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Funds Available to Help Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer Impacts

Nebraska is the home of Arbor Day and known as the “tree planters state,” but the Emerald Ash Borer will put Nebraska’s tree-planting prowess to the test as the small insect starts to wipe out ash trees.

To help ease the blow, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing funding to mitigate the impending devastation caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. Through the NRCS Emerald Ash Borer Initiative, landowners can apply for funding to renovate windbreaks on their land. Landowners have until May 18 to apply.

State Conservationist Craig Derickson said, “The goal of this initiative is to help landowners be proactive in removing and replacing the ash trees in their windbreaks before they become infested. This will help slow the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and help protect landowners from further tree damage.”

Landowners from across the state are eligible to apply, but applications closest to locations currently infested with Emerald Ash Borer will receive the highest priority (see map). For more information, or to apply for funding through this initiative, [visit an NRCS field office](#) before May 18.