

Forester's Report 1 29 2016

Two burning permits were issued during January.

Completed emerald ash borer survey throughout City and no trees were found with EAB infestations. Active EAB infestations were found in Eagan, Mendota Heights, and Apple Valley within the last year so it is quite likely that EAB is present in Sunfish Lake but at a population level currently undetectable. Going forward the City will not require removal of EAB infested ash trees on private property unless they pose a potential danger to people or vehicles on public streets or ROW's.

Consulted with various residents regarding burning permits, wild animal concerns, invasive species, and tree issues.

Attended a seminar on the effects of deer browsing on forest regeneration and tree survival at the Recreation Center in St. Louis Park, MN, on January 21st. A healthy forest can support as many as 21 deer per square mile however if there are browsing sensitive species, such as arborvitae and white pine, present then more than 10 deer per square mile can be a problem. Generally higher deer population densities equate to higher numbers of invasive species and total invasive species present.

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