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## KEPO addressing Emerald Ash Borer problem - Tree Planting Event at OSHA Park

For Immediate Release

**(Kahnawake – 12, Seskehkó:wa/September 2016)** The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) wishes to inform the community that trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer at the park in the Old School House Area (OSHA) are being cut this afternoon with replanting to take place on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The work is being carried out by Public Works.

The OSHA is the most impacted area in the community by the Emerald Ash Borer. There are almost 100 ash trees in the park, many of which are already dead and all are showing signs of stress and will die within the next few years. Cutting the trees will reduce the safety hazards of the dead trees and slow the spread of the beetle. To prevent spreading the infestation, please do not remove the wood from the location.

KEPO has secured funding from two sources to replace many of the dying ash trees in our community (TD Canada and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation's North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action Program). The funds will be used to replace the trees.

A tree planting event is planned in collaboration with TD Canada on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. Volunteers are needed to help replant this beautiful neighborhood park. This is a family event.

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