

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources- Forest Service
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program
Description and Application for Cost Share and Payment**

The Maryland Forest Service (MFS) will distribute funds in a 50/50 cost share program for the treatment of ash trees threatened by Emerald Ash Borer.

1. Eligibility

Eligible applicants include local and state jurisdictions and lands with permanent protection, such as conservation easements. Eligible projects include the chemical treatment of ash trees, or other activities as approved by MFS. Projects must occur on public land or publicly accessible protected land. Removal activities are not eligible for funding.

2. Criteria

Applications will be prioritized using the following criteria:

- a. An EAB Community Response Plan is prepared and in use.
- b. Approach and funding source are identified for re-treatment in subsequent years (2-5 years).
- c. Priority treatment needs are based on a tree inventory.
- d. Application demonstrates a need for protecting the ecological or public value of ash trees, or protecting against public safety concerns related to ash mortality.

3. Treatment recommendations

MFS recommends treating ash trees with trunk injections of emamectin benzoate, the most effective treatment currently known. The anticipated treatment timeframe is the spring of 2018. Example treatment priorities include healthy trees without utility conflicts, large trees, heritage/community interest trees, rare ash species, and potential public safety hazards.

4. Cost Share Agreement

- a. Treatment funding may be used to contract treatments or to purchase chemicals and supplies for treatment.
- b. Participating jurisdictions will contribute 50% of treatment-related costs.
- c. MFS will reimburse up to 50% of treatment costs, up to the approved amount.
- d. Funding recipients will be required to document expenditures on treatment or related EAB management, equivalent to the treatment funding received.
- e. Invoices for treatment costs must be submitted to the MFS to be paid. Amounts over \$2,500 will require the prior signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between MFS and the applicant.

5. Monitoring

- a. Within 1 month of treatment, please submit a copy of tree inventory and treatment activities to the MFS. Electronic copies may be sent to colleen.kenny@maryland.gov.
- b. Monitor trees following treatment for signs of improvement or decline, to determine the effectiveness of selected treatment methods.

6. Submission

Applications may be submitted by mail or email to:

Colleen Kenny
Tawes State Office Building
580 Taylor Ave., E-1
Annapolis MD 21401
colleen.kenny@maryland.gov

7. Application Deadline

Applications are due no later than **5:00 pm on December 1, 2017**.

8. Notification

Applicants will be notified of their selection status by December 15, 2017.

9. Staff Contact

Please contact Colleen Kenny at colleen.kenny@maryland.gov or 410-260-8530 for further information.



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Applicant Information

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| 1. Name of Organization | 2. County | |
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| 3. Contact Name and Address | 4. Phone | |
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EAB Response Status

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| 6. Note the date or development status of your EAB Community Response Plan. | |
| 7. Identify plans for 50/50 cost-share and ability to fund re-treatment that will be needed in 2 to 5 years. | |
| 8. Identify year of tree inventory or other information sources used to plan and prioritize treatment requests. | |

Treatment Request

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| 9. Treatment Activities (average treatment cost of \$10/diameter-inch) | | |
| a. Treatment Description | b. Number of Trees | c. Estimated Cost |
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| d. Total Cost | | |
| e. Amount Requested | | |

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| 10. Applicant Signature | | Date | |
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11. Project Description, including number, type, and importance of trees to be treated.