

St. Anthony West Neighborhood Emerald Ash Borer Plan Proposal

March 2013

Key Questions to Decide Today

Does STAWNO support funding efforts to mitigate the impact of EAB?

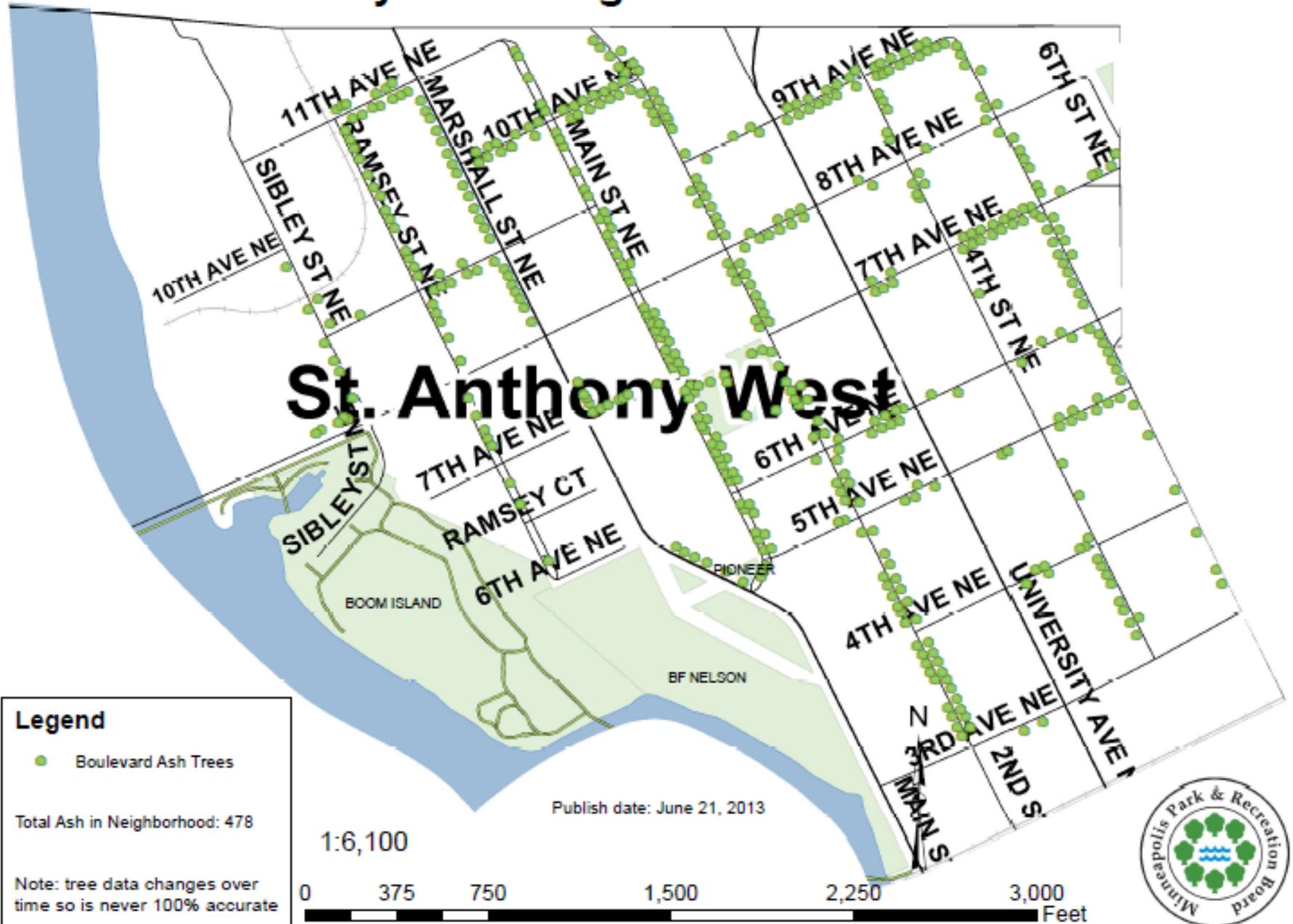
Does STAWNO support funding select public trees to be treated this year?

Key Considerations

- STAWNO neighborhood is infected and removal of trees has already started
- City Mpls is choosing not to treat; other cities /neighborhoods do
- Likely that all of the ash trees, left untreated, will be gone w/in 3-5years
- STAWNO neighborhood has 475 public ash trees - +30% of our public trees
- Sanitation cuts are occurring w/gaps of time until new planting
- Tree canopy impacts the neighborhoods livability
 - Property values
 - Safety/calming
 - Pollution
 - Energy Conservation

STAWNO's Role aligns with taking action on this issue

St. Anthony West Neighborhood Boulevard Ash Trees



Proposed Plan

Sense of Urgency – need to treat no later than June

Select ~20% of public ash trees to treat

- Treat ~100 trees in neighborhood (trained arborist)
- Focus on areas with highly dense ash population
- Gateway or sentinel trees
- Serving a “big job” (energy, safety, etc)

Partner with treatment company to organize across neighborhood

- Discount for treating in bulk
- Inform neighbors to be part of “event” and receive discount for their personal trees
- Treated trees logged on database so not removed

Partnership with Park Board/Forester

- Review plans for removal/replacement
 - Which to keep, which to remove/thin, which to replace
- Have voice in prioritization and selection of new trees

Inform neighborhood of options

- Key stats about EAB
- What action steps they can take
- Contact information
- Opt out option

Timeline & Budget

- March 13th – Board decides action
- April 10th – Hire arborist/treatment company
- April / May – direct mail to neighbors for treatment “event”
- April / May – direct mail/door drop for tree that will be treated by STAWNO
- Late May / June - treatment
- ****TBD – lead by task force and/or existing committee**
- Treat ~100 trees 2014, 2016, and 2018 – lasts thru 2021
- Estimate is \$200/tree w/25% discount (to be negotiated)
 - \$20K 2014
 - \$15K 2016
 - \$15K 2018
- **Request \$50k put towards “fund”, with only 1st portion being utilized in 2014**
 - Average of \$7,142.00 year
 - \$6 /household (1200)/year