

# Street Tree Challenges: Pests, Storms, and Budget Cuts – Oh My!

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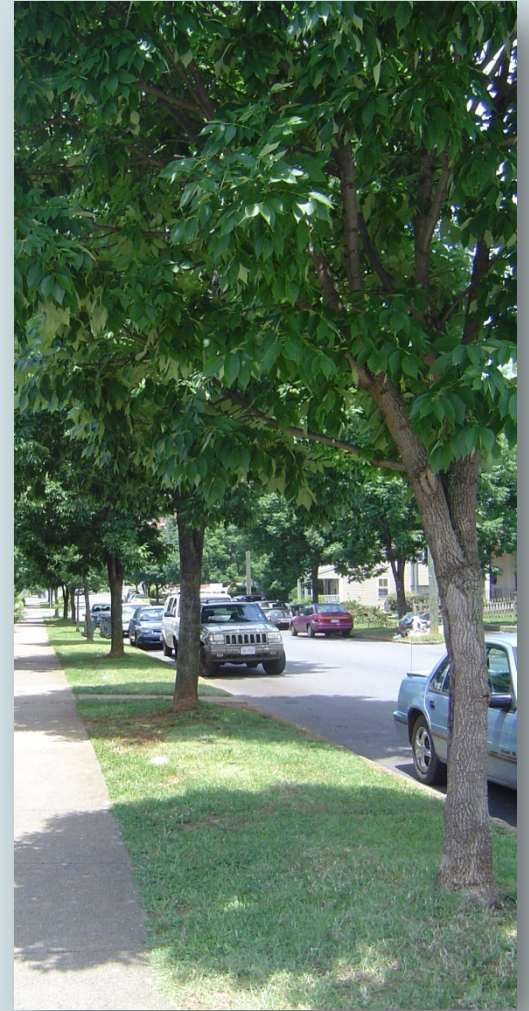
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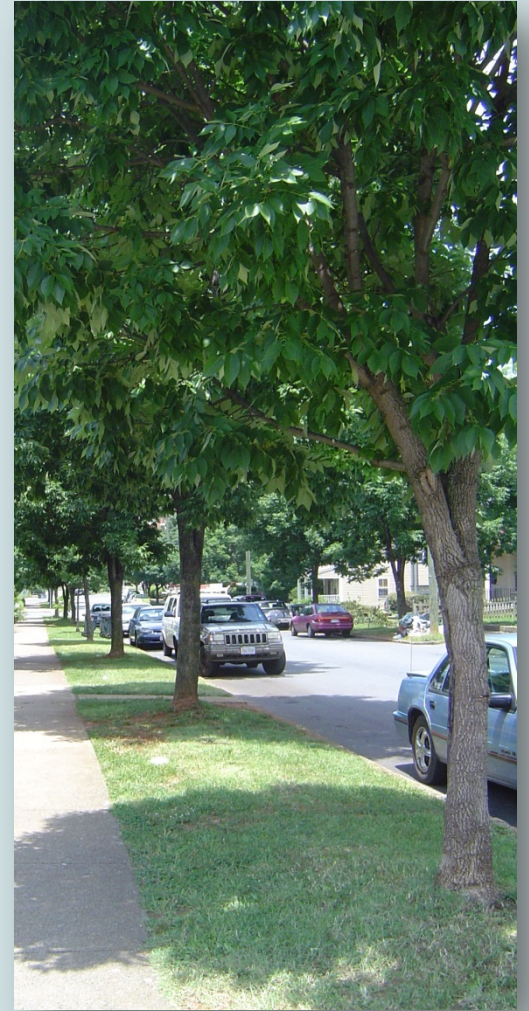


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## **VIRGINIA EXPANDS EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE COMMONWEALTH**

Contact: Elaine J. Lidholm, 804.786.7686

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has expanded the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine to include the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. This action became necessary after the recent detection of EAB in the counties of Buchanan, Caroline, Giles, Hanover, Lee, Prince Edward, Stafford and Warren. The quarantine previously included Arlington, Charlotte, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Halifax, Loudoun, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania and Prince William counties and the cities of Alexandria, Danville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park and Winchester.

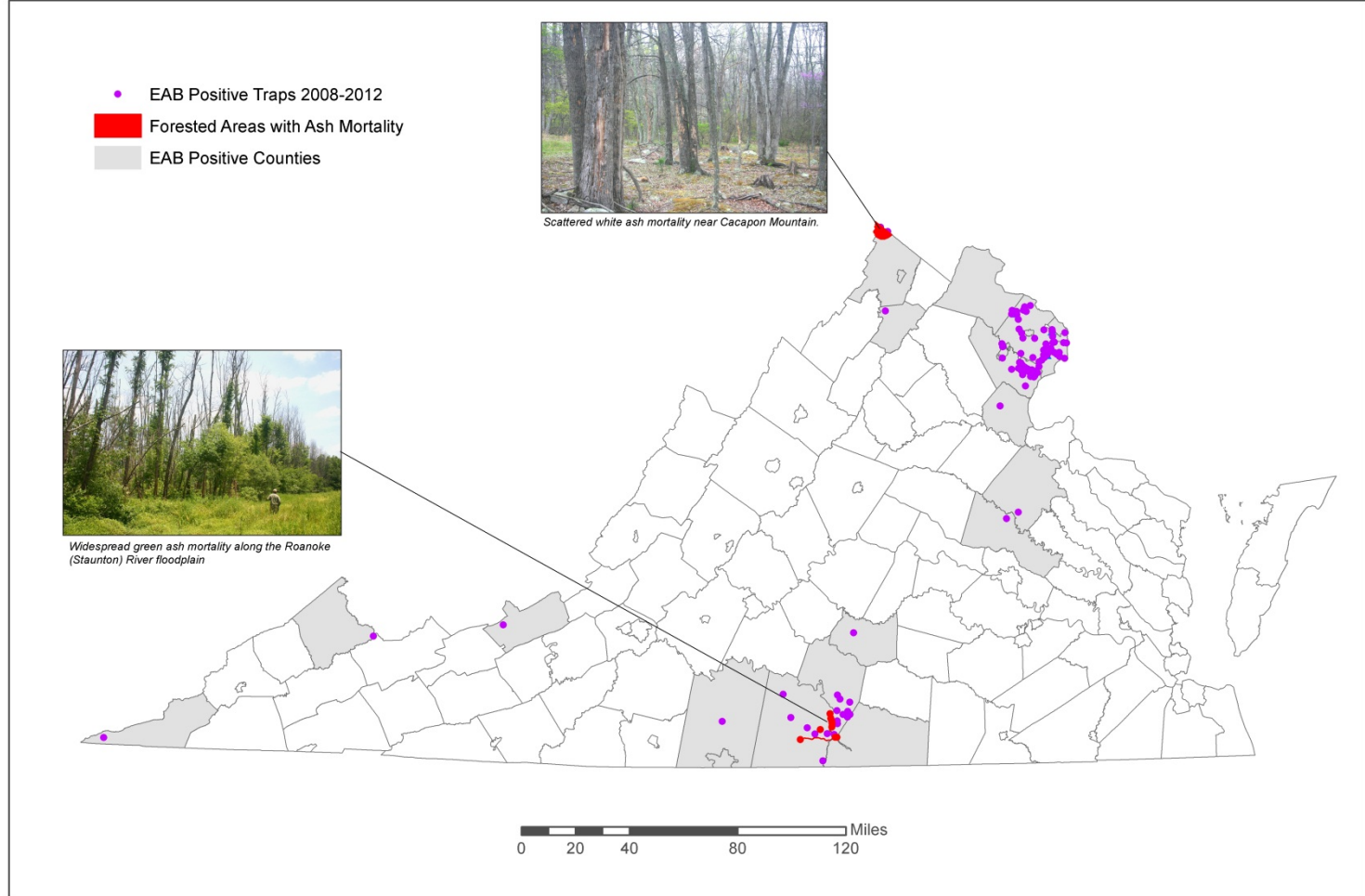
Under this statewide quarantine, the regulated articles, which include ash trees, green (non-heat treated) ash lumber and ash wood products, as well as hardwood firewood, are no longer subject to localized movement restrictions and may now move freely within the state.



