

## **N.C. Forest Service - Ash Protection Program 2024 - Request for Applications**



Applications are now being accepted for the NC Forest Service-Ash Protection Program. The intent of this program is to protect urban ash trees greater than 4 inches in DBH (diameter at breast height defined as 4.5 feet above ground level). Below are important items related to this program. See the Ash Protection Program details at [https://www.ncforestservation.gov/forest\\_health/fh\\_AshProtectionProgram.htm](https://www.ncforestservation.gov/forest_health/fh_AshProtectionProgram.htm).

- Application period
  - Opens **March 5, 2024** and closes at 5:00 PM **EST on April 5, 2024.**
- Financial Assistance
  - This is a cost reimbursement program
  - Maximum reimbursement of \$16 per inch of diameter (breast height)
  - Maximum reimbursement amount: \$10,000 per qualifying organization per application year
- Eligible Organizations
  - Local municipalities (e.g., cities, towns)
  - Colleges, universities, and schools
  - Historical or preservation associations/societies
  - Non-profit organizations
  - Parks (e.g., city, county, state)
- Eligible Practices
  - Chemical pesticide injections done by a NC licensed pesticide applicator.
  - Chemical pesticide injections done according to the label/law.
  - Acceptable insecticide: Emamectin benzoate only (medium or high rate for trees 22" DBH or greater.
  - Retirements only on trees treated at least 2 years prior to the date of application.
- Priority Trees
  - Priority 1: Trees 22" DBH or greater
  - Priority 1: Trees with historical significance
  - Priority 2: Trees 12"-22" DBH
  - Priority 2: Trees in recreational areas, those in high visibility areas, and or where risk of failure presents a high risk.
  - Priority 3: Trees 4"-12" DBH
- Project Schedule and Assistance Agreement
  - Awardees will enter a Agreement for Reimbursement with the NC Forest Service.
  - The awardee will complete the work, pay for the completion of the work, submit a reimbursement request to us for approval and reimbursement.
  - Reporting – Awardee will be required to submit documentation of work done (see Ash Protection Program Guidelines for details).
- Award
  - Awards will be prioritized and awarded following the closing date for applications.
- Application Information
  - Application forms:  
[https://www.ncforestservation.gov/forest\\_health/fh\\_AshProtectionProgram.htm](https://www.ncforestservation.gov/forest_health/fh_AshProtectionProgram.htm)
  - Applications will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis with priority being given to trees meeting the criteria listed above in the Priority Trees section