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The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Awards the Village of Glendale Heights \$20,000 Grant to Combat Emerald Ash Borer

Glendale Heights, Illinois (April 30, 2014) – The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has awarded the Village of Glendale Heights \$20,000 to help track trees that were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer. In 2013, over 600 trees were removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer but with the help of this grant, the Village of Glendale Heights will be able to inventory any trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer and ultimately replace many of the affected trees with healthy ones. This grant will enable the Village to track approximately 9,332 trees throughout the community, based on species of the trees, size, condition ratings, approximate age and diversification.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus administers this program with funds from the U.S. Forest Service through their Urban and Community Forestry. In order to be selected for this grant, the Village had to meet several criteria including need, quality and feasibility of the work plan, and the leveraged outcome. The Village of Glendale Heights also demonstrated to the Caucus the commitment to implement an Emerald Ash Borer management plan by strategically removing and planting trees.

Numerous trees throughout the Glendale Heights Community have already been removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer and plans have already been implemented to eradicate and replace any other trees that have been affected.