

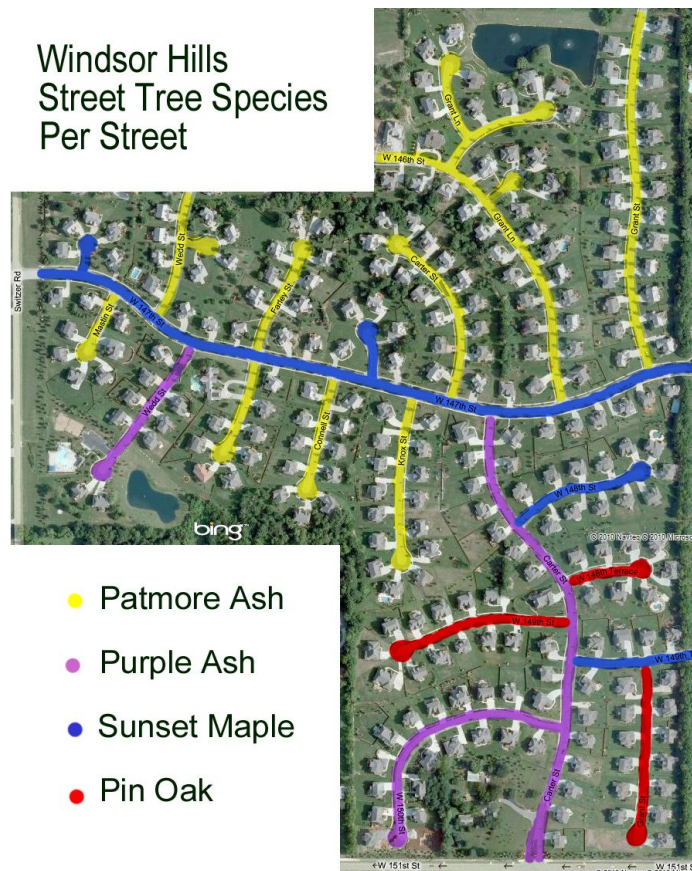
## Windsor Hills Emerald Ash Borer Plan of Action - to be finalized by 2018 Annual Meeting in November 2018

Over the past six years, the Board has been researching and planning how to address Emerald Ash Borer and its effects on our trees in our neighborhood. The Emerald Ash Borer is a small beetle that has spread throughout Johnson County and has affected ash trees in Windsor Hills. See this link for more information about Emerald Ash Borer and its effects on trees in Windsor Hills:

<https://www.opkansas.org/resident-resources/residential-property-maintenance/property-maintenance-tips/emerald-ash-borer/>

The concern is that eventually the ash trees in Windsor Hills will be stressed and ultimately may die because of the Emerald Ash Borer. There are multiple things to consider regarding this dilemma including finances, aesthetics, compliance of tree replacement, environmental respect, and community unity. The Board would like to thank everyone who has attended meetings, posted on eNeighbors, or emailed with concerns and suggestions regarding this topic.

In 2016, the Board began a two-year treatment of the Ash trees street trees and trees located in the common areas throughout our neighborhood to attempt to prolong the life of the ash trees in our neighborhood and give the Board enough time to decide to how to proceed.



However, the two-year treatment will expire in November 2018. Therefore, as a neighborhood, we need to make our next major decision in the plan of action. For this reason, the Board would like to get a general consensus from all homeowners on this topic and then the Board will take this information and make a final decision as to how Windsor Hills will move forward.

Please select one option below:

**Option (1):** Let the ash trees in Windsor Hills naturally perish. If you are a homeowner with one or more ash street trees, you will be responsible for replacing the one or more trees with an approved tree at your own expense. However, the City of Overland Park informed the Board that they have a limited annual budget for replacing trees, and may be able to financially assist, but this is not guaranteed. It would be up to each homeowner to seek assistance from the city and request replacement of their one or more trees.<sup>1</sup> **There is no special assessment associated with Option 1.**

**Option (2A):** Windsor Hills would remove all ash street trees and all ash common area trees in the neighborhood and replace them with trees that were selected by the Board in conjunction with an Overland Park arborist (black gum tree (red fall foliage) and the ginkgo biloba tree (yellow fall foliage). See the images of the trees and the map with the affected streets below. There are approximately 250-300 ash trees and the replacement for each tree is approximately \$850. **Option 2A requires a special assessment for all homeowners in Windsor Hills.** It will be approximately \$1,000 per homeowner to be assessed over a two year period.

**Option (2B):** Windsor Hills would remove all ash street trees and all ash common area trees in the neighborhood and replace them with trees that were selected by the Board in conjunction with an Overland Park arborist (black gum tree (red fall foliage) and the ginkgo biloba tree (yellow fall foliage). See the images of the trees and the map with the affected streets below. There are approximately 250-300 ash trees and the replacement for each tree is approximately \$850. **Option 2B requires a special assessment for all homeowners in Windsor Hills.** It will be approximately \$1,000 per homeowner to be assessed over a four year period.

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<sup>1</sup> See

<https://www.opkansas.org/resident-resources/residential-property-maintenance/property-maintenance-tips/emerald-ash-borer/>: "The City does not plan to treat any infested trees in the right of way. Homeowners are encouraged to seek the advice of a certified arborist to evaluate their tree and treat them if they so choose. Trees found to be in decline or dead, will be removed by the city upon request. It is the city's intent to replant lost canopy, however, funds will be a limiting factor."

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# Public Street Trees in the Neighborhood

## Ash Trees Only

