

## SITUATION REPORT

Emerald Ash Borer Infestation and Quarantine in  
Southeastern Wisconsin  
(Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties)

**Report Number: 1**

**Date: 9-12-08**

### **Current Situation:**

Emerald ash borer has been discovered in two southeast Wisconsin counties: Ozaukee and Washington. Larval samples were removed from an infested tree on private property in Ozaukee County; three adult samples were removed from a survey device (purple prism trap) in Fireman's Park in the Village of Newburg in Washington County.

A quarantine is currently in effect that covers the above counties. It also includes Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties. The quarantine prohibits the movement of any ash product that could transport a life stage of the emerald ash borer. This also includes all hardwood firewood. Exceptions to the quarantine may be granted with approval by either WI DATCP or USDA APHIS PPQ.

An ICS (Incident Command System) team has been designated to oversee and guide multi-agency activities in the quarantine area.

Visual surveys of ash trees in a two-mile radius from the junction of Co. Hwy. Y and SH 33 are nearly complete and have been performed by staff from DATCP, DNR and USDA APHIS PPQ. Additional suspect trees have been located and marked for additional follow-up.

Additional visual survey of trees in communities within a 10-mile radius of the above (and of the Milwaukee River corridor that runs through the Newburg area) will get underway the week of Sept. 15.

APHIS has collected wood samples from the area and is working to determine the age of the infestation in that area. Those findings may influence determining the size of the area to be surveyed.

These visual surveys and other yet-to-be-decided survey methods are being employed as part of the formal delimiting survey of the area. This work will continue for several weeks, possibly through the end of the year. Additional staff may be hired through DATCP to assist with that survey.

A meeting is being planned for late October to provide information and guidance to forest landowners (3+ acres) in the immediate area of Newburg.

An informational meeting for those involved in wood waste issues in the quarantine area is also being developed.

## **Other EAB Information:**

DATCP's destructive tree survey for 2008 (separate from the delimiting survey mentioned above) will get underway on Monday, September 15. 709 ash trees in 29 counties will be felled and peeled by the end of 2008. Of these, 101 trees are in Washington Co., 63 are in Ozaukee Co., 76 are in Sheboygan Co. and 20 are in Fond du Lac County.

Of the 3,600 purple prism traps deployed in Wisconsin this year, nearly all have been taken down. Roughly half of the insect samples have been reviewed. The only EAB samples to date have come from one trap in the Village of Newburg. Sample review should be complete by sometime in October. No samples have been labeled "suspicious" by field staff.

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