

Chicago plans to lift beetle quarantine

CHICAGO Authorities in Chicago say they've had a rare success in their battle against invasive pests. The arrival of the Asian long-horned beetle in Chicago eight years ago resulted in the destruction of 15-hundred infested trees. And city, state and federal officials slapped a quarantine on several areas to stop the bugs' spread.

On Thursday, those officials plan to announce that they're lifting the quarantine because anti-pest efforts appear to have stopped the beetle in its tracks.

Joe McCarthy of the Chicago Bureau of Forestry says authorities initially feared the beetles would spread throughout the city and they're "pleasantly surprised" to report success in stopping them.

The Asian long-horned beetle burrows into wood during the larval stage, which weakens and kills trees.

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