

## **Ash Tree Removal at Wildwood Park**

Dying ash trees are getting cut in Wildwood Park. The trees have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a non-native, invasive species that is killing ash trees within Dauphin County. Originating in Michigan, EAB has spread throughout the United States and is infecting large quantities of trees.

This green beetle, no bigger than a dime, burrows under the bark, lays eggs and then the larva feed on the tree. This damage disrupts the transport of water and nutrients between the roots, leaves and growing tissue and causes rapid decline and death in the tree. This rapid decline renders the tree and limbs unpredictable and potentially hazardous. While annual inoculation against this insect may help, there is no “cure” once the tree is infected.

EAB was first detected in Wildwood Park September 10, 2014. Friends of Wildwood quickly responded by funding treatment of specimen ash trees in the vicinity of the Olewine Nature Center. Some of the towering treated trees are marked with signage and donations are encouraged to help fund ongoing treatment costs at [www.wildwoodlake.org](http://www.wildwoodlake.org)

Plans are underway for new plantings to promote habitat diversity and sound forestry management.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer and how it can affect trees in your backyard go to the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources website:

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/insectsdisease/eab>