



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Priority Plan (“NPP”)

August 2014

Goal: To provide resources and to facilitate contact with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Tree Trust or other nonprofit expertise to help manage the transition of the ash trees comprising part of Shingle Creek’s urban forest due to anticipated planned removal and tree loss due to Emerald Ash Borer (“EAB”).

Community Outreach/Participation: The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been a growing topic of concern for residents. SCNA discussed the topic at its May, June, July, and August monthly meetings and in monthly newsletters/media. At the Annual meeting in April, the EAB was identified as one of four neighborhood priorities in its “Neighborhood Speed Priority” project structured similar to “speed dating”. An expert from Hennepin County David Jaeger attended in June. After wide neighborhood notification, fifty residents weighed in at the monthly meetings on their concerns listing: dwindling tree canopy, possible harmful inoculations, identification and quantity of number of trees, outreached to other neighborhoods and organizations regarding their NPP regarding EAB and the need for further education for residents and homeowners as growing needs. At the August 19th board meeting, SCNA passed the following NPP plan below and are anxious to get started.

Amount: NPP allocation: \$5,000.00

Duration: August 2014-December 2015

SCNA Phase I/II Action Plan Strategies: This NPP is consistent with previous goals and strategies in the adopted Shingle Creek Phase II NRP Action Plan, Section C Parks, Ponds, Waterways and the Environment: Preserve the Urban Forest

SCNA NPP Plan:

- Provide technical assistance to homeowners and rental property owners to help manage the planful and gradual removal of ash trees due to EAB.
- Provide technical assistance, education and information to residents and property owners concerning EAB best practices and options for professional treatment of mature ash trees to preserve the urban forest canopy while other species are planted and growing to maturity.
- Provide incentives to property owners to responsibly manage the planful removal, proper disposal of ash trees infected with EAB on private properties, and replacement of the urban forest canopy.
- Work with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board or others to enhance community engagement and communication with residents on the most heavily impacted blocks where ash trees comprise a significant portion of the boulevard trees population.
- Develop additional statistical information concerning the numbers and condition of ash trees within the Shingle Creek neighborhood.
- Provide technical assistance, education and information to residents and property owners regarding the role of pollinators and best practices to encourage vitality of the population of pollinators (honey bees, etc.) that benefit urban farms and gardens.

Budget: Item	Amount
Technical Assistance/materials	\$1,000
Resident incentives	\$4,000