



URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday September 27, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

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- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 878 686 149#

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call) – June 7, 2023
4. To request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation or submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division by email at Worcestertrees@worcesterma.gov. Please note that interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Para solicitar una interpretacion razonable, o enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito por favor comuniquese con la oficina de la Division de Parques, Recreo & Cementerio por correo electronico a Worcestertrees@worcesterma.gov. Por favor note que las solicitudes de interpretacion deberan ser enviadas 48 horas antes de la reunion.
5. Public Participation – Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in person and remote participation at the Urban Forestry Tree Commission meetings. To partake in the “Public Participation” section of this meeting, you may join us directly within the 50 Officer Manny Familia Way Meeting Room A, follow the information above to join via the Teams application or dial the direct line as indicated. If you would like to raise your hand when in the meeting as a call-in user, you may dial *5.

6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)

7. Old Business

- Solar Access (Ted Conna)
- Planning and Regulatory Services
 - Question regarding Tree Canopy Cover in New Construction
 - Question regarding tree planting in Parking Lots

8. New Business

- Request of Commissioner Elton to review the purpose of the Urban Forest Tree Commission
- Request of Commissioner Elton regarding Ash Trees:
 - Number of Ash Trees
 - Number of Ash Trees broken down by size & condition
 - Explanation as to why the city has chosen not to treat any of these trees for ALB
 - Have treatment options been clearly explained to the Friends of Newton Hill
 - Have treatment options been clearly explained to other resident organizations
- Request of Commissioner Elton regarding why plans for Newton Ave North not presented to the Commission
- Request of Commissioner Elton to review all existing tree zoning ordinances for the city
- Request of Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse on where the final version of the Urban Forestry Master Plan can be found.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- November 1, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- January 17, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 3, 2024
- May 1, 2024
- June 5, 2024

8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)



URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION **MINUTES**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
 - Commissioners Present:
 - i. Alexander Elton
 - ii. Robin Karoway-Waterhouse
 - iii. Joseph Mogel
 - Administration Present:
 - i. Robert C. Antonelli, Assistant Commissioner - Virtually
 - ii. Brian Breveleri, Forestry Supervisor
 - iii. Dennis Tucker, Forestry Working Foreman
 - iv. Milagros Pacheco, Staff Assistant III
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call) – April 12, 2023 & May 3, 2023 – Commissioner Elton made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in Favor Motion was approved 3 – 0.
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6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
7. Old Business
 - Solar Access (Ted Conna) – Mr. Conna was not present
8. New Business
 - Newton Ave North Tree Issues – There is a public hearing scheduled with the neighbors. The Assistant Commissioner of Engineering will be there to go over what has been done and where that project is going. Results of the meeting will be brought to a later meeting.
 - Commissioner Elton explained that there was confusion as to how many trees would be removed from Newton Ave North. Rob Antonelli the Assistant Commissioner of Parks explained that there were some trees that were identified by Davey Tree as trees that should be removed as part of the process but not all trees were identified to be removed, and if they were a final determination would have to be made based on the tree ordinance and mass general law through a tree hearing process, and that determination would be made by the City Manager.
 - Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse asked about the species of trees. She also asked if the meeting would give the public a change to bring their grievances and questions and if the decision was ultimately up to Forestry.
 - Brian Breveleri, Forestry Supervisor explained that Forestry only accesses the trees based on condition and health. The construction part of it, can be negotiated, but it would have to go through the public hearing process in order to approve the removal.
 - Assistant Commissioner added that the anticipation of the meeting is to give the community an understanding of what is going to happen. He indicated that the Forestry Division gave their recommendation on which trees could come down based on health and condition.
 - A meeting attendee had questions, about the amount of trees, the recommendation Forestry made, and if it was sidewalk and accessibility issue or a street issue. Mr. Antonelli answered the questions.
 - Mr. Eric Stratton attended the meeting virtually and had two questions; 1) Would there be a second meeting? 2) Would there be door hangers giving information to residents how to request a new tree planting. Both questions were addressed.
 - Planning and Regulatory Services
 - Question regarding Tree Canopy Cover in New Construction

