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Emerald Ash Bore Update

The following information was received from an Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) representative this week;

- A total of 21 ash borer infested ash trees have been identified so far. Most of the infested trees are in the Windings Subdivision and a few trees are across Empire Rd by the farm house.
- As of today, IDA and cooperators have delimit surveyed virtually all of Campton Township and a one mile strip to the south and west of the township line. We are now working on the north side up to McDonald Road. We have no new positives. A total of about 48 square miles has been surveyed.
- Fourteen of these infested trees have been sprayed so far to kill the adult borers. Trees will not be climbed or sprayed without resident permission.
- Each tree surveyed is entered into a data base with GPS coordinates
- Infested trees will be tagged on their trunks near the ground
- Government funding for removal of ash trees has been applied for by the EAB Task Force (IDA and others)
- A comprehensive survey of the ash tree population in and near the Windings will be conducted in July.
- Lure traps will be hung in area ash trees to determine whether adult ash borers are present. Kane County Forest Preserve persons were trained today on placing the experimental lure traps for EAB. They will start tomorrow or Monday placing these EAB traps

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