

## **Note of the April 4, 2023 meeting of the Emerald Ash Borer Sub-committee of the Land Use Management Planning (LUMP) board committee of the Oregon Country Fair.**

In Attendance were: Kevin Hillery, Steve Wisnovsky, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Head, Paxton, Jon Silvermoon, Robert A., Rosana Costello, Anne Rogers, and Dennis Todd had to miss much of the meeting but was able to attend the last ~30 minutes; Staff-Sierra McComas

### Approval of Minutes

Feb 07—No objections raised but didn't formally vote (had tabled in March).

March 07—Did not review or vote.

### Update on LIDAR/Tree Inventory

Rosanna Costello continues to refine and hone the grid map that integrates LIDAR with imagery of the trees at the site, including higher resolution imagery for Oregon Ash vs other trees within the "8" and other public areas.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0819bdad605f49aeabe6a330043309ff>

The maps need to be ground-truthed for species and number of stems/trees. The higher resolution imagery is from 2013, and LIDAR is from 2015, both taken from an airplane flight.

Sierra mentioned the OR Statewide Imagery Program OSIP as a source, though it was determined that the other imagery Rosana has is higher resolution. The date may be an issue with some areas especially, thus the need to ground truth.

Kevin discussed more considerations for the tree inventory: minimum size of stem to count ( $\geq 9$  in. dbh for inside 8/public areas, do a sampling approach (40' x 40') for other areas. Would like to see neighborhoods or camps/teams to do an inventory of their site and come up with a "Camp Impact Statement". We discussed the balance of taking down trees preemptively and providing to Ritz for firewood, vs not rushing or assuming the worst and also leaving trees as genetic stock that may be resistant (Glenn wonders: probably most of the ash trees are of the same stock, or very close, so even if we took some out we'd probably still have the same genetic potential on site).

Jon S. brought up the need for actually inventorying small trees so that we can nurture the non-ash trees present in to larger trees through time.

Anne speaking from the Archaeological perspective said it should not be a problem to move baby trees or plant trees (see below, though).

We discussed if we're ready to start suggesting people plant and Sierra said she'd like to stick with the current guidelines/guidance which is that planting is not allowed without coordinating with her first (too many non-native and invasives planted, bad planning etc.) but if she saw planting plans she'd open to it. Does not want to emphasize planting at this at this time, but rather nourishing/stewarding understory trees and shrubs that can grow tall.

Kevin and Rosana are going to get together to beta-test some elements of a protocol to inform the layers. Will look at whether TreePlotter program from OR Dept Forestry, Lane Co. will work

and integrate, particularly if people can do it on their phones. After this coordination, OCF may host a larger group later in April to do more inventory-ing.

### Messaging around EAB

Ann discussed some of her interpretive signage ideas for pre-fair and is sending soon. First set of poster is intended to be pre-fair/pre-Main Camp and for casual visitor, will be in three different places and are 8.5"x 11". (she sent out on 4/8).

Paxton would also like to see more formal informational display in/during Main Camp. Also he's working on laminated EAB/Ash info cards.

Robert suggested "EAB posters" around the fair (event) that would be independent and have the QR code (I think he meant larger-size vs Ann's smaller versions).

Tom G. working on a specimen (e.g., in alcohol and/or resin version) for talks/display/education. Sierra mentioned wanting educational materials for fair family and public.

Glenn: Need to come up with messaging for internal OCF crews/family, especially, as well as Public/Neighbors / partners etc. Ideally will represent the EAB group's consensus and priorities for what the OCF should communicate about EAB and actions people can take.

The messaging sub-group did not formally meet, though several members attended Path Planning meeting on 3/19, and both Ann and Glenn sent some materials after the 4/4 meeting. The messaging group is comprised of Glenn, Kevin, Anne, Paxton, Dennis....

Glenn started reviewing Kevin's DRAFT OCF EAB Response Plan, put it in to a Word doc. Group discussed breaking it out in to near- and longer-term aspects to the plan, keeping it as a "Draft" aka working document and not fixating on getting it perfect.

### New Business/Homework:

Kevin: Arrange with Rosanna to beta-test a ground-truthing protocol for LIDAR layers/tree inventory.

Ann: Will send out interpretive posters she would like to put up for pre-fair audience.

Glenn: Send draft EAB messages to messaging/EAB group. Finish and send review of Kevin's Draft OCF EAB Response Plan.

Glenn/Tom: Will coordinate and enlist StewardShip crew/venue to help with poster, scheduled presentations, etc.

Sierra: Will reach out to camp crew leads at Coordinator's meeting, also will speak to EAB there. Needs the camp crew contacts for the non-NCU areas.

Ongoing/hold over from last month:

Everyone: Check out Tree Plotter Canopy Eugene site, scoll over to OCF site (Oak in dark green vs Ash lighter green apparent).

<https://pg-cloud.com/EugeneOR/>

And LIDAR-informed GIS map of OCF trees

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0819bdad605f49aeabe6a330043309ff>.

### Schedule

Meetings will continue to be Tuesday after the BoD meetings.

Next Meeting will be via Zoom Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.