

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Ginger Nickerson <ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Katie
Cc: John Swepston; Eric Cota; Bristol Town Administrator; Rosovsky, Judy
Subject: RE: First Detector Training

Hi Katie,

As Judy explained, the training on November 2nd is for folks who have already gone through the Forest Pest First Detector program. The goal is to train these folks to respond and document queries about specific trees that are suspected of being infested with EAB to help the state triage these requests.

Thanks for the offer to help with space – we are all set and have a space reserved!

First Pest First Detectors (FPFDs) are local volunteers who help with outreach, education and community surveys and planning around forest insect pest infestations, and act as liasons between their community and state agencies that are monitoring for forest pests.

These volunteers help extend our capacity by:

- Giving presentations in their communities about pest threats
- Helping plan and organize pest and tree inventories and monitoring
- Help their community develop response plans
- Visit suspect trees
- Staff information tables at public events (county fairs, farm show, flower show, etc...)

You can find out more about the program at [this link](#). We have a basic introductory training every spring that lasts one full-day. It covers all of the major forest pests of federal concern right now: emerald ash borer, hemlock wooly adelgid, oak wilt, Asian long-horned beetle, and spotted lantern fly, and the basic skills and expectations for participating.

Then we have additional shorter workshops throughout the year on specific topics and skills, such as the training on Nov 2nd.

I would be happy to chat with you about how the Urban and Community Forestry program can help Bristol prepare for EAB (you can see many [more municipal resources here](#)).

Chris Olson, the Addison Co. Forester, and I will be giving a presentation on EAB to the Ripton Conservation Commission on Nov 14th at 7:00 pm. I think it is open to the public. Because of our limited capacity, we encourage towns to open their events to surrounding communities so we can share with as many people as possible at one time, and so neighboring communities can think about collaborating and sharing resources. Maybe some folks from Bristol would like to attend that talk? Judy Kowalczyk is the organizer gme@gmelectro.com

Let me know if you would like me to add you to the list to be notified about Forest First Detector Trainings.

Best wishes,

GINGER NICKERSON | FOREST PEST EDUCATION COORDINATOR
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From: Katie <reilleyglass@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 8:23 PM
To: Rosovsky, Judy <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov>
Cc: Ginger Nickerson <ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu>; John Swepston <swepstonarborworks@gmail.com>; Eric Cota <bristolhighway@gmavt.net>; Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
Subject: Re: First Detector Training

How does one become a First Detector program member, and what's involved?
Thanks.
Katie Reilley

On Sep 30, 2019, at 5:40 PM, Rosovsky, Judy <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov> wrote:

This is a specific training for the First Detector program members. We are hoping to train them to photodocument suspect EAB trees.

Ginger may be able to help you with EAB awareness in Bristol, and Ginger, if I can help in this effort, please let me know.

Thanks,
Judy

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From: Katie <reilleyglass@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Rosovsky, Judy
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Subject: First Detector Training

Judy, is this a training session open to and geared to a public presentation, or is it focused on a small presentation and training individuals? We would need more specific information in order to obtain a space for your program. However, we want to learn! So whatever we can do to move EAB awareness into the public forum, the better.
thanks!

Katie Reilley, Chair, Bristol Conservation

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>

Subject: RE: tree cut down schedule?

Date: September 30, 2019 at 11:35:12 AM EDT

To: "Rosovsky, Judy" <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov>

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Hi Judy,

Thank you for checking in. I think it's safe to say we will welcome any training opportunities!

To your second question, we have not yet come up with a strategic plan or budget for the removal of infested trees. I expect we will move a bit closer to something after the Conservation Commission's October 10 meeting.

--Valerie Capels

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From: Rosovsky, Judy <Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:54 PM

To: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>

Cc: Ginger Nickerson <ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu>

Subject: tree cut down schedule?

Hi Valerie,

My colleague Ginger Nickerson and I are hoping to conduct a special First Detector training in Bristol this fall. First I'd like to check in if that is ok? And second, I wondered if you know if the town is planning to remove any of the other infested trees, and if so, when?

Thanks so much,

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