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PRESS RELEASE

Treatment of local Ash Trees to take place tomorrow

For Immediate Release

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The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) would like to inform the community that the field work, postponed last week, to treat some ash trees to save them from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), will take place tomorrow, Thursday, August 2.

The work was originally planned for July 26 and July 27 in various parks in the community, as well as in forests in the Big Fence area. The work will only be taking place on common lands.

The ash trees will be injected with TreeAzin, a safe insecticide produced primarily from seed extracts of the Neem tree. Neem is a tree that grows in semi-tropical regions such as India and has been used for centuries as natural insect control. All treated ash trees will be identified by a small sign. Please do not disturb these trees during or after treatment.

The trees were selected based on their current health, their value to the parks for shade, for habitat in the forests, and for enabling the future revitalization of culturally important activities such as basket making. The treated ash trees will also be used for seed stock and future replanting efforts.

Trees treated with TreeAzin require treatment every year during the EAB infestation. If you would like more information, or if you need help identifying a tree, please contact KEPO at **450-635-0600**.