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## The Emerald Ash Borer in Virginia



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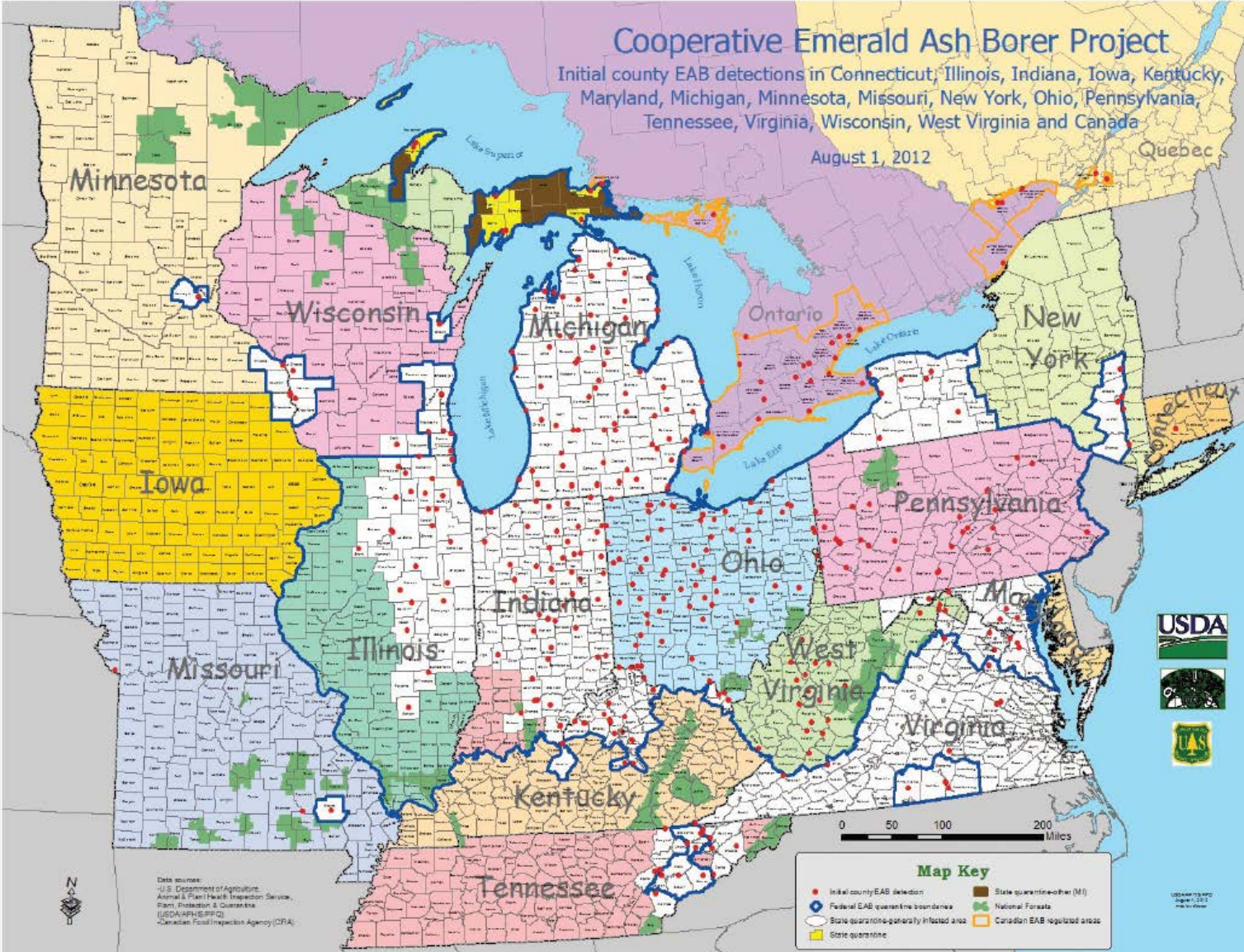
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Ecological Economics 69 (2010) 569–578

## Cost of potential emerald ash borer damage in U.S. communities, 2009–2019

Kent F. Kovacs <sup>a,\*</sup>, Robert G. Haight <sup>b</sup>, Deborah G. McCullough <sup>c,d</sup>, Rodrigo J. Mercader <sup>c</sup>, Nathan W. Siegert <sup>c</sup>, Andrew M. Liebhold <sup>e</sup>

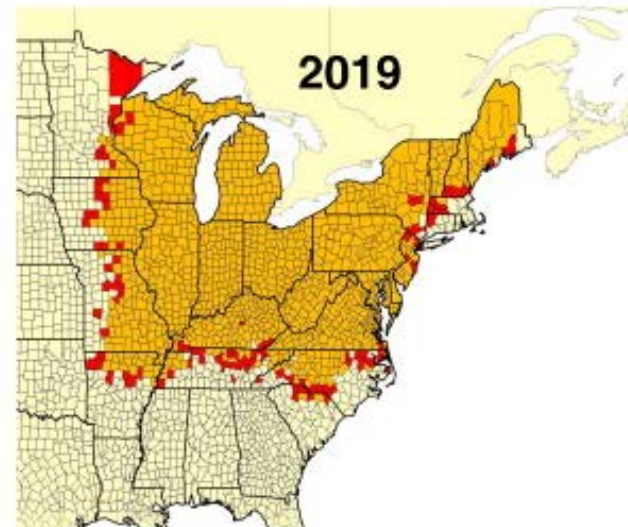
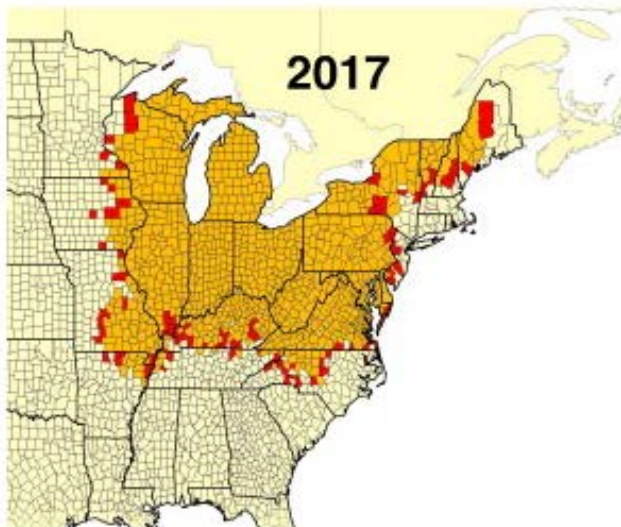
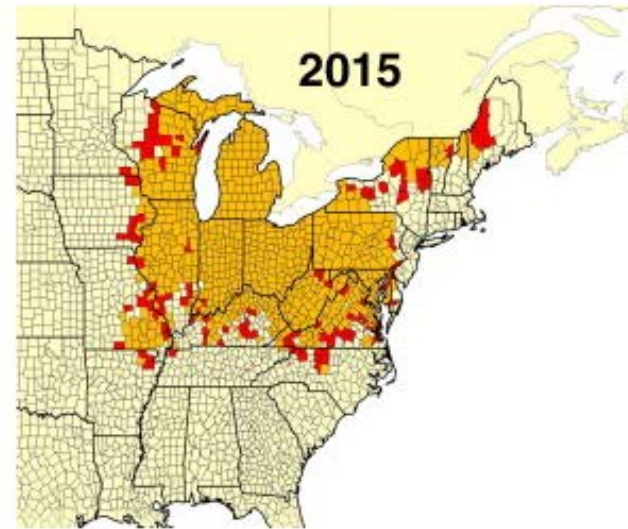
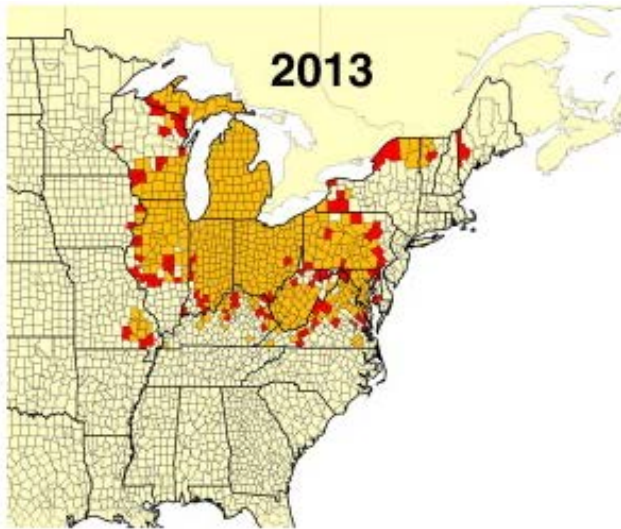
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Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire), a phloem-feeding beetle native to Asia, was discovered near Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario in 2002. As of March 2009, isolated populations of emerald ash borer (EAB) have been detected in nine additional states and Quebec. EAB is a highly invasive forest pest that has the potential to spread and kill native ash trees (*Fraxinus* sp.) throughout the United States. We estimate the discounted cost of ash treatment, removal, and replacement on developed land within communities in a 25-state study area centered on Detroit using simulations of EAB spread and infestation over the next decade (2009–2019). An estimated 38 million ash trees occur on this land base. The simulations predict an expanding EAB infestation that will likely encompass most of the 25 states and warrant treatment, removal, and replacement of more than 17 million ash trees with mean discounted cost of \$10.7 billion. Expanding the land base to include developed land outside, as well as inside, communities nearly double the estimates of the number of ash trees treated or removed and replaced, and the associated cost. The estimates of discounted cost suggest that a substantial investment might be efficiently spent to slow the expansion of isolated EAB infestations and postpone the ultimate costs of ash treatment, removal, and replacement.



