

# 2006, 2007 Ash Tree Replanting with Green ReLeaf

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## Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners' Association Teams Up with Green ReLeaf on Neighborhood Ash Tree Replacement Project - 2006 and 2007

Since 2002, the emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle, has decimated Michigan ash tree populations and thus has wreaked havoc on Michigan ecosystems and suburban neighborhoods. The [Orchard Hills-Maplewood Homeowners' Association](#) (OHMHA) began an effort in 2006 and continued in 2007 to replace many of the dead ash trees that dotted their neighborhoods.

In 2006, OHMHA partnered with Global ReLeaf of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor to plant trees on parts of Antietam, Lexington, and Bunker Hill roads. The tree planting was a huge success, with 30-40 neighbors chipping in.



Neighbors help plant a tree in 2007

On October 27, 2007 OHMHA renewed that effort and planted 36 trees on Bluett, Yorktown, Yellowstone, Lexington, and Rumsey streets, about 1 tree per house in that part of the neighborhood.

For both plantings, Global ReLeaf of Michigan provided the trees and ground ash tree stumps, and the City of Ann Arbor's forestry department assisted with transporting the trees to the planting site.



Daria is watering two redbud trees that she and her mother purchased as bare root trees through Global ReLeaf ([www.globalreleaf.org](http://www.globalreleaf.org)), a non-profit that works with community groups on local tree planting projects. Daria suggested that they get two trees and then made herself a small garden that you can see between them. She checks on the baby trees and helps to water them when they look thirsty.

For more information on each of these plantings you can read about them in the [October 2007](#) and [February 2008](#) OHMHA Newsletters.

Check out the Global ReLeaf website at [www.globalreleaf.org](http://www.globalreleaf.org) for more information on how to organize your own neighborhood tree planting.