognition of the historic West Dallas Gateway Pecan Tree.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

Proclamation Reading Lake Cliff Park - Noon 300 E. Colorado Ave. Dallas, TX 75208

<u>Monument Dedication</u> Beckley/Commerce site - 2 p.m. 2461 N. Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75208

For event updates, visit www.dallascityhall.com/forestry

### DOMINGO, 16 de ABRIL de 2023 Acompáñenos en la presentación de la proclamación de Texas

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de la proclamacion de Texas Historic Tree Coalition y el reconocimiento del histórico West Dallas Gateway Pecan Tree.

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West Dallas Historic Pecan Tree Dedication 2/22/2023 City Council approval of FT. Worth Ave. Development Group PW Beautification Agreement

# Outreach



- Volunteers
- Training and Presentations
- Marketing



## Volunteers



- Branch Out Dallas
- Branching Out Dallas
- Saluting Branches
- Community Forester Academy
- Tree Inventory





## **Trainings & Presentations**



• 2022

- 41 presentations
- Over 1500 community members and staff reached

• 2023

- 7 events completed for January and February; Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institue, Garden Clubs and Master Naturalists
- Community EAB presentations working with Council leading into springtime
- 4 workshops targeting local private tree companies to prepare them for managing EAB



# Marketing



- Ramp up outreach/marketing for EAB-March 2023
- New Save a Tree-Water campaign
- New seasonal tree maintenance campaign
- Forestry/EAB Panel Video
- Updated Forestry webpage

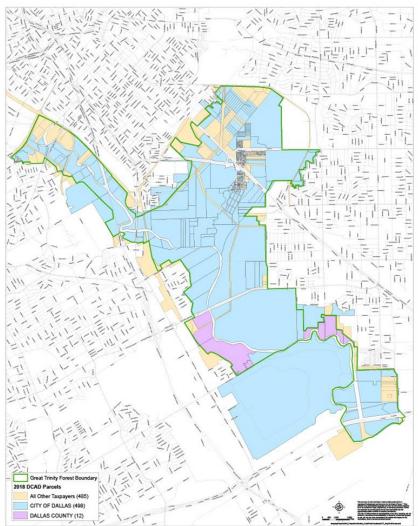


# **Great Trinity Forest Boundary**



#### Great Trinity Forest

- Dec 2022: Council approved survey work in coordination of DFE efforts
- Winter 2023: Data research and packaging of existing surveys to develop proposed Boundary survey
- Summer Fall 2023: Community engagement
- 2024: Efforts include but not limited to internal/external stakeholders, recommendation of subdivision or other tool to City Council



# **TOMA Innovative Program Award**



Park & Recreation Forestry Modernization Program: Wood Waste, Branching Out, Equipment enhancement, etc...

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# City of Dallas Forestry Award



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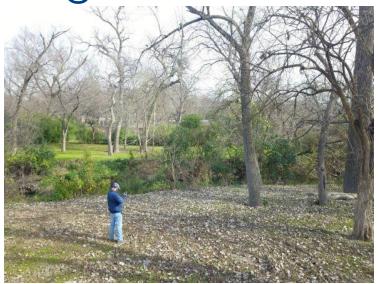
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## Next Steps



- Spring 2023 Article X Briefing
- City-Wide Tree Inventory
  - RFP-tentative advertisement, Spring 2023
  - City staff and Community Foresters continue full inventory Spring 2023





Staff Tree Inventory (4,508 to date)



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## Appendice's



- Dallas Urban Forest Master Plan Actions
   Update
- Marketing Materials





#### RECOMMENDATION 1. Complete a comprehensive tree inventory of all right-of-way and park trees

#### Short-TermTarget 1: Inventory 1/5 of Dallas's streets and parks.

ecommended Actio	yn Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Identify which Gty department(s) will manage and oversee collection of tree inventory data.		
1.A	Conduct a small pilot tree inventory in a neighborhood identified as having low canopy cover and high need based on the social equity and health data.		
1.B	Create a work plan and budget to complete tree inventory.	Immediate	
1.C	Secure funding to complete tree inventory.	(1-5 years)	1
1.D	Develop and release tree inventory bid; select consultant (if applicable).		
1.E	Prepare and implement plan to regularly update inventory as maintenance and tree planting occurs by ALL City departments.		

#### RECOMMENDATION 2. Centralize the City of Dallas's urban forestry programs and activities.

#### Short-Term Target 2: Establish the urban forest working group.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Form an urban forestry working group with forestry staff from Park and Recreation, Public Works, Water Utilities, Sustainable Development, and department leadership.	Immediate (1-3 years)	2
2.	Explore options for centralizing City urban forestry program and activities.		

#### RECOMMENDATION 3. Develop a Storm Response and Recovery Plan.

#### Short-Term Target 3: Develop a storm response plan team.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Create a team of City of Dallas staff that are involved in tree maintenance and representatives from the City and County waste management and emergency response departments to develop plan.	Immediate (3-5 years)	3
3.A	Identify team lead and department that will oversee plan development.		
3.B	Utilize resources and planning guides to assist in developing the storm response and recovery plan.		