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State	Base case		
	Ash trees (1000s)	Ash trees treated or removed (1000s)	Cost (2009 \$ millions)
Arkansas	3299	492	240
Connecticut	556	11	4
Delaware	42	41	22
Illinois	5474	3497	2120
Indiana	944	527	333
Iowa	1149	611	321
Kentucky	263	228	127
Maine	968	531	255
Maryland	940	883	533
Massachusetts	811	46	18
Michigan	1719	353	230
Minnesota	1842	583	260
Missouri	4449	3111	1680
New Hampshire	518	259	121
New Jersey	1435	630	286
New York	2047	419	203
North Carolina	662	185	84
Ohio	1428	598	376
Pennsylvania	1850	1347	786
South Carolina	85	2	1
Tennessee	4485	811	336
Vermont	101	93	52
Virginia and District of Columbia	1334	1126	641
West Virginia	409	405	237
Wisconsin	1092	988	566
Total	37,902	17,777	9832

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SMA POSITION PAPER  
**EMERALD ASH BORER**  
 A PERSPECTIVE ON PLANNING AND  
 MANAGEMENT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The SMA believes that every community that includes ash trees (Fraxinus sp.) as a component of its urban forest should adopt an EAB management plan. The municipal arborist/urban forester in a community is the best person to lead local planning and management efforts.*

This plan should be in place and updated periodically, whether a local EAB infestation is expected within months or not for decades, because human transported populations of EAB can arrive unexpectedly in even the most geographically isolated community. Prudent canopy conservation, public safety, and fiscal responsibility should be the guiding principles for the management of Emerald Ash Borer in urban areas. The most desirable outcome will be achieved when the most current knowledge and science is combined with local urban forest characteristics, resident values and priorities, and community resources and expectations to formulate a management plan.

**History and Background**

Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. It was detected in Windsor, Ontario across the Detroit River shortly thereafter. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Emerald ash borer is native to Asia, and probably arrived in the United States around 1990 in solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes. Emerald ash borer was found in Ohio in 2003, northern Indiana in 2004, northern Illinois and Maryland in 2006, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2007, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia in summer 2008, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky in the spring of 2009, Iowa in spring of 2010, and Tennessee in the summer of 2010. It continues to spread. Since its discovery, EAB has:

- Killed tens of millions of ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in other states as well as in Ontario and Quebec.
- Caused the US Department of Agriculture, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and other regulatory agencies to enforce quarantines (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Kentucky) and levy fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.
- Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars.

Since its arrival the Emerald Ash Borer has rapidly expanded its range. EAB has killed an estimated 50-100 million ash trees so far and threatens to kill most of the 7.5 billion ash trees throughout North

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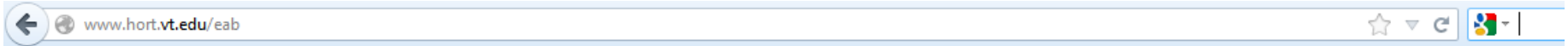
Society of Municipal Arborists

Home	<p><b>Emerald Ash Borer</b></p> <p>As Emerald Ash Borer continues to ravage the ash populations of many North American communities, the SMA Board, under the leadership of President John McNeil and with the help of the SMA Past Presidents' Council, has undertaken to provide our members with the greatest possible range of information to assist in planning for the tiny, green pest.</p> <p><b>Documents</b></p> <p><a href="#">SMA EAB Position Paper</a></p> <p><a href="#">EAB Toolbox</a></p> <p><b>Links</b></p> <p>EAB US Forest Service Site  <a href="http://na.fs.fed.us/fnp/eab/">http://na.fs.fed.us/fnp/eab/</a></p> <p>Emerald Ash Borer Info  <a href="http://www.emeraldashborer.info/">http://www.emeraldashborer.info/</a></p> <p>Emerald Ash Borer - APHIS - USDA Plant Health &gt; Plant Pest Information  <a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov">http://www.aphis.usda.gov</a></p> <p>EAB: There Are Treatment Options!          YouTube video by Davey Tree Expert Co.  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P87-281cTel">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P87-281cTel</a></p> <p>EAB Cost Calculator   Purdue University  <a href="http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/treecomputer/">http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/treecomputer/</a></p> <p>Current science reported in 2011 by the Coalition for Urban Ash Tree Conservation  <a href="http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/conserv_eab.pdf">http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/conserv_eab.pdf</a></p> <p>Dr. Dan McKenny's Online decision tool. Informs homeowners of the costs of treating versus replacing infested ash trees.  <a href="http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/e-bulletin/5">http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/e-bulletin/5</a></p>
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## Emerald Ash Borer Online Course

Developed by: [Eric Wiseman](#), [Sarah Gugercin](#), [Dave Close](#), and Heather Boyd

Funded by: The USDA Forest Service, [Forest Health Protection](#)

The course comprises of six training modules and is hosted on the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) Training Site.

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To take the modules, you must first [create a new account](#) (free) on the NPDN website.

Once you have registered with NPDN, you will be taken to the training module page where you will find the links to the six emerald ash borer modules (or [click here](#)).

If you plan to take this course for Continuing Education Units (CEU's), you must receive a 70% on all 5 post-tests.

Once you have successfully completed the tests, a link to the certificate of completion (.pdf) appears above your module scores.

**You must email or send this certificate to your organization in order to receive CEU's.**

Organizations that have approved this course for 1.5 CEU's:



