



City of Frankenmuth

DONATION REQUEST for TREE REPLACEMENT due to the EMERALD ASH BORER INFESTATION

The City of Frankenmuth has been a member of the Tree City USA program for 27 years. The City has over 4,200 publicly owned trees along its streets (commonly referred to as "street trees"). Tree lined city streets compliment the Frankenmuth experience; however, Ash trees are dying faster than they can be replaced due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. In conjunction with its Tree Board, the City continues to plan and take action to limit the effects of the infestation, but the cost will exceed the affordable, budgeted amount in the current and forthcoming years.

Since 2008, approximately 300 of the 900 Ash species of street trees have died within the city and the list of dying Ash

trees is growing weekly. Perhaps you or your neighbor have/had an infected Ash tree in front of your/their property. The outlook for the survivability of the remaining 600 Ash trees is very bleak over the next few years despite our efforts to intervene. Up to this point, funds have been available for limited tree replacement through planning, budgeting and public & private grant sources. With the state of the economy, these public and private funding sources are becoming less available because of the extent of the infestation. As trees succumb to the infestation, there will be bare spots along our streets where trees will not be replaced until well into the future (should the necessary funding become

available).

Because of this, we are asking our residents/friends to consider making a donation to street tree replacement. Your donation to the City is considered a charitable tax deduction. Although any amount is appreciated, it currently costs approximately \$150 to replace one street tree with a new 1-3/4" caliper tree. The donated funds received will only be used to replace dead Ash trees with a species that is disease resistant. Our City DPW staff member/horticulturalist continues to stay abreast of the current research and findings about tree diseases/infestations and the recommended street tree varieties in the area.

Please see the reverse side for information on your tax deductible donation to the City of Frankenmuth Street Tree Fund

Record of Donation for City of Frankenmuth STREET TREE REPLACEMENT FUND

The cost to purchase and plant a new 1-3/4" caliper street tree is \$150.00

Yes, I want to help replace City of Frankenmuth Street Trees as follows:

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$_____ OR

_____ Street Trees @ \$150.00 each = \$_____

Please contact me about the possibility of Ash tree(s) in front of my property & replacement.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Please make checks payable to the
"City of Frankenmuth Street Tree Fund" and mail to:
City of Frankenmuth

240 W. Genesee Street • Frankenmuth, MI 48734-1398



KEEP THIS STUB FOR YOUR 2010 TAX RECORDS.

Your donation to the
**City of Frankenmuth
Street Tree Fund**
*is considered a charitable
tax donation.*

**A contribution in the
amount of**

\$ _____

**was made to the
"City of Frankenmuth
Street Tree Fund"
on**



_____, 2010