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Mohawk Tribe Environment Division Combating Invasive Beetles *Invasive Species Destroying Trees*

Akwesasne Territory -- The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle and Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) have destroyed millions of trees throughout the United States. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are partnering to recruit people in the Volunteer EAB/ALB Forest Pest Survey. They are trying to determine if these pests are damaging forests in your community.

Interested individuals can help stop the spread of the beetles and the devastation to forests, parks and neighborhoods by searching for signs of both beetles. Information and photos of the beetles are on www.BeetleDetectives.com.

The EAB lives in ash trees and the ALB lives in hardwood trees, particularly maple, birch, horsechestnut, willow and elm. Each tree for needs to be examined for signs of infestation and the following noted: the area searched, types of trees examined, descriptions of any beetles or signs of infestations detected. Taking pictures of the insects or damage to the trees would be helpful, too.

If beetles or signs of the infestation are observed, contact the USDA/APHIS State Plant Health Director at 518-218-7510 or by email: Yvonne.M.DeMarino@aphis.gov.

Individuals can learn more about these invasive beetles at a free 3-day workshop on August 24, 25, and 26, to be held at the Quality Inn, Massena, NY. Anyone with interest in learning more about these invasive pests can attend this workshop. The morning session on August 24 will be classroom presentations and then in the afternoon trained invasive pest surveyors will take groups out to conduct field surveys. The field surveys will continue on Wednesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 26, focusing on some of the industrial areas in Massena. These have been identified as potential hot spots, but with no field work in this area. Interested individuals can contact Linda Garrett at 315-779-8240 to register for this free three-day workshop.

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