



Western Reserve Land Conservancy

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June 1, 2018

Russell Township Park District Commissioners
c/o Scott Wayt, Chair
15229 S. Deepwood Ln.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Re: Acknowledgement of exercised reserved right to remove dead and dying ash from the Russell Uplands Preserve conservation easement property

Dear RTPD Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as written acknowledgement from Western Reserve Land Conservancy that Russell Township Park District has notified the Land Conservancy as required in Section B/Clause 2(d) of the conservation easement of its intent to exercise its right to remove dead and dying trees from the Russell Uplands Preserve Property as permitted in Section B/Clause 2(c) of the conservation easement.

We understand from you that approximately 30 dead and dying ash trees will be removed along the hiking trail throughout the park. The trees are infested with emerald ash borer and pose a threat to park patrons as the trees begin to drop limbs and/or fall across the trail.


Scott Wayt's email dated May 31, 2018, as well as a site visit with Scott Wayt, Michael Blades, and Shane Wohlken conducted on May 23, 2018, serves as notification of your intent to exercise your reserved right to remove the dead and dying ash for the purpose of providing a safe environment for patrons utilizing the Russell Uplands Preserve with the understanding that the trees will be felled with as much care as possible to avoid damaging healthy plant life and that the felled trees will be left in the woods to provide habitat and nutrients for the wildlife.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at swohlken@wrlandconservancy.org or to contact me at 440.528.4177.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: Scott Wayt's E-mail

From: Scott Wayt [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 8:33 PM
To: Shane Wohlken
Subject: Re: RE: Russell Uplands Preserve

Hi Shane,

Thanks for your email. I enjoyed the hike at Upland and am interested in meeting you for stewardship visits or just a hike any time I'm available.

As you saw during our walk at Uplands Preserve we have approximately 30 dead or dying ash trees near the trail. The trees are infested with the emerald ash borer and pose a danger to hikers. The trees we be felled with as much care as possible to avoid damaging healthy plant life. The felled trees will be left in the park. There will not be any heavy equipment used in the process.

Scott