



# ALB Cooperative Eradication Program

Legislative Update – February 2010



## Treatments

The program will begin using control treatments as part of the eradication strategy on trees starting as early as April 19. Approximately 38,000 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. Program staff will begin collecting releases from residents starting the week of February 22. The use of control treatments on a homeowner’s property is voluntary, and to help address concerns, the program will be hosting the following public meetings regarding the use of control treatments:

Monday, March 1, 2010  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main Street, Holden

Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Worcester Public Library (Saxe Room), 3 Salem Square, Worcester

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Beaman Memorial Library (Stiles Room), 8 Newton Street, West Boylston

## Regulated Area

The program continues to maintain a 74 square mile regulated area, which includes the City of Worcester and the Town of West Boylston as well as portions of the Towns of Shrewsbury, Holden and Boylston.

## Surveying

The program is working on delimitating surveys, with the goal to have the full extent of the infestation defined by June 30, 2011. The most current infested tree detections have occurred north of the core area in Worcester.

## Removals

Residential removals began January 5, 2010 in Worcester near the Great Brook Valley Area neighborhood as well as areas north and west of Indian Lake, and have taken place near I-90 by Rodby Street, Delaval Street, Ararat Street, north of Clark Street, east of Burncoat Street, north toward the west Boylston border, around Greendale Mall and the Greater Worcester Land Trust’s Bovenzi Park. Removals continue in West Boylston at various locations where infested trees still stand, and on Central Street and west of the reservoir, just south of Goodale Park.

## Replanting and Reforestation

DCR and the city of Worcester are working on the details for upcoming Arbor Day activities.

## Program by the Numbers

### Program launched

August 5, 2008

### Regulated Zone, 1<sup>st</sup> Order

17 square miles  
August 8, 2008

### Regulated Zone, 7<sup>th</sup> Amended Order

74 square miles  
September 26, 2009

### Contractor Compliance Agreements

811 total

### Completed Tree Surveys

286,495 surveys  
203,859 in 2009

### Infested Trees Identified

16,917 total  
11,723 in 2009

16,802 in Worcester  
32 in Holden  
75 in West Boylston  
8 in Boylston

### Removals

First removal January 5, 2009  
15,845 infested trees removed  
10,250 high-risk trees removed

### Reforestation

548 trees planted by ALB program  
400 trees planted by Worcester

### Staff

41 APHIS, USDA staff members  
11 DCR staff members