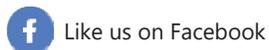


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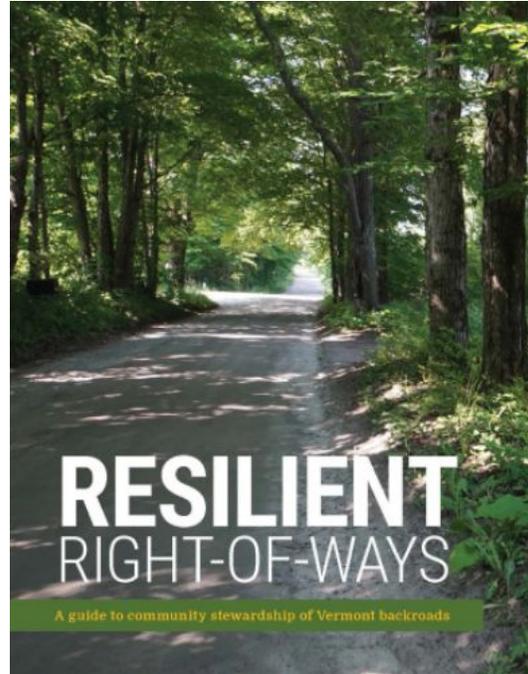
Amended Tree Warden Statutes

New legislation has been passed to modernize [Vermont's tree warden statutes](#) and other state statutes related to public trees and roadside vegetation. [Act 171](#) was signed into law by Governor Scott earlier this month and goes into effect November 1, 2020. The updated statutes represent several years of effort and broad agreement among stakeholders with a diversity of interests and perspectives.

In the coming months VT UCF Program staff will be implementing a plan to support Vermont communities and tree wardens in understanding and adhering to the new statutes. We will be updating [online resources](#), seeking pilot municipal partners to develop shade tree preservation plans, and collaborating with the [Vermont League of Cities and Towns](#) to create new guidance.

Right-of-Ways Guide Now Available

[Resilient Right-of-Ways: A guide to community stewardship of Vermont backroads](#) is the culmination of a collaborative approach to better understand and care for forests, individual trees, and other vegetation along Vermont backroads. Informed by 200 miles of rural roadside assessments and input from over 60 local volunteers and municipally focused professionals, this guide was developed by UCF's Joanne Garton and provides information to support community priorities and plans of action for backroad vegetation.



EAB in Vermont Updates

- New detections of emerald ash borer have been identified in West Rutland, Richmond and Shaftsbury. [View the updated EAB map here.](#)
- UCF staff has developed a series of [Emerald Ash Borer Municipal Management Case Studies](#) to help municipalities determine the best approach to ash management for their unique situation.
- Many thanks to the **39 volunteers** that hung and monitored 116 purple traps in 50 towns this year! EAB specimens were found at 5 sites.
- **EAB Awareness week** was held in mid-September. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make it a success! Media coverage included [WCAX](#), [My Champlain Valley](#), UVM Extension's [Across the Fence](#), [Vermont Public Radio](#), the [Vermont Journal](#), the [Brattleboro Reformer](#), and [Vermont Business Magazine](#).

- UCF's [Ash Tree Management Grant](#) proposals are due **October 30th**.



Planting for Impact: Energy Saving Trees

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the [National Association of State Foresters](#), VT UCF partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation, the Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board, and the Bradford Conservation Commission to give away 100+ trees to residents of Brattleboro and Bradford in September. [Learn more about the Energy Saving Trees Program.](#)

A BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped make this a successful, safe, and socially distanced event!



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2nd, 4pm: **The Art and Science of Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design**, *UVM Extension*
- Nov. 9th, 4pm: **Job Training Opportunities in Green Infrastructure and Maintenance Needs**, *UVM Extension*
- Nov. 10th, 7pm: **Ecology, Conservation, and Forest Management** at the Andrews Community Forest, *Vermont Land Trust*
- Nov. 11th, 7pm: **Invasive Plant Series**: Should I Spray, *Vermont Land Trust*
- Nov. 12th, **IPM For Scale Insect Pests** of Trees and Woody Ornamentals, *EPA*
- Nov. 17th, 1pm: **Old Growth Forests**, *Vermont Land Trust*
- Nov. 18th, **Partners in Community Forestry Virtual Conference**, *Arbor Day Foundation*

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