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## **City of Mequon Confirms Presence of Emerald Ash Borer**

On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mequon Department of Public Works crews discovered the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on several trees scheduled for removal in the right of way in the 14000 block of Bonniwell Road. The trees had evidence of wood pecker damage and further investigation revealed EAB larvae as well as the distinct S- pattern left under the bark by the larvae. EAB has been identified in several neighboring communities over the past few months and this discovery was not unexpected. Photographs were sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources who confirmed it was EAB.

Residents are reminded that wood should not be transported out of Mequon to other locations. Citizens concerned with the condition of an Ash tree on their property are encouraged to contact a tree service they are familiar with or a certified arborist. Additional information can also be found by visiting the State of Wisconsin's official website, [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) and click on the link for homeowners.