

# **Tree Inventory Information Sheet**

## **Stephen Foster Neighborhood**

### **Gainesville, Florida**

Kestrel Ecological Services of Gainesville is conducting a preliminary tree inventory in part of the Stephen Foster neighborhood west of the former Koppers wood-treatment site. We thank you for your cooperation while this important work is conducted in the neighborhood.

#### **What work is planned and who will conduct it?**

A team led by a Gainesville professional arborist (Erick Smith of Kestrel Ecological Services) will be walking along some of the streets in the neighborhood identifying trees and noting characteristics such as tree size and tree health.

Kestrel is working with the engineering firm Tetra Tech, a contractor for Beazer East, Inc. (Beazer). Beazer owns the former Koppers property and is conducting environmental remediation work related to that site.

The area to be inventoried is between NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street on the west, the Koppers site on the east, NW 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the south, and NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the north. Additionally, trees on properties along NW 4<sup>th</sup> Terrace adjacent to the Koppers site will be inventoried.

#### **Why is this work being done?**

This work is being done to help with planning for environmental remediation activities in the neighborhood. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Koppers portion of the Cabot Carbon-Koppers Superfund Site in 2011. The ROD provides for off-site remediation consisting of the removal of surface soil and replacement with clean soil at certain properties, some of which are located in the Stephen Foster neighborhood, subject to agreement by each property owner. During this work, it will be necessary to remove and replace some existing trees. Other trees will need to be protected during the work to prevent damage.

This preliminary tree inventory will be used to plan tree protection, removal, and replacement during implementation of future soil replacement. No trees will be removed without approval from property owners, and this preliminary tree inventory work does not involve removal or replacement of any trees or soils.

Please note that the determination of which properties will be offered soil replacement has not been defined at this time, and additional soil sampling is still being conducted in the neighborhood. Therefore, it is not yet known whether the area of this preliminary tree inventory will be the same as the area of soil replacement.

#### **When will the work take place?**

The preliminary tree inventory will occur in late May and early June, 2012.

The timing for the soil removal and replacement work is not known at this time. Soil sampling aimed at determining the area for soil removal and replacement is still ongoing and EPA and Beazer have not yet finalized a legal agreement that would result in the establishment of a schedule for all of the environmental remediation work associated with the former Koppers site, including the neighborhood soil replacement work.

#### **What can I expect during the work?**

During the work, you may see people in the neighborhood walking the streets, looking at the trees, and taking notes. They will not need to enter private properties and will not disrupt normal activities.

#### **Who can I call for additional information?**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Beazer East, Inc. at (877) 678-9790 or contact Scott Miller of the US Environmental Protection Agency at (404) 562-9120.