

City of Saint Paul-Parks & Recreation

Department/Forestry

Wood Waste Utilization:

Strategy #41 comments:

Plans should clearly delineate how existing wood yards that do not charge a tip fee will be supported in coming online to do so.

Consider broader scope than education on EAB, tree treatment and preservation. Education on benefits of trees, not just ash, and maintenance of trees. Define what is meant by tree treatment and preservation—the way I read is that it is directly related to ash trees, however, there are many other valuable species (elm—DED, oak—OW/BOB) that can be treated, and tree preservation can and should go well beyond ash.

Strategy #44 comments:

Unclear if this means that cities need to update/create ordinances on open burning.

Strategy #45 comments:

Ash trees are dead/dying throughout the metro and promoting treatment at this point, at least in Saint Paul, would be a misinformation campaign. There should be an alternative for highly infested areas such as Ramsey County on the hazard created by dead/dying ash trees (and need for removal), the benefits of tree planting and routine maintenance of all trees.

Strategy #46 comments:

Much of the core metro area is already heavily infested and ash trees are dead or dying which does not align with the strategy. Alternative incentives could be provided for tree planting and maintenance (tree watering via utility bill incentive for instance).

Strategy #47 comments:

This puts pressure on the communities rather than counties to support funding for multi-year assessments. Including this in a county-level plan should have support of the communities within those counties—increased budgets, system of recording all long-term assessments and staffing will be necessary.

Strategy #48 comments:

This should be done at the county level with options for cities to utilize materials generated.