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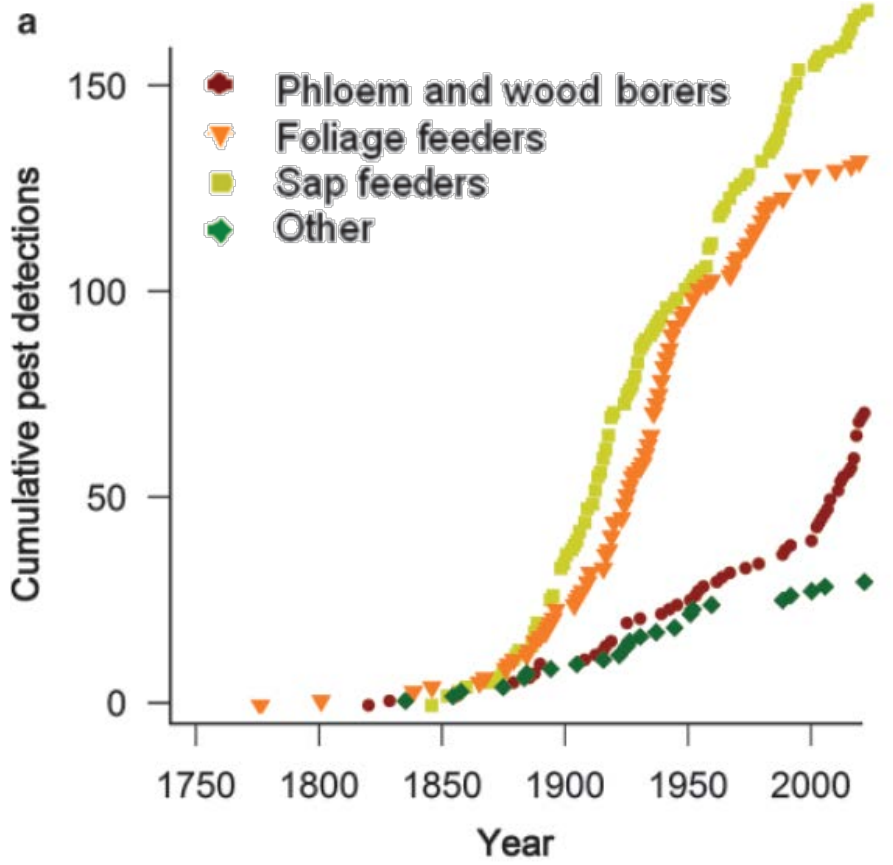
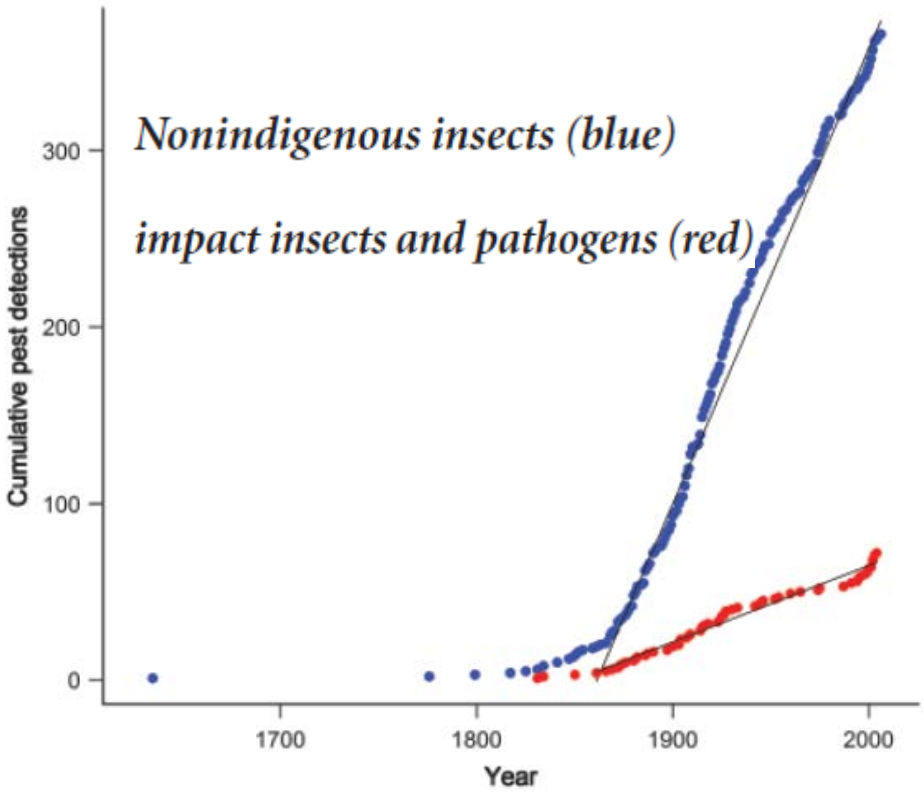
## **Historical Accumulation of Nonindigenous Forest Pests in the Continental United States**

BioScience • December 2010 / Vol. 60 No. 11

JULIANN E. AUKEMA, DEBORAH G. McCULLOUGH, BETSY VON HOLLE, ANDREW M. LIEBHOLD,  
KERRY BRITTON, AND SUSAN J. FRANKEL

*Nonindigenous forest insects and pathogens affect a range of ecosystems, industries, and property owners in the United States. Evaluating temporal patterns in the accumulation of these nonindigenous forest pests can inform regulatory and policy decisions. We compiled a comprehensive species list to assess the accumulation rates of nonindigenous forest insects and pathogens established in the United States. More than 450 nonindigenous insects and at least 16 pathogens have colonized forest and urban trees since European settlement. Approximately 2.5 established nonindigenous forest insects per year were detected in the United States between 1860 and 2006. At least 14% of these insects and all 16 pathogens have caused notable damage to trees. Although sap feeders and foliage feeders dominated the comprehensive list, phloem- and wood-boring insects and foliage feeders were often more damaging than expected. Detections of insects that feed on phloem or wood have increased markedly in recent years.*

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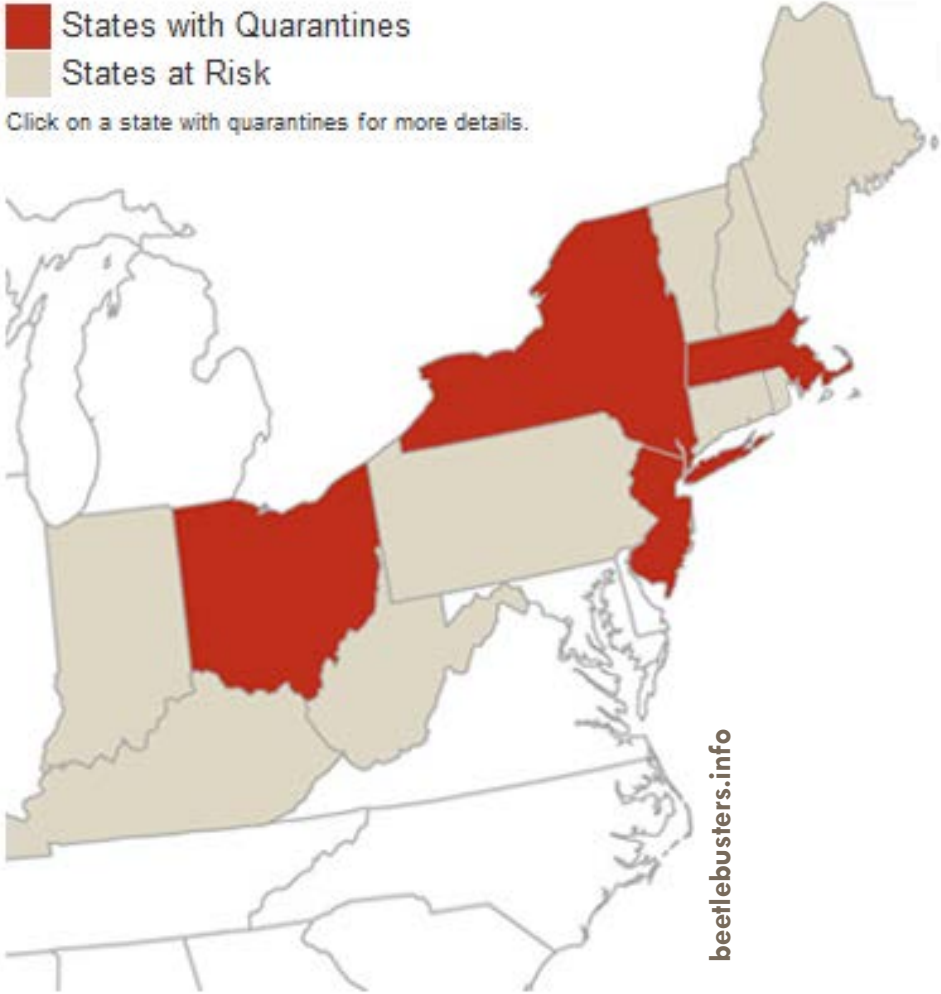
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## ARE YOUR TREES AT RISK?

- States with Quarantines
- States at Risk

Click on a state with quarantines for more details.



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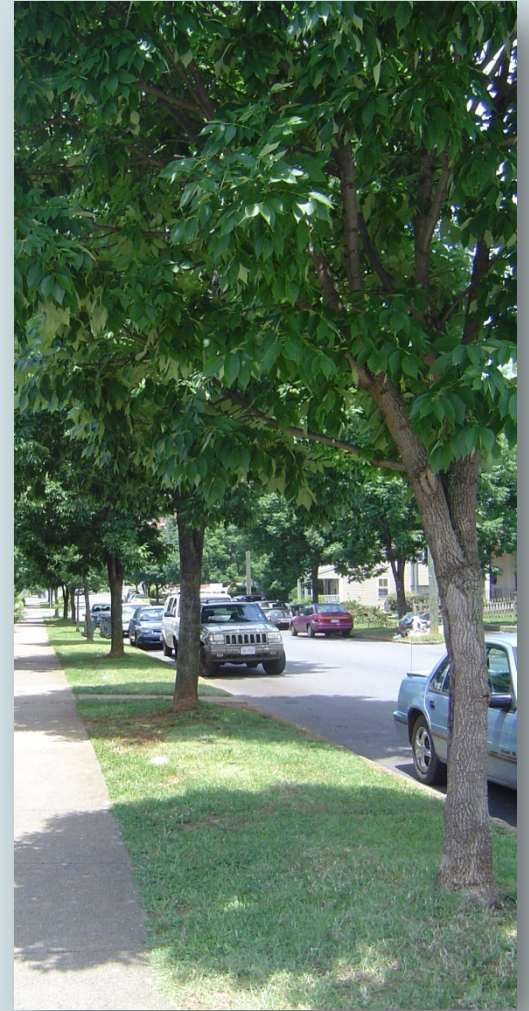
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## Climate Change: U.S. Heat Waves, Wildfires And Flooding Are 'What Global Warming Looks Like'

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WASHINGTON — Is it just freakish weather or something more? Climate scientists suggest that if you want a glimpse of some of the worst of global warming, take a look at U.S. weather in recent weeks.

