

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive beetle that kills ash trees. EAB has the potential to kill nearly all of the native ash trees in Iowa. It is estimated that Iowa has 3.1 million ash trees in urban setting, while the woodlands are estimated at 52 million. EAB has been positively located on Henderson island in Allamakee county in 2010. EAB has since been confirmed in Cedar, Des Moines, and Jefferson Counties. To slow the spread of EAB a 25 county quarantine buffer was put into place in 2013. On March 7, 2014 the entire state of Iowa was placed on a Federal quarantine.

City of Sioux City staff are preparing for the arrival of EAB by 1.) Inventorying street trees; 2.) Seeking funding for the prevention or removal of the EAB; 3.) Diversifying tree species within Sioux City so that no one species will compromise more than 10% of the tree population; and 4.) Support state educational efforts to stop the spread of EAB.

See the pdf below for additional information.