

Mapping the Ash Trees in Guilford

If you happen to see a person with a neon vest, a tape measure, and an iPad wandering on your road this fall, you are probably looking at a Guilford Conservation Commission member or volunteer who has been trained by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program to identify and record the locations of ash trees along our town roads and town properties.

With reports of Emerald Ash Borer infestations now coming in from several towns in Vermont, the Guilford Selectboard has asked the Conservation Commission to complete an inventory of ash trees along town road right-of-ways and town properties. Trees over 6" in diameter will be measured, assessed for condition, and mapped.

The inventory and maps will facilitate the Selectboard's communication with our road crew and with landowners and residents. The inventory will also help the Selectboard budget for any trees that need to be removed on town properties in future years.

We encourage you to learn to identify, assess, and manage ash trees on your own property by talking to foresters and visiting these websites:

www.vtinvatives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org>

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/sites/default/files/pictures/homeownerseab.pdf>

The Emerald Ash Borer



Signs & Symptoms of EAB

Woodpecker Activity



Bark Splitting and D-shaped Exit Holes



Insect Galleries



D-shaped Exit Holes



Dieback of Foliage



Ash Grove in Alburg, Vermont (August 2019)