#### RECOMMENDATION 4. Strengthen and support existing relationships and partnerships.

#### Short-Term Target 4: Host the first Dallas Tree Summit.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Identify all public, private, and non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry, natural resources, environmental justice, and equity efforts in Dallas.	Immediate/	
4.A	Build momentum around Dallas's urban forest and the UFMP by planning and hosting a "Dallas Tree Summit."	Ongoing	4
4.B	Use the Dallas Tree Summit to identify ways to continue to engage, strengthen, and support existing relationships throughout the year.	(1-3 years)	

#### EAB/Ash tree inventory implemented Fall 2022. 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor RFP's 2023

#### Complete

Established Task Force Quarterly Meeting,

partnership training, marketing with multiple civic groups and non-profits





#### RECOMMENDATION 5. Work towards development of a City Urban Forest Management Plan

Short-Term Target 5: Develop the first annual work plan for fiscal year 2023.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step 5.A	Develop an annual urban forestry work plan, coordinated among the different City departments that conduct tree work, detailing the tree maintenance and planting activities. Identify City of Dallas department responsible for leading the development of the urban forest management plan and whether the plan will be written by City staff or an outside consultant.	Short-Mid Term (3-5 years)	5
5.B	Utilize date from tree inventory to develop Urban Forest Management Plan.		

### RECOMMENDATION 6. Ensure Dallas regulations, best management practices, and guidelines are in place to support tree canopy growth, protection, and preservation.

Short-Term Target 6: Initiate the Tree and Landscape Manual revisions.

Recommended Action	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Provide resources to support completion of revisions/updates to Tree and Landscape Manual.		
6.A	Build a new City urban forestry webpage to serve as a "one-stop-shop" for tree-related information in Dallas.		
6.B	Compile a revised list of management activities in Article X that the existing Reforestation Fund can support.		
6.C	Review existing landscaping and tree planting policies and requirements for alignment with best management practices and current City operations.	Short-Mid Term (1-7 years)	
6.D	Engage the development community in revising Article X to build support for trees and identify solutions where healthy, mature trees and development can co-exist.		6
6.E	Develop best management practices for tree planting and maintenance to support the proper care.		
6.F	Explore development of a heritage tree program that could recognize and provide protection for significant, historic, and/or large trees in Dallas.		
6.G	Train and educate Gty of Dallas design/engineering staff and consultants on the benefits and value of the urban forest and their role in supporting the UFMP goals, targets, and recommendations.		

#### Landscape and Tree Manual review and updates Ash tree/EAB code amendments

RECOMMENDATION 7. Develop and implement a strategy to maximize investment and resources to meet Dallas's desired level of service for urban forestry programs and management

Short-Term Target 7: Develop an action plan and funding strategy for one UFMP recommendation.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Identify one UFMP recommendation that is a priority for implementation and develop an action plan and funding strategy for its implementation.		
7.A	Conduct an analysis to determine the level of funding needed to perform urban forestry activities that will improve and grow Dallas's urban forest, and develop an action plan and funding strategy.	Mid-Term	7
7.B	Create messaging about the value of Dallas urban forest and its benefits to the community.	(3-10 years)	
7.C	Foster, nurture, and grow relationships with potential funders by inviting them to attend the Dallas Tree Summit. Utilize messaging to demonstrate value of urban forest.		

EAB Action Plan FY2023 Budget enhancement/additional positions

### RECOMMENDATION 8. Create a plan to strategically plant and care for trees to ensure equitable access to tree canopy across Dallas.

#### Short-Term Target 8: Develop a one-year tree planting plan for fiscal year 2023.

ecommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Utilize the prioritized planting maps to develop a one-year planting plan, with a goal of developing multi- year planting plans in the future.		
8.A	Identify health and socio-economic issues that are a priority in Dallas and develop plans to direct tree planting and maintenance activities in neighborhoods of highest need.	Short-Term (3-7 years)	8
8.B	Cultivate relationships with neighborhood residents to implement plans and build community support about the important role that trees play in their neighborhood.		
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#### ECOMMENDATION 9. Create and implement a management program to monitor and address nvironmental threats to Dallas' urban forest.

Short-Term Target 9: Develop and implement an emerald ash borer monitoring program in 2021.

Recommended Actio	yn Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Use information from the UFMP to understand current pests and diseases that are a threat to Dallas's urban forest and develop a program to begin to scout and monitor for these threats.	Short-Term (1-10 years)	
9.A	Develop an urban tree health program to conduct field assessments and scout/monitor for threats.		
9.B	Support and encourage City of Dallas staffs' attendance at urban forestry conferences, we binars, and other education events to stay up to date on new threats to Texas' trees and the urban forest.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

#### RECOMMENDATION 10. Develop and implement a public engagement, outreach, and education plan.

Short-Term Target 10: Develop and implement an outreach campaign for one key urban forestry message by June 2022.

