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9/27/2012

Dear Resident,

On September 7, 2012, the *2011-2012 Western Lake Erie Basin Emerald Ash Borer Ash Tree Removal Program* is being offered to private individual property owners in the counties of Erie, Huron, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood Counties. This letter serves as initial guidance to eligible applicants. The program allows up to 40% Cost Share assistance from WSOS Community Action Commission Inc. for ash tree removal for up to two (2) Ash Trees. The cost share will be provided to you only if you complete the following requirements as listed. The total cost share provided by WSOS will not exceed the value indicated on the approval letter. Please read the application in entirety to be sure you fully understand this program.

Requirements For Cost Share:

1. Complete and submit the Application Form. One application per individual private property owner.
2. Submit copies of no less than three (3) itemized estimates from companies employing ISA Certified Arborist(s) with your application form for the cost of equivalent work to be performed. WSOS determines cost share based on the lowest best bid from a Qualified ISA Certified Arborist. A list of ISA Certified Arborists and phone numbers is provided.
3. Once approval has been granted for funding your tree removal, you will receive a signed letter in the mail explaining the steps that you will need to complete to receive funding assistance as well as the approval amount of cost share. No funding is guaranteed until all of the listed requirements have been met. Please note that actual cost share dollars paid will be determined by WSOS upon receipt of the contractor's bill and accompanying paperwork.
4. Your approval for funding does not guarantee any cost share dollars. Removal of your tree(s) must be completed or you will forfeit your right to cost share dollars. If the above conditions are not met by April 27, 2013 you will automatically forfeit your right to any cost share dollars.

WSOS has no obligation to pay for any removals unless prior approval has been made and the property owner has paid their portion of the project.

WSOS is not responsible or liable in any way for the work completed or damage to your property. WSOS is responsible only for the payment of cost share dollars as listed above and nothing more.

Applications will be accepted if postmarked, faxed or email on or prior to November 30, 2012. If approved into the program tree removal must then be completed by April 27, 2013.

Thank you for your participation, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me at 419-334-5016 or cabrookes@wsos.org.

Sincerely,

Cindy Brookes
Watershed Specialist
Sandusky River Watershed Coalition
WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc.

Western Lake Erie Basin Emerald Ash Borer Ash Tree Removal Program

For Erie, Huron, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood Counties

Administered by

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Homeowner/Applicant

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: OH Zip: _____

Property Address of Tree: _____

City: _____ State: OH Zip: _____

County: _____ Number of Trees _____ (Limit 2)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Guidelines

1. One application per individual private property owner.
2. Assistance for no more than 2 trees. This applies to participants from previous programs as well.
3. No more than 40% cost share will be paid on any removal no matter the monetary approval indicated in the approval letter. Example: Approval amount was \$400.00 based on an estimate of \$1000.00. In the meantime, you receive an estimate of \$800.00 to remove the tree. The cost share for this removal is \$320.00 or 40%, NOT the original approval of \$400.00
4. Please keep your original quotes and send in copies, as originals will not be returned to you.
5. Homeowner must cover sales tax plus the homeowner amount, if it was not included in the estimate. Note that some companies do not include sales tax into their cost estimate.
6. Applications must be postmarked, emailed or faxed on or before November 30, 2012 and tree removals must be completed by April 27, 2013.

Guidelines Regarding Contractor Selection

All contractors hired to complete this work must have ISA Certified Arborists on staff and on the job site at the time of removal. Listed on the next page are some of the companies employing ISA Certified Arborists from the area or you can obtain additional listings by visiting the website <http://treesaregood.com> and go to "Find a Tree Care Service".

Additionally, homeowners are responsible for obtaining Insurance and Workers' Compensation Certificates. As a homeowner you should request copies of these Certificates before work begins to safeguard yourself; WSOS is not responsible for obtaining these items.

Estimates

Three itemized estimates from companies employing ISA Certified Arborist are required to be submitted by the property owner in order to complete this application.

ISA Certified Arborist must provide their certification number on the quote or to you directly so it can be provided below. Please note that Removal does **NOT** include stump grinding.

Name of Company	ISA Certification Number
1.	
2.	
3.	

Companies Employing ISA Certified Arborists	Locations	Phone
Aaron Tree & Lawn	Toledo, OH 43613	419-410-6049
Advanced Tree Health, Ltd.	Findlay, OH 45840	419-889-1123
Arbormax	Toledo, OH 43614	419-367-0182
Barnes Nursery Inc.	Huron, OH 44839	419-433-5525
Blanchard Tree & Lawn	Holland, OH 43528	419-865-7071
C & J Tree Services	Fremont, OH 43420	419-332-4718
Complete Tree & Shrub Care LLC	Sylvania Township, Ohio 43615	419-410-1946
Davey Tree Expert Co	Toledo, OH 43615	419-531-9737
Eco Tree Services, LLC	Amherst, OH 44001	440-988-4470
Envirocare Lawn & Landscape	Perrysburg, OH 43551	419-467-2237
Flora Landscape, Inc.	Toledo, OH 43607	419-536-7640
Forest City Tree Protection Co., Inc.	Cleveland, OH 44121	216-381-1700
L. E. Savory Tree Service	Toledo, OH 43617	419-841-4411
Leimiester Crane and Tree Service	Berlin Heights, OH 44814	419-588-2026
Neville Landscape & Tree Service, Inc	Holland, OH 43528	419-865-2922
New Century Tree & Lawn Inc	Wauseon, OH 43567	419-335-7337
Oberlander's Tree & Landscape	Bucyrus, OH 44820	419-562-8733
Schrivers Tree Service	Wellington, OH 44090	440-647-5457
Tawa Tree Service, Inc.	Ottawa, OH 45875	419-523-9001
The Tree Co., Inc	North Olmstead, OH 44070	440-979-1508
Tree Experts	Huron, OH 44839	419-433-0668
Treemasters	Medina, OH 44256	330-441-2105

**Return application and copies of 3 estimates to: Sandusky River Watershed Specialist,
Attn: Cindy Brookes, 219 S. Front St., P. O. Box 590, Fremont, Ohio 43420.**