

It's 'absolutely necessary' to get rid of most of La Crosse's ash trees...

That's what one expert told the La Crosse Park Board last night, before the board voted to take down all of the ash trees on four pieces of city property. The reason...to prevent the emerald ash borer from killing those trees. Evidence of the insect's presence in La Crosse was confirmed this month, when a blighted tree was discovered at Valley View Mall. If the city council approves the plan, hundreds of ash trees will be cut up into chips, which will be stockpiled at West Copeland Park.