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**Gov. Daugaard Announces \$283,000 for Sioux Falls to Purchase Emerald Ash
Borer Wood Waste Equipment**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$283,000 grant for the City of Sioux Falls to purchase equipment to properly manage felled trees impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The \$283,000 Solid Waste Management Program grant will be combined with local funding to purchase a horizontal grinder and two transport trailers and construct an asphalt tree grinding pad.

The grant will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Sioux Falls will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “The Emerald Ash Borer, first detected in Sioux Falls earlier this year, presents a serious threat to South Dakota’s ash tree population, and I am glad the city is taking steps to minimize the impacts.”

Unlike other felled trees, logging and milling of infested ash trees requires special precautions to prevent spreading the beetle. The additional equipment will allow the City of Sioux Falls to isolate and control the infested waste stream. In addition, the processed ash trees will be transported to the POET biorefining plan in Chancellor where they will be burned to generate steam used in the production of ethanol.

The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.