

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 21 (2010/11)

Re: **Approving Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Resource Management Guide for Sheboygan County Communities**

WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect species from Asia that has spread to fourteen (14) states including Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the pest is one hundred percent (100%) fatal to all ash trees of any size, any age, healthy or unhealthy and it is estimated that more than 50 million ash trees are dead or dying in the Midwest because of this insect, and

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, the Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) announced that EAB had been found in Newburg in Ozaukee County, and since then has been found in Brown, Crawford, Kenosha, Milwaukee and Vernon Counties, and

WHEREAS, with the EAB find in Ozaukee County being only fifteen (15) miles from Sheboygan County, it now seems likely that Sheboygan County residents and local officials will be dealing with the impacts of EAB in the near future, and

WHEREAS, a Sheboygan County EAB Work Group was formed in 2009 consisting of representatives from DATCP, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Sheboygan County Land and Water Conservation, Planning and Resources, UW-Extension, Emergency Government Offices, the Cities of Plymouth, Sheboygan, and Sheboygan Falls, and the Villages of Howards Grove and Kohler to explore the best way to plan for EAB in Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, a countywide tree inventory of all publically owned lands made possible by a Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$7,500.00) Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant was conducted in 2009 in eighteen (18) municipalities in Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, a total of thirty thousand two hundred seventy (30,270) trees were inventoried, and results indicate that overall an average of twenty-six percent (26%) of all trees in our municipalities are ash trees, and

WHEREAS, the cost to treat and/or remove twenty-six percent (26%) of the trees in public lands in each municipality would be a burden on municipal budgets and resources, without even considering the expenses related to private property removal, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Land & Water Conservation Department applied for and has received in 2010 a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban Forestry Grant to develop an EAB Community Resource Management Guide, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County EAB Work Group developed the guide as a tool that could aid local municipalities and residents in planning for the arrival of EAB, and

WHEREAS, a survey of local municipalities was conducted to help determine the level of preparedness, which indicated there have been very few proactive steps such as preemptive management efforts, and

WHEREAS, this EAB Community Resource Management Guide will be distributed to all Sheboygan County municipalities to provide the guidance needed for developing EAB community response plans by consolidating essential information within one reference document, and

WHEREAS, this EAB Community Resource Management Guide is not a mandate, but is intended to serve as a resource that will help municipalities in implementing specific action plans that provide appropriate and effective response in managing EAB, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Resource Management Guide for Sheboygan County Communities dated August 2010 as on file with the Sheboygan County Clerk is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sheboygan municipalities are encouraged to work with Sheboygan County's agencies to implement EAB management strategies outlined in the Resource Management Guide for addressing the EAB problem.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of September, 2010.

PLANNING, RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE*

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