

# Bay-Lake RPC announces the award of nine EAB mitigation grants

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GREEN BAY, WI – Three Wisconsin regional planning commissions and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have jointly awarded a total \$82,450 to communities under their *2016 Wisconsin RPCs and DNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Grant Program*. Nine Wisconsin communities will receive funds for projects to mitigate the impacts of EAB. Grant funds will support planting diverse, non-host trees in public areas in EAB-quarantined counties within the Wisconsin Great Lakes Basin to help recover from EAB losses or to bolster community preparedness for EAB.

The funding was made available through a FY2015 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GRLI) grant applied for and received by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission earlier this year. Wisconsin has over 5 million ash trees and all are at risk with the EAB's confirmed presence in Wisconsin. A total of 42 Wisconsin counties have been quarantined to lessen the risk of spreading the infestation.

The nine grant recipients were awarded grants ranging from \$2,400 to \$20,000, with grant recipients providing at least a 25% match of the total project. Grants have been awarded to city, village, and town governments to assist with tree planting projects totaling over \$133,000. Nearly 700 trees will be planted. A complete list of funded projects is attached.

For additional information about the *Wisconsin RPCs and DNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Grant Program*, contact Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, at 920-448-2820 or [AngelaKA@baylakerpc.org](mailto:AngelaKA@baylakerpc.org).

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**Bay-Lake RPC Region (Northeast Wisconsin)**

Applicant: City of Plymouth, Sheboygan County  
Grant amount: \$10,000  
Contact: William Immich (920) 893-1471  
Project summary: Remove and replace 100 ash trees with diverse, non-host species in high visibility public areas of the city.

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Applicant: City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County  
Grant amount: \$10,000  
Contact: Joseph Kerlin (920) 459-3459  
Project summary: Remove and replace 50 ash trees with diverse, non-host species in high visibility public areas of the city including Deland Park.

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Applicant: Town of Wilson, Sheboygan County  
Grant amount: \$5,000  
Contact: John Ehmann (920) 208-2390  
Project summary: Plant 35 diverse, non-host trees in Schinker Creek Park.

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**East Central Wisconsin RPC Region**

Applicant: City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County  
Grant amount: \$10,000  
Contact: John Redmond (920) 322-3592  
Project summary: Plant 49 diverse, non-host trees in high visibility public areas of the city.

Applicant: City of Menasha, Winnebago County  
Grant amount: \$2,400  
Contact: Vince Maas (920) 967-3642  
Project summary: Plant 30 diverse, non-host trees in Hart Park, Jefferson Park, and Barker Farms Park to help enhance the City's Arbor Day celebration.

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**Northwest Wisconsin RPC Region**

Applicant: City of Superior, Douglas County  
Grant amount: \$10,000  
Contact: Linda Cadotte (715) 395-7279  
Project summary: Plant 100 diverse, non-host trees in high visibility public areas of the city.

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**Southeast Wisconsin RPC Region**

Applicant: Village of Fox Point, Milwaukee County  
Grant amount: \$8,350  
Contact: Scott Brandmeier (414) 247-6624  
Project summary: Plant 60 diverse, non-host trees in public areas of the village.

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Applicant: City of Muskego, Waukesha County  
Grant amount: \$6,750  
Contact: Tom Zagar (262) 679-5617  
Project summary: Plant 30 diverse, non-host trees in Bluhm Park, Kurth Park, and Schmidt Park.

Applicant: City of Racine, Racine County

Grant amount: \$20,000

Contact: Tom Molbeck (262) 636-9452

Project summary: Plant 240 diverse, non-host trees in public parkway and an elementary school.

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