Recommended Action Steps		Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Utilize the results of the UFMP community input activities to identify which messages should be the first priority in an outreach and education campaign.	Immediate/ Ongoing	10
10.A	Conduct focus groups or other engagement activities with urban forestry, environmental, and equity partners to identify key messages for the outreach campaign.		
10.B	Identify advertising/marketing agency to help with the urban forestry branding and messaging and develop budget for campaign.	(1 year)	
10.C	Seek funding for outreach and education campaign.		

RECOMMENDATION 11. Formulate a strategy to manage wood waste and identify the highest and best use of wood from trees removed by the City.

Short-Term Target 11: Create an initial list of companies and organizations that may be able to utilize City-generated wood waste.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Determine how much wood waste is generated from City forestry operations.	Mid-Long Term (5-10 years)	11
11.A	Research local wood workers, tree care companies, and resource recovery operations that may be able to use wood waste generated by the City.		
11.B	Establish evaluation criteria for different wood markets.		
11.C	Create partnerships with companies and individuals who can use City-generated wood waste.		
11.D	Identify wood waste strategies and develop pilot program(s) to test feasibility and identify challenges/ opportunities for implementation.		

#### EAB Action Plan

Ash tree inventory and treatments Public and Private trainings and presentations

#### Forestry webpage

EAB Awareness campaign Community and private EAB presentations Seasonal tree care marketing (coming 2023)

RECOMMENDATION 12. Strengthen working relationships and partnerships with private utilities, organizations, and contractors whose activities impact trees by instituting regular dialogue and project coordination.

Short-Term Target 12: Compile list of utilities, organizations, and contractors.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Assemble a list of utilities, organizations, and contractors, including contact information, that work within the City; identify City staff to contact and create working relationships.	Long-Term (5-10 years)	12
12.A	Educate businesses, organizations, and contractors on City's best management practices and tree related policies.		
12.B	Identify opportunities for partnership and collaboration on projects that can preserve and save trees.		

RECOMMENDATION 13. Enhance and develop programs that encourage and support active participation by residents and volunteers in the planting and care of Dallas's urban forest.

Short-Term Target 13: Develop list of existing urban forestry volunteer programs.

Recommended Actio	on Steps	Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Identify appropriate activities that volunteers can participate in and develop a list of existing programs that can best utilize volunteer assistance.	Long-Term (5-10 years)	13
13.A	Evaluate, improve, and expand upon current volunteer programs.		
13.B	Identify ways to engage vulnerable populations in the planting and care of trees.		
13.C	Establish volunteer programs that utilize groups from local corporations/businesses.		

Community Foresters Branching Out MowMentum Branch Out Dallas

RECOMMENDATION 14. Review and update the Great Trinity Forest Management Plan.

Short-TermTarget 14: Create Great Trinity Forest Management Plan update team.

Recommended Action Steps		Timeframe	Priority for Implementation
First Step	Develop a team of City of Dallas staff and outside partners to undertake the Great Trinity Forest review and update.		
14.A	Identify the most immediate opportunities and challenges facing the Great Trinity Forest.		
14.B	Develop management and maintenance recommendations to address opportunities and threats, and revise plan.	Long-Term (5-10 years)	14
14.C	Identify the next sections of the plan to revise and update.		
14.D	Develop a schedule to review, measure progress, and update the management plan.		

# Marketing

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### CITY OF DALLAS FORESTRY BIG DALLAS, BIG TREES

### HAVE A QUESTION? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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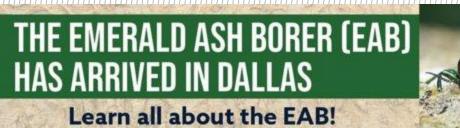


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Trees need to be watered during the winter months.

Winter weather conditions can leave lasting impacts on a tree's health.

Visit www.arborday.org for tips on caring for your trees.

## Marketing

#### DALLAS ROOTS RUN DEEP **ALL THROUGH THE CITY!** TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE CITY: Dallas Reforestation Program Branching Out Dallas Park and Recreation chooses a minimum of twelve parks per year to plant new trees. **Branch Out Dallas** Annually provides a free tree to Dallas homeowners to be planted in the front, back or side yards. PHONE: 214-670-3111 EMAIL: CODForestry@dallascityhall.com WEBSITE: dallascityhall.com/projects/forestry/Pages/home.aspx LAS RAÍCES DE DALLAS SON PROFUNDAS **iPOR TODA LA CIUDAD!** SERVICIOS DE LA CIUDAD DE PLANIFICACIÓN **DE ÁRBOLES QUE OFRECEMOS:** Programa de Reforestación de Dallas Branching Out Dallas · Parques y Recreación elige un mínimo de doce parques al año para plantar nuevos árboles. Branch Out Dallas Anualmente proporciona un árbol gratuito a los propietarios de viviendas de Dallas para que lo planten en el patio delantero, trasero o lateral. TELÉFONO: 214-670-3111 CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: CODForestry@dallascityhall.com PÁGINA WEB: dallascityhall.com/projects/forestry/Pages/home.aspx

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