

City of Milwaukee - Private Property Notification Letter for i-Tree Eco Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Milwaukee will be conducting an urban tree inventory throughout the summer of 2008. This project will utilize the i-Tree Eco - Urban Forest Effects (UFORE) Model developed by the US Forest Service to quantify the composition (tree type, size, health, etc.) and environmental benefits of Milwaukee's trees. Statewide, urban trees are worth billions of dollars and annually provide over \$64 million worth of environmental benefits.

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a destructive exotic insect that has killed over 25 million ash trees in the Midwest and Canada, and has been detected in the Chicago area. It is expected that Emerald ash borer will eventually find its way to Milwaukee. **This study will quantify the number of ash trees at risk city-wide and the environmental impacts associated with an EAB outbreak.** This information is needed to develop a comprehensive Emerald ash borer readiness and response plan for Milwaukee.

Approximately 200 randomly distributed 1/10 acre sample plots have been identified throughout the City. One of these plots (or a portion thereof) is located on your property. **We are requesting permission to access your yard** to collect information on trees and other vegetation within the sample plot including tree type, size, crown coverage and density, and overall health. The measurements will not harm the trees in any way and only trees and other vegetation within the plot will be measured. **Please return the enclosed postage paid card indicating your permission or denial for city forestry personnel to enter on your property for this specific purpose. If we do not receive a response by May 19, 2008, a forestry employee** will visit your property to request permission to access the property. Please contact Project Coordinator, Ian Brown, at 414-286-8233 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your trees represent Milwaukee!

Sincerely,



Ian Brown
Technical Services Supervisor