

Update #2
Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program
January 23, 2009

The Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program reports that its contractors will move into the areas designed for Phase Two beetle host tree removal work starting the week of January 26, 2009. The work is being done to address the Asian longhorned beetle infestation detected in Massachusetts in August, 2008. The Phase Two work will last up to four weeks, weather permitting. Phase One started January 5, 2005.

The tree removal work is being performed by Northern Tree Service and Mayer Tree Service and their subcontracting firms. Ten removal crews are performing the work. Each crew is comprised of a chipper truck, a bucket truck, and a chipper machine with three to four individuals. Work will be performed on weekdays, weather permitting; weekend work is not anticipated. It is anticipated that approximately 6,500 trees determined to be infested with ALB will be removed from the 64-square mile Massachusetts regulated area this winter.

For the Phase Two operations, crews will be concentrated in three areas from January 26th until approximately February 27th weather permitting. (Please see accompanying map.)

The first area where Phase Two operations will take place is in the Greendale neighborhood south of Quinsigamond Community College and includes:

- Assumption Avenue
- Randall Street
- Fales Street
- Burncoat Street
- West Boylston Street
- Trottier Street
- Hyde Street
- Emerson Road
- Olin Street
- Gunnarson Road
- Smith Street
- Tara Lane
- Mayflower Circle
- Dolan Street

The second area is in the south end of the Greendale neighborhood and includes:

- Leeds Street
- Claffey Avenue
- Granville Avenue
- New Bond Street
- Stores Street
- Neponset Street
- Widenberg Road
- Kendrick Avenue

Summerhill Avenue
Whitmarsh Avenue
King Philip Road
Andover Street
Bourne Street
Kalmar Street
Christine Street
Wilkerson Avenue
MaryAnn Drive
Dodge Road
Willey Avenue
Gosnold Street
Laxell Avenue
Wilkinson Street
Ericsson Street
Ridglely Street
Hilma Street
Odd Fellows Avenue
Fraternal Avenue
Marmion Avenue
Bluehill Road
Marden Street
Turner Avenue
Hillcroft Avenue
Thornton Road
Dennis Drive
Martha Avenue
Hycrest Avenue
Barber Avenue
Burncoat Street

The third area is around the Greater Worcester Land Trust and includes:

Greater Worcester Land Trust
Maravista Road
Higgins Street
Pullman Street
Brooks Street
Frontage Road
Burncoat Street
West Boylston Street
East Mountain Street
Vendora Road
Hastings Road
Button Clara Street
Volkmar Road
Arena Street

Croydon Road
Roycroft Road
Marland Road
Tunis Road
Roland Road
Alden Road
Clyde Road
Westover Road
Triangle Street
Naples Road

Property owners living in the regulated area where removal operations are taking place have been notified by the State of Massachusetts of infested tree(s) on the property and of the option to remove high-risk host trees—trees likely to be infested due to their proximity to infested trees. In addition, door hangers announcing the upcoming operations were distributed to impacted homes and ALB program employees have visited communities to answer questions and collect the property access permission forms required for tree removals on private property.

The removal process is expected to take place throughout the winter and into the spring months. Trees will be chipped to a size that destroys ALB larvae and pupae developing deep within them. Tree stumps will also be ground to ensure all lifestages of the insect are addressed.

Intensive surveys to determine the scope of the infestation faced in Massachusetts have taken place in and around the City of Worcester since the beetle's detection was reported on August 1, 2008 to State and Federal officials. The surveys in Massachusetts have resulted in a regulated area of 64-square miles that encompasses the City of Worcester and parts of the surrounding towns of Holden, Boylston, West Boylston and Shrewsbury.

The U.S Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the U.S. Forest Service, the City of Worcester and the towns of Boylston, Holden, Shrewsbury and West Boylston form the Massachusetts ALB eradication partnership.