Shorewood

AT THE EDGE OF THE CITY AND
THE HEART OF EVERYTHING

March 21, 2016

Dear Shorewood Resident/Property Owner:

Now that we've had our glimpse of spring, it's time to talk about the 2016 North East Area Combined Sewer Improvement Program. A contract for this work has been awarded to Globe Contractors, Inc. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid- April.

A map of this year's project area can be found on the reverse of this letter. The project includes sewer and street work in the following blocks:

- 1800-2400 blocks E. Kensington Boulevard
- 1800-1900 blocks E. Lake Bluff Boulevard
- 4400 block N. Murray Avenue
- 4400 block N. Frederick Avenue
- 4400 block N. Prospect Avenue

In addition to sewer and street improvements, some driveway aprons and carriage walks (between the curb and sidewalk) will be replaced as a part of the project. The project will also include replacement of selected water main and the Village-owned portion of the lead services on those mains. Properties affected by the water main replacement will receive additional notifications.

2016 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 VILLAGE CENTER
6:30 P.M. WATER MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT PRESENTATION
7:30 COMBINED NORTH PROJECT PUBLIC INFO MEETING

Enclosed, please find a handout with general information related to the project. Please keep this sheet for future reference.

Over the next several weeks you may notice activity in the project area, including more-frequent-than-normal utility location markings and the marking and removal of certain ash trees in advance of the project; please see the enclosed flyer for more information on the ash replacement program. Please note that property owners are responsible for marking – for the duration of the project - any existing private irrigation systems, underground fence systems or landscape lighting systems which may be located between the sidewalk and the curb. **Neither the Village nor the contractor will be responsible for any damage to such systems in the Village right-of-way, but care will be taken to avoid marked systems when possible.**

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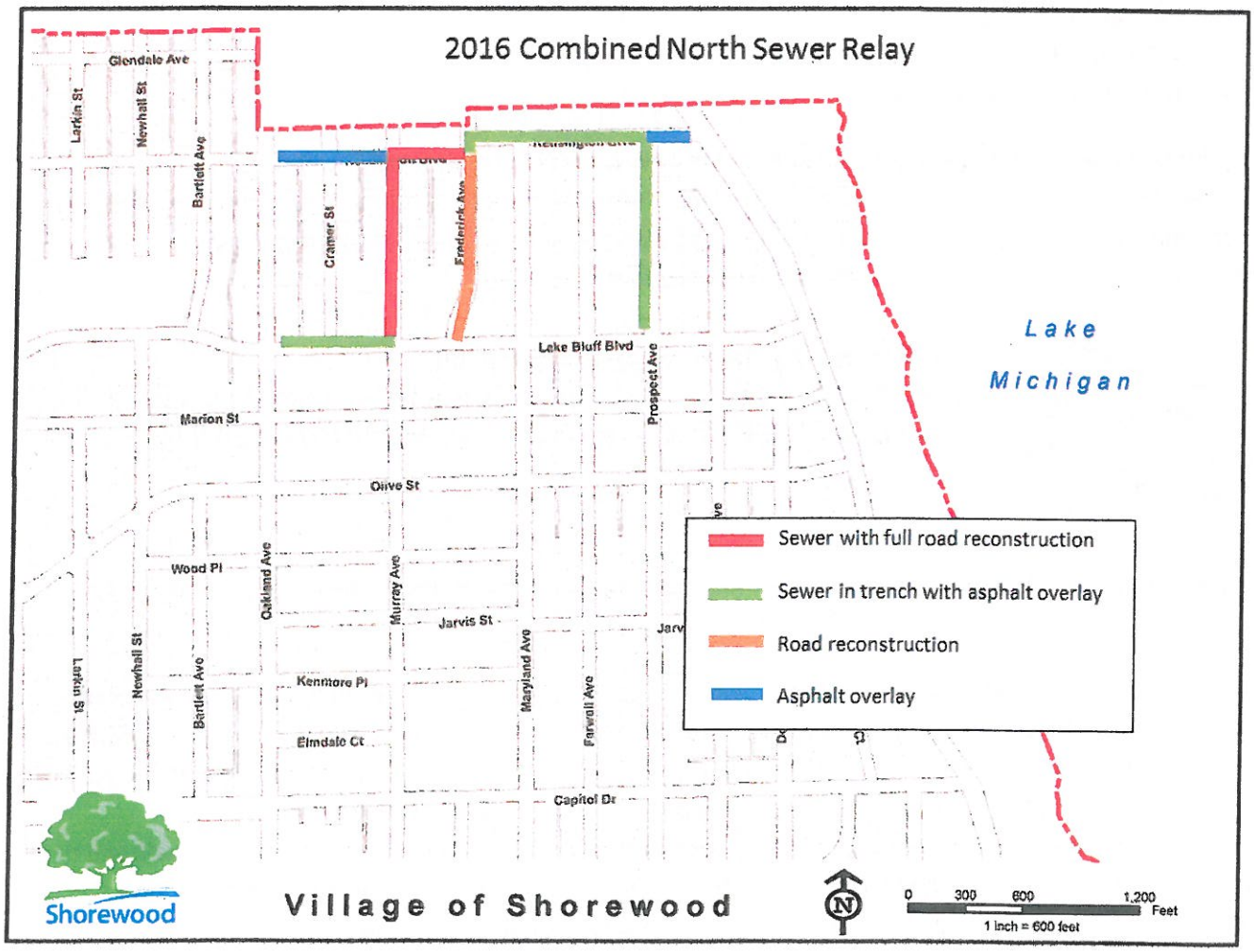
If you have placed plant materials between the sidewalk and curb, any plantings you wish to preserve must be removed from this area and relocated prior to the start of construction.