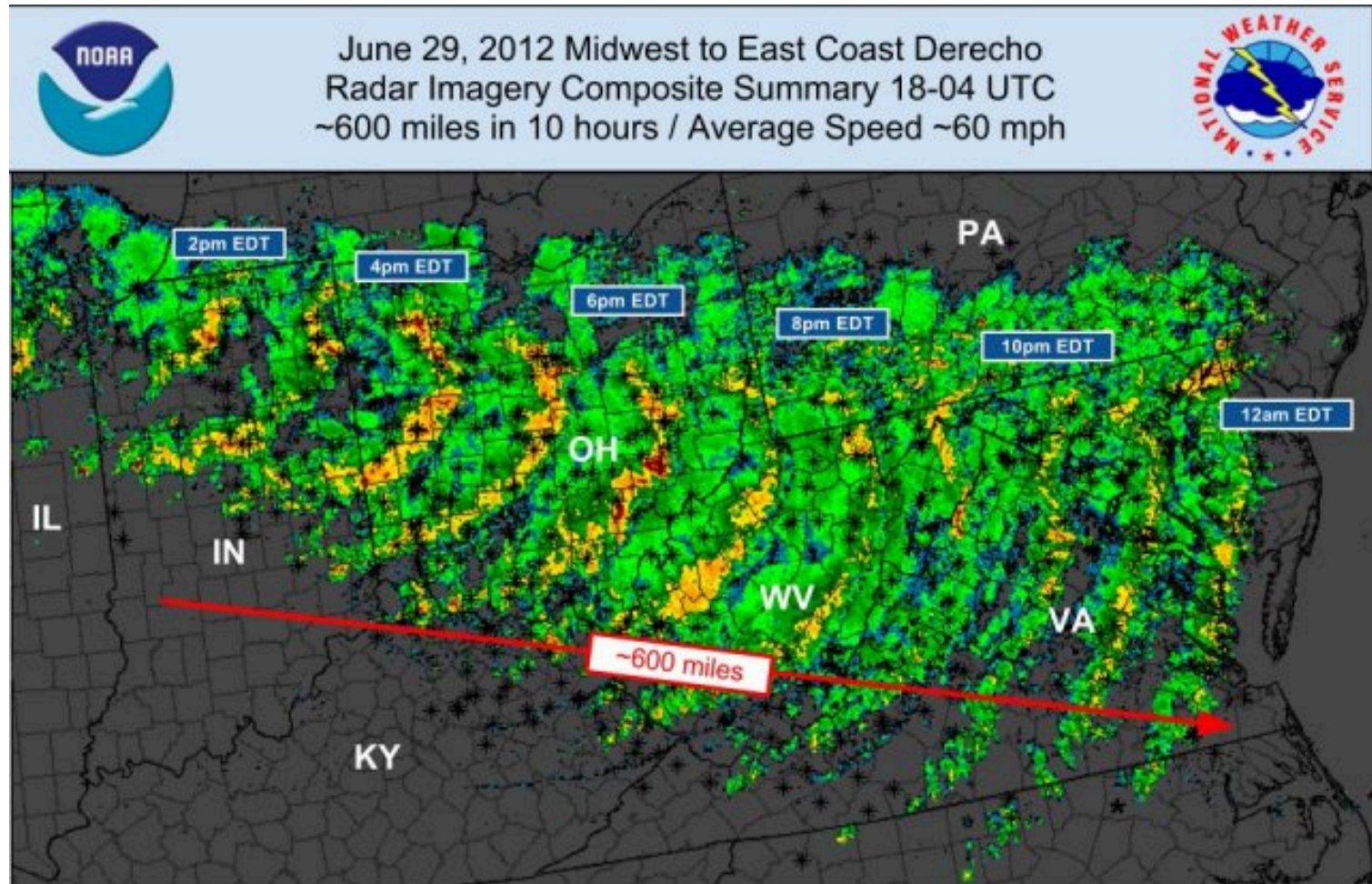
Horrendous wildfires. Oppressive heat waves. Devastating droughts. Flooding from giant deluges. And a powerful freak wind storm called a derecho.

These are the kinds of extremes experts have predicted will come with climate change, although it's far too early to say that is the cause. Nor will they say global warming is the reason 3,215 daily high temperature records were set in the month of June.

"This is what global warming looks like at the regional or personal level," said Jonathan Overpeck, professor of geosciences and atmospheric sciences at the University of Arizona. "The extra heat increases the odds of worse heat waves, droughts, storms and wildfire. This is certainly what I and many other climate scientists have been warning about."



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Over 800 preliminary thunderstorm wind reports indicated by \*  
Peak wind gusts 80-100mph. Millions w/o power.

Summary Map by G. Carbin  
NWS/Storm Prediction Center

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## 'Derecho' phenomenon responsible for violent line of US storms

Rare mix of atmospheric conditions combined to create long-lasting line of thunderstorms that killed 13 across the country

**Matt Williams** in New York



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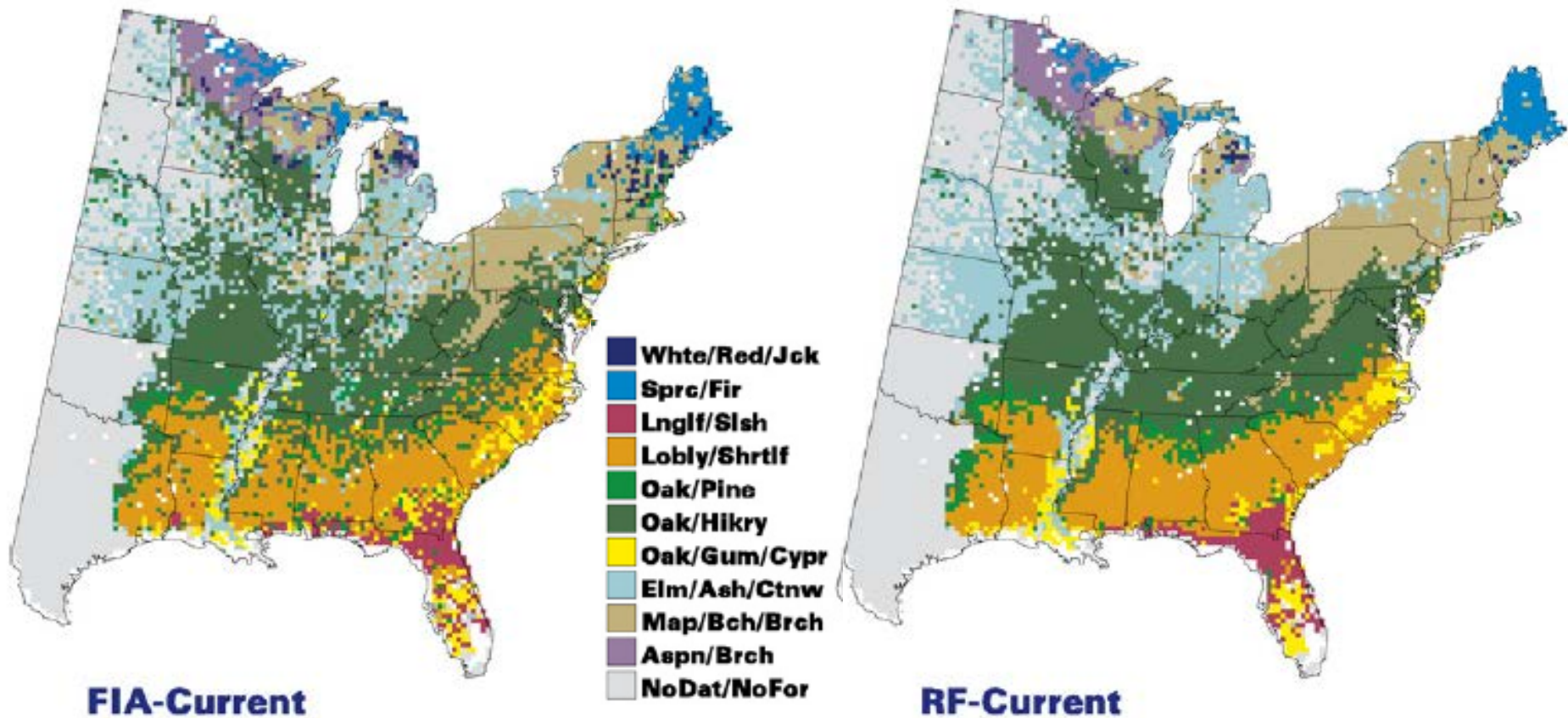
An uprooted tree lies across in Washington DC the morning after a violent storm swept through the area. Photograph: Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images



