Introduction to the Emerald Ash Borer Community Management Plan

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Outline

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- 4. Survey & Detection
- 5. Management Options
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Emerald Ash Borer

Agrilus planipennis Fairmaire (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)





Host Species in Asia







Life Cycle



Distribution in North America

New Hampshire	ld ash borer found in
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Damages and Symptoms



Dieback



Serpentine gallery



Epicormic shoots



Bark splits



Tree Mortality



D-shaped exit hole

Host Species in NA



Potential Impact



Resources at Risk: USA



USDA Forest Service data sources:

County-level estimates of ash densities derived from Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Data. Forest/non-Forest overlay derived from AVHRR satellite Imagery.

Resources at Risk: Pennsylvania



53 million ash trees were killed by 2009

Kovacs et al. (2010)

- 25 states
- 38 million trees
- 2009-2019
 17 million trees
 Treatment Removal Replacement \$10.7 billion

tion of emerald ash borer distribution in counties from March 2010 to March 2019. Darker counties are newly invaded while lighter counties became aps represent only a single realization of 100 stochastic simulations.

Other Native Agrilus Species

Bronze Birch Borer *A. anxius* Gory

Bronze-black
Length 12-13 mm
Host: *Betula* spp.

Two-lined Chestnut Borer *A. bilineatus* (Weber)

- Pubescent lines on elytra
- Length 11 mm
- Host: Quercus spp.

A. subcinctus Gory

Pubescence on elytra
Length 4 mm
Host: *Fraxinus* spp.

A. cyanescens Ratzeburg

- Metallic blue
- Length 8 mm
- Host: Lonicera spp.

Other Native Ash Borers

Ash/Lilac borer Podosesia syringe (Harris)

Ash and privet borer *Tylonotus bimaculatus* Haldeman

Banded ash borer Neoclytus caprea (Say)

Banded ash clearwing *P. aureocincta* Purrington & Nielson

Eastern ash bark beetle Hylesinus aculeatus Say

Redheaded ash borer *N. acuminatus* (Fabricius)

Other EAB Look-alikes

Six-spotted tiger beetle *Cicindella sexguttatta* Fabricius

Japanese beetle Papillia japonica Newman

Caterpillar hunter *Calosoma scrutator* (Fabricius) Metallic wood-boring beetle Dicerca divaricata (Say)

Green June beetle Cotinis nitida (L.)

Survey & Detection

Detection Timeline

Confirmed in 33 counties

- June 22, 2007 in Cranberry, Butler
- Allegheny, Beaver, Butler & Lawrence quarantined
- 2008 Mercer
- 2009 Armstrong, Indiana, Juniata, Mifflin, Washington, Westmoreland.
- 2010 Bedford, Centre, Clarion, Cumberland, Futon, Somerset, Union
- 2011 Huntingdon, Lycoming, Sullivan, Wyoming
- 2012 Bucks, Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Venango
- 2013 Cambria, <u>Fayette</u>

Management Option A: Tree Removal

Management Option B: Chemical Control

Method	Insecticides
Soil Treatment	Imidacloprid (Merit, Xytect)
Trunk Injection	Emamectin Benzoate (<i>Tree-äge</i>); Imidacloprid (<i>IMA-jet, Imicide, Pointer</i>); Bidrin (<i>Inject-A-cide</i>)
Bark Spray	Dinotefuran (Safari)
Cover Spray	Pyrethroids (Astro, Onyx, Tempo); Carbaryl (Sevin)

Used as trunk injection
0.10-0.40 g a.i. /dbh inch
99% control for current year
Effective for 2 years
Price tag ~ \$500/L (40 g a.i.)

Management Tools C: Biological Control

	Ν	d (states)	
Year	Oobius agrili	Spathius agrili	Tetrastichus planipennisi
2009	0 (0)	9,900 (3)	4,100 (4)
2010	5,452 (5)	55,200 (8)	106,000 (8)
2011	26,276 (12)	92,257 (12)	147,111 (12)
<u>2012</u>	77,480 (14)	<u>77,488 (14)</u>	<u>120,670 (14)</u>

Nha can you do as a comunity?

