

Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Cooperative Eradication Program

State Legislator & Town Administrator Update
May 2011 (numbers as of 5/28/11)



REGULATED AREAS

Staff continue to monitor regulated areas, respond to service calls and conduct training sessions for compliance agreements. To report suspicious activity, please call 508-852-8110. Please leave a message for after-hour notifications.

TREATMENT APPLICATIONS

In Worcester County, control treatments via direct trunk injection began on April 18. In total, approximately 96,000 trees will be treated within portions of the city of Worcester, as well as portions of the towns of Holden, West Boylston, Boylston and Shrewsbury. Treatment applications in Worcester County are anticipated to be completed by July 1.

In Suffolk County, control treatments via direct trunk and soil injection began on June 6. In total, approximately 3,200 trees will be treated within the Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury areas of the city of Boston. Treatment applications are anticipated to be completed by June 24.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding program's Environmental Assessment dated March 2011 for Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts, has been issued and is available online: [Finding of No Significant Impact—May 20, 2011](#). If you have questions about the document, please contact:

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SURVEYS

Ground and aerial survey crews continue to conduct delimiting surveys, inspecting all host trees throughout the regulated areas in Worcester and Suffolk/Norfolk counties. The most recent infested tree detections have been in Worcester, Holden, West Boylston and Boylston.

REMOVALS

In Worcester County, the program will continue to remove and destroy infested trees. Infested trees are removed throughout the year, as they are detected. There are no removals taking place in Suffolk/Norfolk counties.

REPLANTING EFFORTS

DCR planting efforts began on April 18. Replanting staff continues to meet with property owners throughout Worcester County to site trees for the current planting season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In Worcester County, on Saturday, June 11, from 9:30—11:30 a.m. at Dodge Park in Worcester, program staff will be present for an event with the Worcester Tree Initiative and CSX. The event will focus on planting trees and various revitalization activities in the park.

WORCESTER COUNTY

Date of First Detection

August 5, 2008

Regulation: 1st Order

17 square miles
August 8, 2008

Regulation: 10th Amended Order

98 square miles
May 9, 2011

Compliance Agreements

948 total

Completed Tree Surveys (Level 1 & 2)

1,118,903 total
400,364 currently in 2011
477,537 in 2010
203,910 in 2009
37,092 in 2008

Infested Trees Identified

19,624 total
628 currently in 2011
2,244 in 2010
11,723 in 2009
5,113 in 2008

totals per municipality:

Worcester—18,439
Holden—89
West Boylston—320
Boylston—753
Shrewsbury—23
Auburn—0

Removals

29,618 total trees
19,368 total infested trees
709 infested currently in 2011
3,334 infested in 2010
15,325 infested in 2009
10,250 high-risk trees in 2009

Treatment Applications

55,524 trees currently in 2011
62,320 host trees in 2010

Replanting

2,154 trees currently in 2011
3,845 trees planted in 2010

Staff

66 USDA APHIS staff
84 DCR staff

SUFFOLK & NORFOLK COUNTIES

Date of First Detection

July 3, 2010

Regulation: 1st Order

10 square miles
July 6, 2010

Compliance Agreements

11 total

Completed Tree Surveys (Level 1 & 2)

51,184 total
8,393 currently in 2011
42,791 in 2010

Infested Trees Identified

0 currently in 2011
6 total in 2010

totals per municipality:

Boston (JP)—6 in 2010
Brookline—0

Removals

6 total in 2010

Staff

7 USDA APHIS staff
1 DCR staff

ONLINE RESOURCES

USDA APHIS INFORMATION:
[ALB Plant Pest Information](#)

USDA APHIS NEWSROOM:
[ALB Press Release & Information](#)

USDA APHIS ALB WEBSITE:
[Beetle Busters.info](#)

MA. DEPT. OF AGR. RESOURCES:
[ALB Informational Website](#)

MA. DEPT. CONS. & RECREATION:
[Mass. DCR Website](#)

NEW! USDA ALB CURRICULUM:
[Beetle Busters Kit](#)

ALB DOCUMENTARY ONLINE:
[Watch Lurking in The Trees](#)



The Massachusetts ALB cooperative eradication program is comprised of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA Forest Service, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the city of Worcester, the towns of Holden, West Boylston, Boylston, Shrewsbury and Auburn, the city of Boston, and the town of Brookline.