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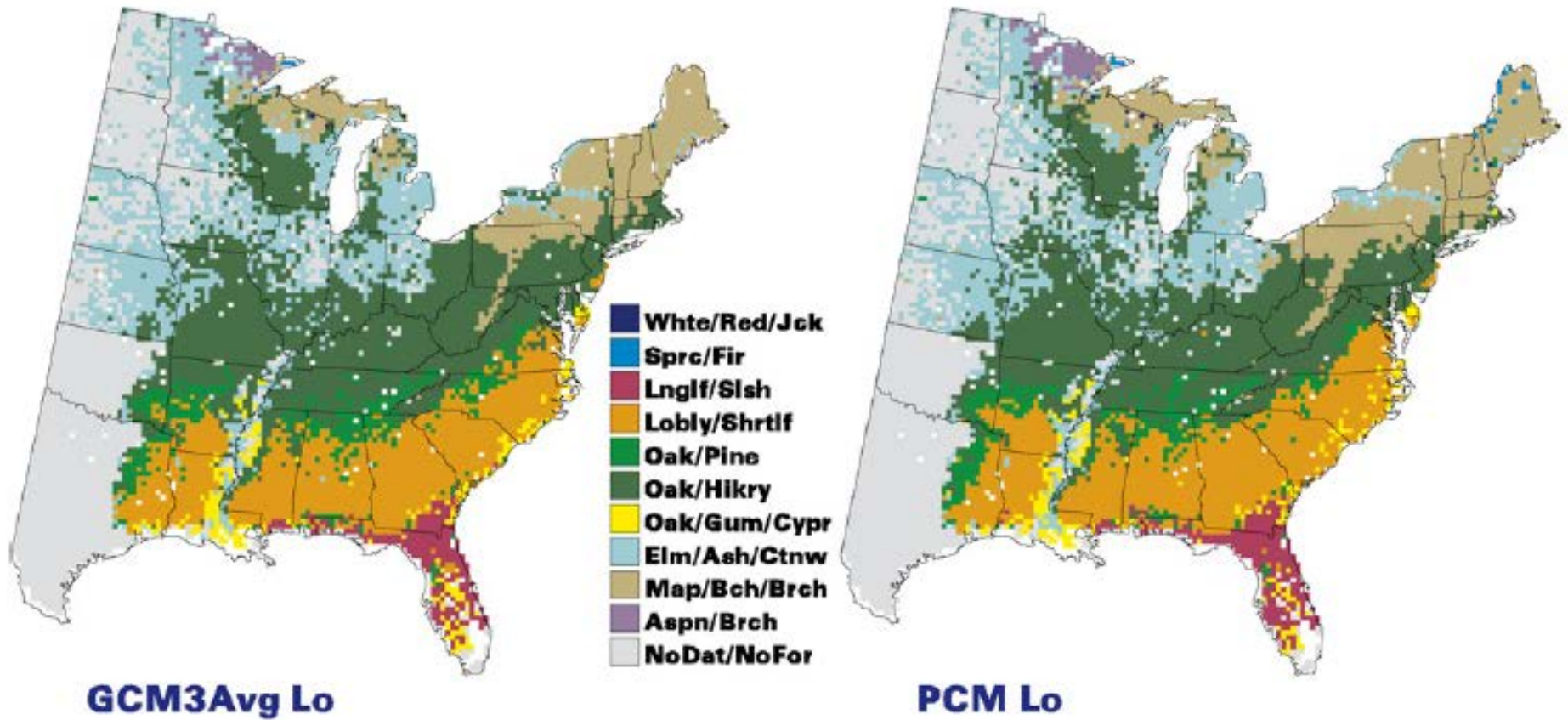




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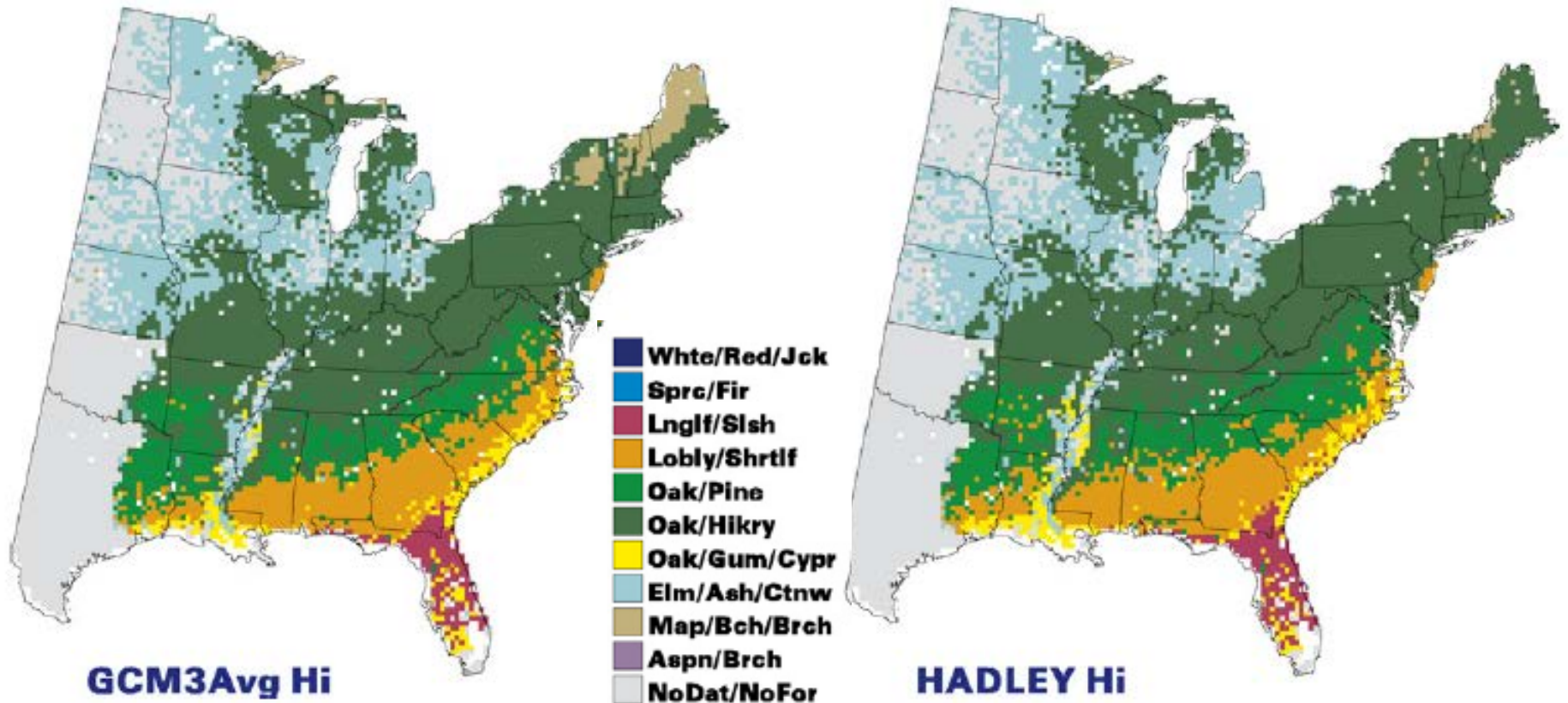
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## Albert Carl Roeth III Crushed By 40-Ton Tree While Driving Mercedes In Great Falls, Virginia