Management Strategies

Strategy	Tree Removal	Chemical Control	Biological Control	Cost	Ash Protection
No Action	Maximum (later)	No	No	High (later)	No
Selective	Moderate (gradual)	Yes	No/Yes	Moderate (lasting)	Only high priorities
Preemptive	Maximum (now)	No	No	High (now)	No
Aggressive	Minimum (gradual)	Yes	Yes	High (lasting)	Maximum

Lessons Learned: No Action

Windsor, ON

- ✓ EAB found in 2002
- ✓ 9% ash in the city
- ✓ 6000 dead ash in 2005

- ✓ 7000 removed so far
- ✓ cost \$2 million (remove only)

Lessons Learned: Selective

Fort Wayne, IN

- ✓ EAB found in 2006
- ✓ 13,500 city ash trees

✓ 15 yr plan (2009)

Remove dead trees
 Protect 1,000 with imidacloprid

 ✓ Annual cost \$900 K (remove, treat and replace) Northbrook, IL

- ✓ EAB found in 2010
- 3,000 parkway trees
 4 year plan (2010)
- ✓ Remove 730 weak trees
- Protect 268 with emamectin benzoate
- ✓ Total cost \$426,500 (remove, treat, and replace)

Lessons Learned: PreemptiveToledo , OHGrand Rapids, MI

✓ 10,000 city trees

✓ Replace

✓ 10 year plan (2007)

✓ EAB found in 2009

Dead tree remova

✓ \$600 K spent

✓ Total cost \$7-12 millions

ees

- ✓ 1,100 tree removed w/ federal funds
- Fradication abandoned in 2005
- ✓ More dead trees
- ✓ Future cost unknown

Lessons Learned: Aggressive

Milwaukee, WI

✓ EAB close by in 2008

33,000 city trees

Treat all trees with emamectin benzoate

London, ON

- **EAB found in 2006**
- ✓ 9,938 city trees
- 15 year plan (2011)
- Protect 384 trees with Azadirachtin
- ✓ Remove & replace others
- ✓ Total cost \$14.3 million

Communities in Pennsylvania

Why Community Plan?

Urban trees

- Have compensatory values
- Part of the community
- Being cared by professionals

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- ✓ Resource worthy
- ✓ Legal requirement

Untreated ash trees after EAB peak, Belvedere Dr., Toledo, OH, June 2009.

A Community EAB Management Plan is:

a written document specifically drafted to deal with current or anticipated EAB infestations in its urban forests. It contains clear objectives and viable approaches in the management of EAB at the community level. When adopted, it becomes the official action plan for the community to use in its battle against EAB for the protection of its ash resources.

Plan Components

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/insectsdisease/eab/index.htm

- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Executive summary
- ✓ Authority
- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Ash resources
- ✓ EAB infestation
- ✓ Approaches
- ✓ Wood utilization

- ✓ Material disposal
- ✓ Replanting
- ✓ Community outreach
- ✓ Cost/benefit analysis
- ✓ Fiscal planning
- ✓ Time table
- ✓ Data Collection
- ✓ Reporting

Implementation

Tree Inventory

Tree Removal

Chemical Control

Biological Control

Cost / Benefit Analysis

Outreach / Public Education

Material Disposal

Replanting

Model Plan: Greenwood Furnace State Park

✓ EAB found in 2011 ✓ Initiate plan 2/12 ✓ Selective approach ✓ Inventory 4/12 ✓ Tree removal 5/12 ✓ Parasitoids release 5-9/12 ✓ Chemical control 6/12 ✓ Crown rating 7/12 ✓ Official plan 12/12 ✓ Removal & replanting 04/13

Model Plan: *Borough of West Chester*

- ✓ EAB not found
- ✓ Partnered w/ WCU
- ✓ Initiate plan 2/12
- ✓ Selective approach
- ✓ Tree inventory 5/12
- ✓ Crown rating 7/12
- ✓ Tree removal (TBA)
- ✓ Parasitoids release (?)
- ✓ Official plan 12/12
- ✓ Chemical control 2013

Summary

- ✓ EAB is NOT just another forest pest
- ✓ Can kill apparently healthy ash trees
- ✓ Close to 100% infested trees die within 4-5 yr
- Massive ash mortality and increased safety hazard
- ✓ Need a plan if ash is found in your area
- ✓ Select appropriate strategies to meet your goals
- ✓ Contact DCNR for more info and help