Information regarding the project, including weekly updates once construction begins, can be found at www.villageofshorewood.org/NEsewer .

If you have any immediate questions regarding the project, please contact me at the Department of Public Works, 414.847.2650. If you would like to be added to an email distribution list to receive regular project updates, please email us at dpw@villageofshorewood.org.

Very truly yours,

Leeann Butschlick, Director
Department of Public Works



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2016 NE Area Sewer Improvement Program

Resident Information Sheet

- It is anticipated that work on the project will begin in mid-April. By Village ordinance, the contractor's work hours are limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Weekend work is permitted only with special permission from the Village.

- Mail service, garbage and recycling pickup will be maintained throughout this project.

- **Selected ash street trees will be replaced as a part of this project. If the tree adjacent to your residence is scheduled for replacement, it will be marked and you will receive a separate notification.**

- Streetlight outages will occur periodically throughout the project. The contractor and Village staff will make every effort to keep these unavoidable outages to a minimum.

- Water service will also be interrupted in certain locations during the water main portion of the project. Affected residents will be notified in advance of any shut off.

- Access to your driveway will be limited at times. During construction hours street parking will be restricted. We ask that vehicles park on streets outside the project area. For the safety of residents and work crews, parking restrictions will be enforced; it is crucial that access is maintained for emergency vehicles at all times. On-Street Parking Permits are enclosed.

- Property owners are responsible for marking any existing private irrigation systems, underground fence systems or landscaping lighting systems which may be located between the sidewalk and the curb throughout the duration of the project. **Neither the Village nor the contractor will be responsible for any damage to such systems in the Village right-of-way, but care will be taken to avoid marked systems when possible.**

- **Parkway plantings (ANY plant material other than street trees between the sidewalk and the curb) which you may wish to preserve MUST be removed** from the area prior to the start of construction. Neither the Village nor the contractor will be liable for damage to these plantings.

- Please keep children and pets away from the work area and equipment at all times. Also, please remember that construction equipment has many blind spots. Please keep a safe distance from all equipment.

- Additional notices updating specific information as needed will be forwarded as necessary.

- Regular updates on the project will be posted at www.villageofshorewood.org/NEsewer or to receive these updates via email, please send a request to dpw@villageofshorewood.org.

- If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the Department of Public Works at 414.847.2650.

Village of Shorewood
Ash Tree Replacement Program

Did you know that the Village of Shorewood has over 6,200 street trees? Or that over 25% of those are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer? The Village began planning for an EAB infestation in 2009. To date, the beetle has not been discovered here, but has been identified in communities to the north, west and south of Shorewood.

Shorewood began an ash tree treatment program in 2010, utilizing a trunk-injected compound that has been shown to have 99% EAB control. Each year, DPW forestry staff identifies 200-300 of the Village's largest white, green and European ash trees for treatment, which is needed every 2-3 years. ***Beginning in 2014, Shorewood's fight against EAB will include the removal and replacement of selected ash trees.*** *The replacements will occur in conjunction with major infrastructure improvement projects; in 2014 these projects will include the Basin 6 Phase II Sewer Improvements and the Murray Avenue Street Reconstruction program.*

The policy adopted by the Village Board calls for the removal of any ash tree with a condition rating of less than 50% (fair or poor). Additionally, all European and green ash trees, regardless of condition, with a diameter breast height (DBH) of less than 24 inches will be replaced. European and/or green ash larger than 24 DBH in good or very good condition will be treated as a part of the Village's annual ash injection program. White ash in good or very good condition will not be removed as recent studies indicate they may show more resistance to EAB than other ash varieties.

Why is this program necessary?
It is estimated that more than 50 million ash trees are dead or dying throughout the Midwest due to the emerald ash borer. EAB has been detected in communities in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties. It is only a matter of time before it is found here. A proactive approach to target the pest will minimize the economic, aesthetic and ecological impacts of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation on the Village of Shorewood.

Toledo, Ohio. Left: Before EAB June 2006. Right: Peak EAB June 2009.

Why are only ash trees being removed?
The emerald ash borer, a beetle native to East Asia, feeds **only** on ash trees. Once the pest attacks, it typically kills the host tree within 2-4 years.

If trunk injection is so successful, why don't you treat all ash trees?

Treatment of ash trees is just one tool in the fight against EAB. And while very effective, it is not without cost. Injections are required every 2-3 years. It is far more cost effective to replace the smaller trees with other species and further diversify our urban forest. The chemical treatments are being used as a strategy to manage the ash population's decline over a longer time period in order to minimize, to the extent possible, the effect of an infestation on Village resources.

How will I know if my street tree is an ash tree selected for replacement?

Prior to the start of the larger construction project, every ash tree identified for replacement will be clearly marked. Additionally, the adjacent property owner/resident will receive a door-hanger notification about the program.

When will my tree be replaced?

If the street tree adjacent to your residence has been identified for replacement under this program, the tree will be removed in the earliest stages of the construction project. The replacement tree will be planted in the latter stages of the project with the other landscape restoration work.

What type of tree will be planted as a replacement? Can I choose the species?

Our trained forestry staff has identified eighteen different species as replacement trees. In most cases, a specific tree has been selected for each site identified based on that site's individual characteristics. However, if you are interested in the options, please contact our office and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

How can I find out more?

Please see the web resources below for more information:

Wisconsin's Emerald Ash Borer Resource
http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp

Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer Information Network
www.emeraldashborer.info/wisconsininfo.cfm

University of Wisconsin Extension
http://www.uwex.edu/

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For more information on Shorewood's EAB program, please visit www.villageofshorewood.org/dpw or call the DPW at 414.847.2650.