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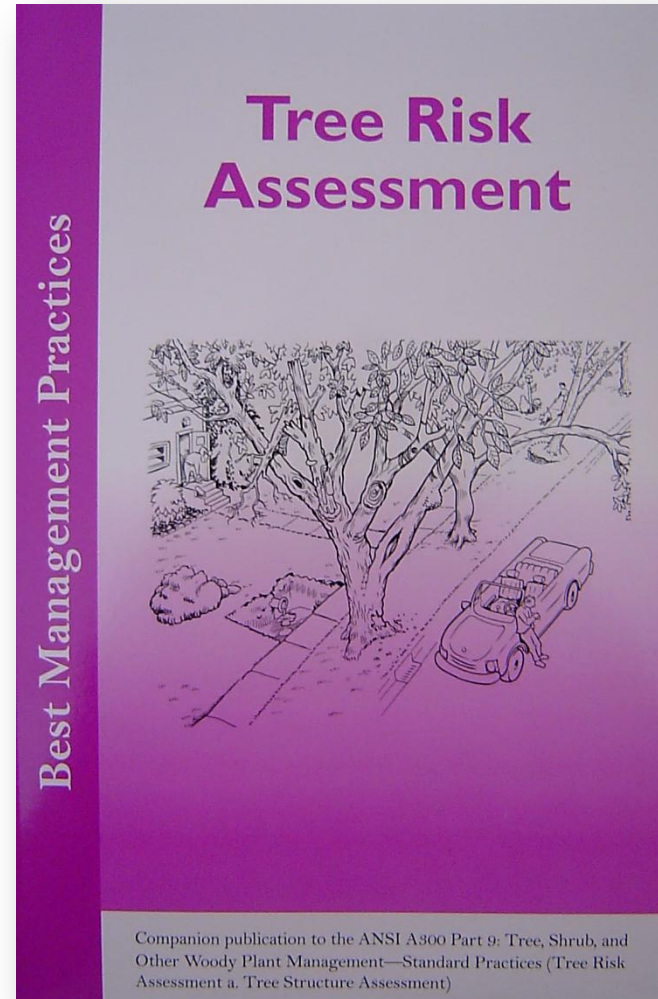
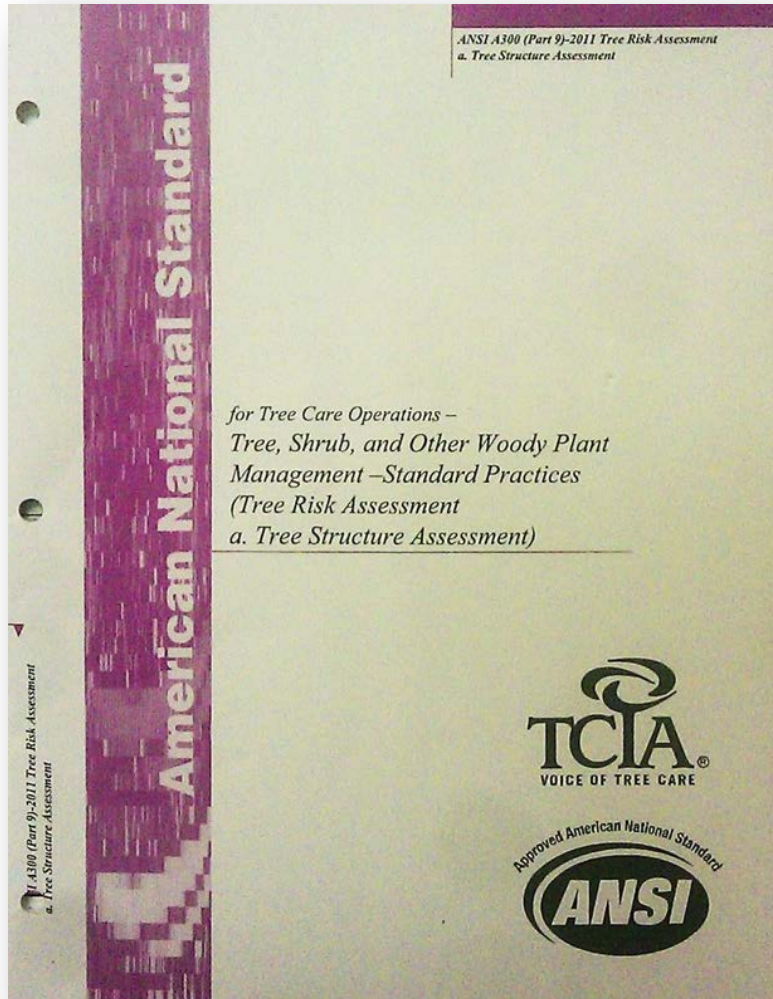
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WASHINGTON -- A 40-ton tree fell on 2008 Mercedes CL600 Tuesday night killing a 64-year-old man driving on Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, Va.

A tree expert told WTOP-FM that the tree was in bad shape before it fell:



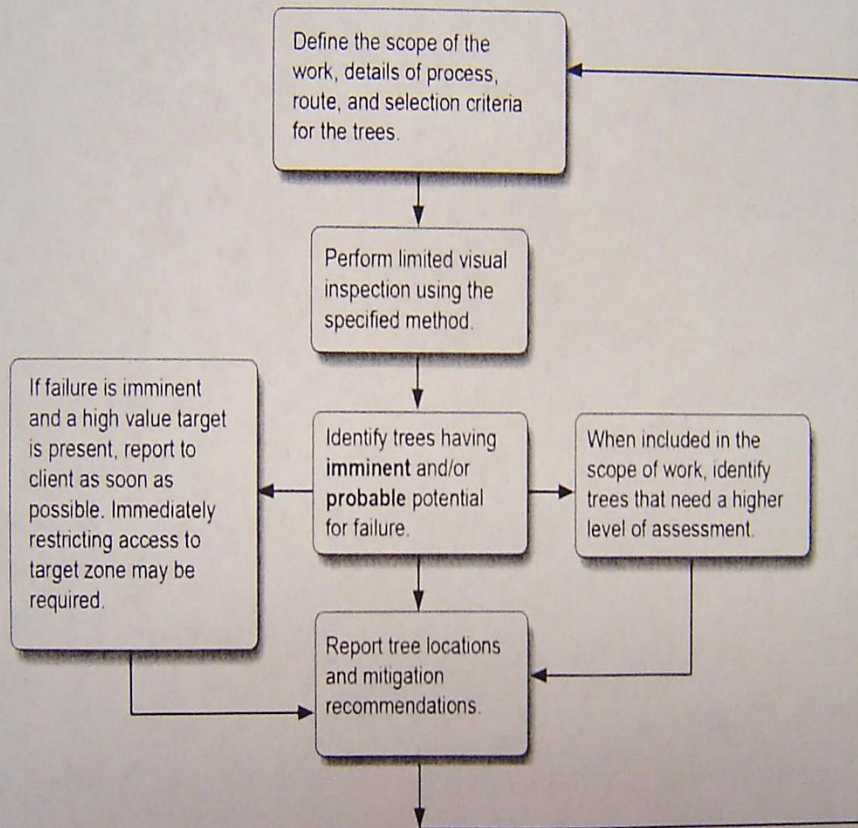
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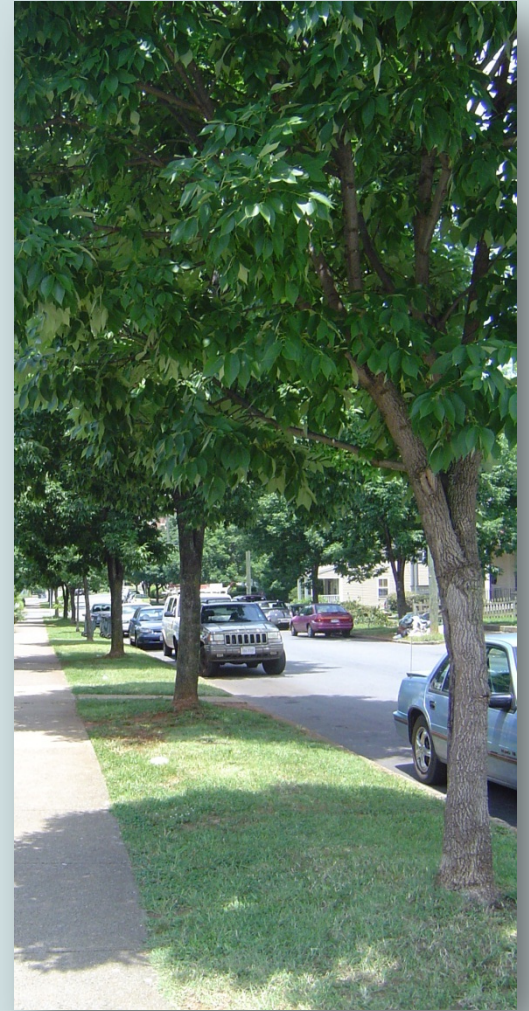
Flow Chart of Level I: Limited Visual Assessment Procedures





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## S.F. begins turning tree care over to residents

John Wildermuth, Chronicle Staff Writer

Published 4:00 a.m., Monday, January 16, 2012

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Trees on Fulton Street near Fillmore (right foreground) have already been tagged with a notice about homeowners new tree responsibilities. With a dwindling budget, San Francisco's Dept. of Public Works plans to hand over the care of thousands of trees to residents who live nearby. A group of arborists are currently inspecting the health of the trees. Photo: Brant Ward, The Chronicle / SF

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## The Washington Post

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### Fairfax County executive asks agencies to prepare for budget cuts

**Published: August 6**

Fairfax County's top appointed official has asked agencies to scour for cuts of as much as 5 percent over each of the next two years because of looming [budget](#) shortfalls.

