

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE IN LONG ISLAND CITY!

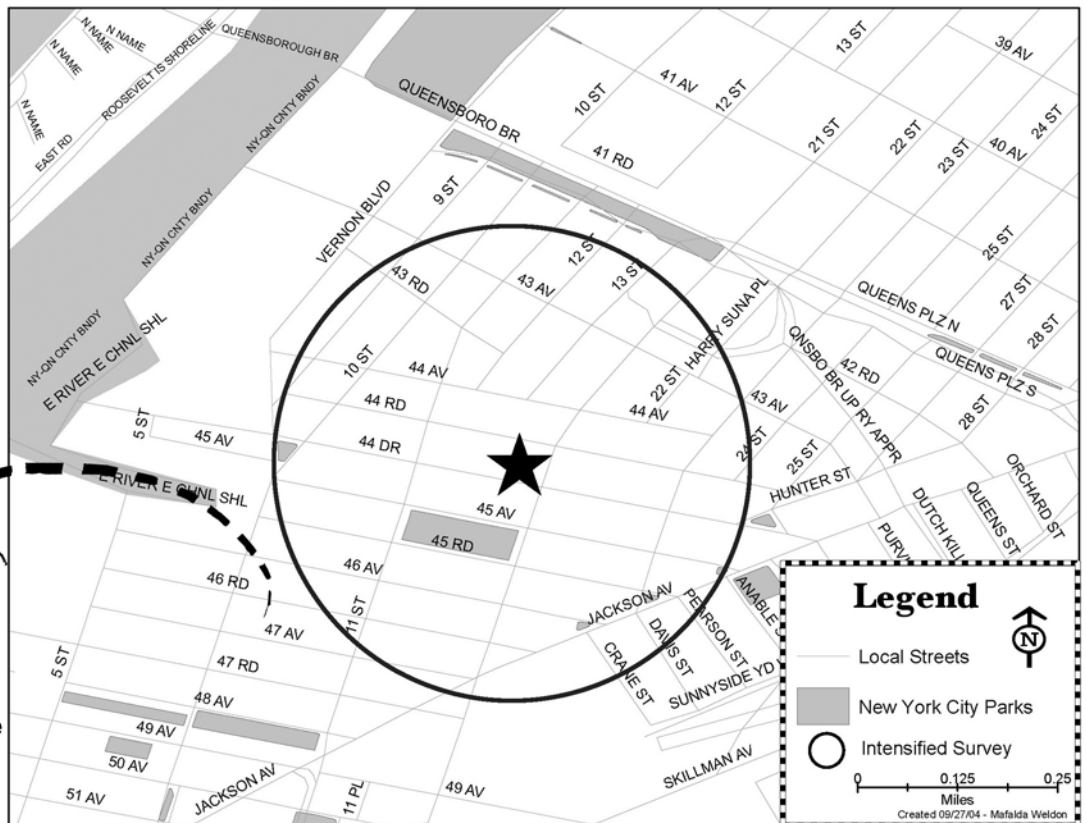
The **U.S. Department of Agriculture's Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program** recently discovered a number of trees infested with the Asian longhorned beetle in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens, NY.

Beetle infested trees are structurally weak and could cause personal injury or property damage. The USDA needs your help in fighting this devastating pest. Please allow USDA and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets officials access to your property to inspect your trees for this insect.

Call **(718) 747-6758** or email **Robert.L.Miller@aphis.usda.gov** to determine if you need to set up an appointment for inspection. Please be sure to include your name, address and telephone number. There is absolutely no charge for this inspection. Officials conducting inspections will provide identification.

You can also help by looking for the Asian longhorned beetle, which is about 1 to 1.5 inches long, has a shiny jet black body with distinctive white spots and long antennae that are banded with black and white. To report a sighting of this insect call (877) STOP-ALB.

We need your help in stopping this destructive insect



Intensified surveys are being conducted within and around the circled area.

HELP STOP THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

The New York Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program is comprised of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA Forest Service, USDA Agricultural Research Service, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.