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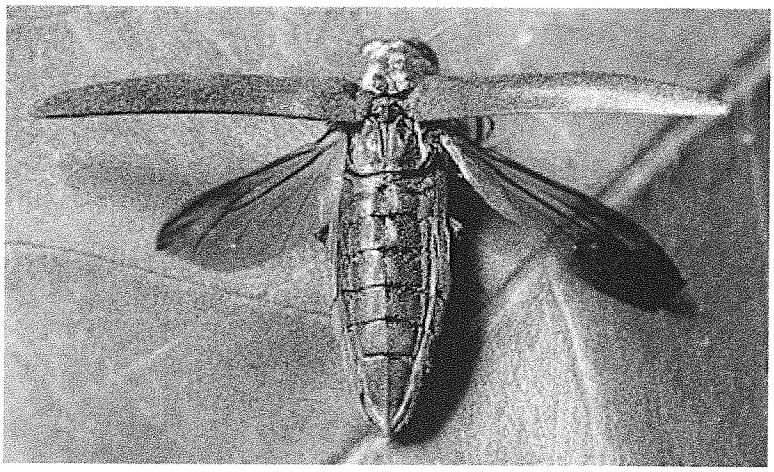
Municipal Alliance Meeting, 10/26

Battling the Emerald Ash Borer

Friday, December 9, 2016 8-9:30AM
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, 14 Maple Avenue, Morristown

Don't forget to RSVP to Sally Rubin, srubin@greatswamp.org, for this essential meeting.



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native invasive insect from Southeast Asia that feeds on and destroys ash trees. Since its arrival on the continent in 2002, the beetle has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees. It has been rapidly spreading from its origination in Michigan, with confirmed sightings in New Jersey beginning in 2014. **It is not a matter of IF the EAB will destroy the ash trees in your town, it is a matter of WHEN the EAB will destroy the ash trees, and how you can best mitigate the damage.**

Join Great Swamp Watershed Association's Municipal Alliance for an informative session on the EAB. **EAB expert Rob Gillies will discuss how you should plan for the infestation, how you can proactively combat it, treatment options, and how to budget for it.**

Time is of the essence in detecting this invasive insect and for developing a well thought out plan of action for suppressing the spread of its potential damage. The Emerald Ash Borer has already been detected in Somerset County, and is expected to spread to Morris County soon.

Trees that succumb to the EAB will pose an immediate threat to any nearby structures and vehicles, and may cause bodily harm and become a liability if left unchecked. Once infected, nearly all ash trees will die and there is virtually no known method of preventing EAB from spreading to un-infested areas. Experts believe that it is only a matter of time until the estimated 7.5 billion ash trees in the U.S. become infected and die.
The infestation of EAB will undoubtedly place a huge burden on budgets and will likely prove costly to the average homeowner as well. Communities will be faced with the economic burden of conducting tree inventories, overseeing management regime programs, costs of removing infected trees and the environmental costs of a loss of a substantial portion of canopy cover. There will also be associated costs with the need to replace trees along city streets and parks.

RSVP by emailing Sally Rubin, srubin@greatswamp.org.

The Great Swamp Passaic Municipal Alliance fosters an ongoing collaborative discussion of issues that transcend our individual municipal borders. Our goal is to approach shared concerns and address them in a regional and cost-effective manner by working together. This is an informal networking platform for the exchange of ideas, the sharing of concerns, and development of solutions, among people involved in municipal government.

Please share this invitation with other municipal elected or appointed officials, or other relevant parties.

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