County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. did not specify dollar amounts but in a memo Monday told county employees that cuts are necessary because of uncertainty over federal spending and slower-than-expected growth in Fairfax. He also warned that jobs may have to be eliminated in 2013 and 2014.

"This could mean that positions will be cut," he said. "I know that many of the reductions will significantly impact the ability of county agencies to provide services."

Fairfax has withstood the recession far better than many other parts of Virginia and the nation, but particular agencies have had to make cuts, including not hiring to fill vacant jobs. Still, the county [has increased spending](#) incrementally — [2 percent in general fund dollars this fiscal year](#) as part of a county budget of more than \$6.5 billion.

"Everyone would love to think we're bouncing back from the recession," said Sharon Bulova (D), Board of Supervisors chairman. "But that's just not happening."

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*FY 2013 Budget Justification*

*USDA Forest Service*

## Three-Year Summary of Appropriations

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2012 Enacted	FY 2013 President's Budget	Program Changes	Percentage Of Change
<b>State &amp; Private Forestry</b>					
Landscape Scale Restoration	0	0	18,000	18,000	
Forest Health Management - Federal Lands	56,737	47,425	63,000	15,575	33%
Forest Health Management - Cooperative Lands	48,821	39,999	49,000	9,001	23%
State Fire Assistance	32,358	30,488	0	-30,488	-100%
Volunteer Fire Assistance	6,680	6,669	0	-6,669	-100%
Forest Stewardship	32,548	28,814	24,778	-4,036	-14%
Forest Legacy Program	52,894	53,303	60,000	6,697	13%
Community Forest and Open Space Conservation	1,000	1,997	4,000	2,003	100%
Urban and Community Forestry	32,040	31,327	28,040	-3,287	-10%
Economic Action Programs	0	0	0	0	
Forest Resources Information and Analysis	5,026	4,917	0	-4,917	-100%
International Forestry	9,492	7,987	3,912	-4,075	-51%
<b>State and Private Forestry Total</b>	<b>277,596</b>	<b>252,926</b>	<b>250,730</b>	<b>-2,196</b>	<b>-1%</b>

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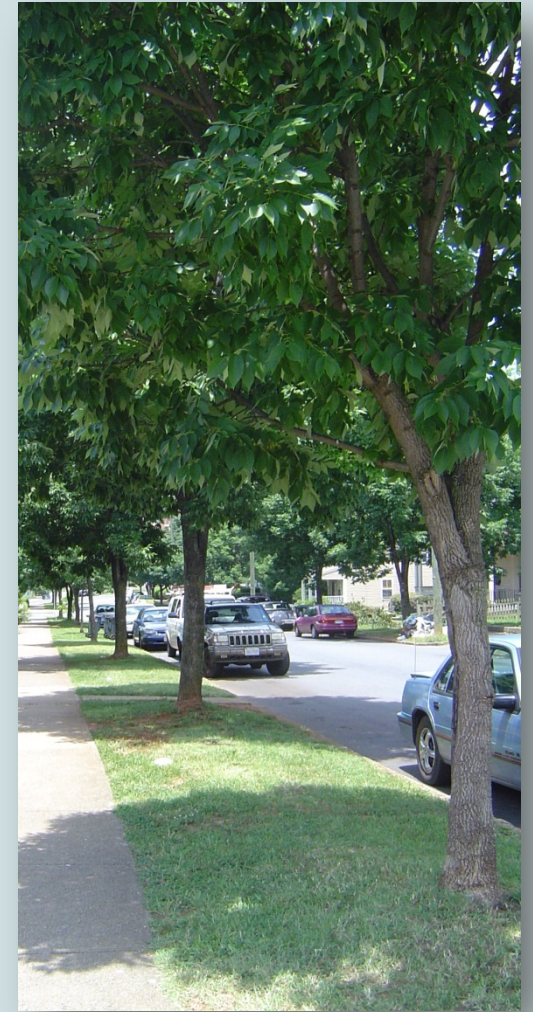
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## Welcome to Trees Virginia

The mission of the Virginia Urban Forest Council (Trees Virginia) is to **enhance the quality of life through stewardship of our Commonwealth's urban and community trees.** *TREES VIRGINIA, registered with the state as Virginia Urban Forest Council, is a private, non-profit organization established in 1990. The organization works to promote an awareness of our community forests and the value of trees. The Council is guided by a volunteer Board of Directors who meet quarterly. Council represents a wide range of professions, organizations and volunteers who are interested in stimulating a public awareness of the role trees and forests play in the urban environment.*

Our philosophy is providing a healthy place for forests in our urban communities; this requires that we work together to protect and enhance the natural environment. All who live and work in the communities around Virginia affect the condition of the forested parks and green areas, as well as the trees along streets, in yards, and in front of offices and businesses. If you are interested in supporting or promoting the vision of a healthy forest within our communities, make a tax-deductible donation to Trees Virginia!

# WHY WE SHOULDN'T DESPAIR

## **Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Quarterly Roundtable**

### **Trees, People and the Planning Process**

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

**Prince William County, Development Services Building, 5 County Complex Ct.,  
Woodbridge, VA. Conference Room 202**

**9:30 – 10:00**

**Sign-in and Networking**

**10:00**

**Welcome**

- Larry Finch, Chair, NOVA Urban Forestry Roundtable

**10:05 – 10:20**

**The Planning Process Exposed: An Overview**

- Jonah Fogel, Ph.D. Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension

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## TREE CANOPY SYMPOSIUM

October 18, 2012



early bird rate  
ends Sept. 3

### Early Bird Catches the Worm

[Registration is now open](#) for our Tree Canopy Symposium on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Join regional and federal agency representatives, elected officials and community leaders in discussing tree benefits, assessments and regional horizons. Early bird rate ends Sept. 3.

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## What is the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition?

The SUFC is an assembly of national organizations working to advance a unified urban forest agenda for our nation's communities.

The SUFC is composed of city planners, educators, landscape architects, non-profit leaders, scientists, arborists, foresters, nurserymen and women, and many other professionals who care for, monitor and advocate for trees and our urban forests as a whole.

All SUFC member organizations endorse a common set of Operating and Policy Principles.

[SUFC Principles](#)

## How does the SUFC Define Urban Forests?

SUFC views urban forests as the aggregate of all vegetation and green spaces that provide a myriad of environmental, health and economic benefits for a community.

## Why is this Coalition Necessary?

Although the [functions](#) and [benefits](#) of urban forests are becoming increasingly clear, there is a lack of understanding about the full range of urban forests within a community's infrastructure. Coalition members work together to educate and advocate for better maintained and expanded urban forests nationwide with a unified national voice.

Individually, each coalition member organization serves a professional constituency well. However, a unified national coalition strengthens relationships, creates synergy between like-minded organizations, and builds bridges between diverse organizations with overlapping interests.

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## 2012 ACTrees Green Infrastructure Summit

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March 6–7, 2012  
Washington, DC

Alliance for Community Trees held its fourth annual Public Policy Summit on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in Washington, DC. This year's event on Capitol Hill focused on national public policy and educating Congressional leaders about green solutions to environmental, health, and economic challenges facing cities.

Alliance for Community Trees board members, member organization representatives, and Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition partners crisscrossed the Capitol on the beautiful early spring day, meeting with 50 Congressional offices to discuss the value of city trees and encourage smart investment in urban forests.

[View photos from the 2012 ACTrees Green Public Policy Summit.](#)