- Question regarding tree planting in Parking Lots
Mr. Antonelli said he would try to put something together for the following meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- September 6, 2023 – This meeting and the October will be combined to have one meeting on September 27, 2023.
- October 4, 2023 – Moved to 9-27-23
- November 1, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- January 17, 2024
- February 28, 2024
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. General:

- Urban Forestry Master Plan Review
 - Update on status – final document is not currently available
 - Assistant Commissioner Antonelli stated that the final document was not yet available.
 - A meeting attendee had some questions:
 - Was he able to push for more aggressive planting?
 - Was the data fixed around the value of trees?
 - Was Evelyn Hurwitz mission statement included?
 - Are there additional public hearings?
 - Assistant Commissioner indicated that the first couple of questions will be resolved once the final report is ready, items have not been finalized still working on items that were submitted during the public input process. A final plan will be brought to the Commission for approval and then City Council for approval.
 - Assistant Commissioner also added that two presentations were added to the City of Worcester Website. He also stated that the Forest Service Grant is being put together, in the 20-million-dollar range and it was put together in collaboration of the Department of Sustainability & Resiliency as well as Department of Public Works & Parks. It was submitted in time. The details will be brought to the Commission at a later meeting. It included several items such as: tree planting, tree trimming, tree removal, stump removals, education, planting on both public and private property.
 - The Urban Forestry Master Plan which can be found here: NA
 - [Tree in the City – Right Tree, Right Place | City of Worcester, MA \(Worcesterma.gov\)](#)
 - The Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Inflation Reduction Act Notice of Funding Opportunity which can be found here: Update
 - [Urban Forests | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- Door Hanger - NA
- Tree Commission attending neighborhood meetings - NA
- Tree replacement policy
 - Request Only
 - Mandated replacement

- Neighborhood Based Urban Heat Risk Assessment - NA
- Worcester Now | Next online survey
 - NA
- Green Worcester Advisory Committee
 - NA
- Planting –
 - Spring 2023 Planting – In process of completing planted 250 trees, anything additional will be pushed to Spring of 2024
- Customer Service Update
 - Customer Service Contact Information 508-929-1300 &/or 311
- Street Resurfacing Opportunities & Challenges – NA
- Zoning Ordinance Discussion - NA
- Worcester Ordinance Relative to the Protection of Public Trees - NA
- Partnerships –
 - New England Botanical Garden @ Tower Hill - NA
- Grant Applications –
 - NA
- Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
- Forestry Vandalism & Graffiti –
 - NA
- Donations –
 - NA
- Forestry Operations –
 - Tree City USA – Awarded
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day –
 - April 26, 2024
 - April 27, 2024 - Festival
- Budget – Operational & Capital – NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
 - Capital Improvement Program – No capital funding allocation or forestry except for a bucket truck.
 - There was a discussion about the bucket truck.
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
- Misc.
- Date of next meeting – September 27, 2023.
- Commissioner Elton made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. 3 – 0 Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

A copy of this full meeting will be available to view and listen to at:

- www.worcesterma.gov/city-clerk/public-meetings/agendas-minutes



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 - NA
- Forestry Vandalism & Graffiti –
 - NA
- Donations –
 - NA
- Pests –
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle) - NA
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) - NA
 - Spotted Lanternfly - Update
 - Elm Zigzag Sawfly - Update
- Forestry Operations –
 - Tree City USA – NA
 - Arbor Day –

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- **Budget – Operational & Capital – NA**
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
 - Capital Improvement Program – Update
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
- **Misc.**



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GENERAL

Article 5. Department of Public Works & Parks

§ 13. Urban Forestry Tree Commission (Advisory)

(a) *Establishment of the Urban Forestry Tree Commission.* Under authority of Article Six of the Home Rule Charter there is hereby established under the jurisdiction of the city manager an advisory commission of the city to be known as the "Urban Forestry Tree Commission" ("commission").

(b) *Membership, Terms, Designation of Chair.* The commission shall consist of five members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the city manager for staggered terms of five years each commencing on January fifteenth of each year; provided, however, the initial appointees shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively. Every member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of their successor. In the event of the death, disability, resignation or removal of any member prior to the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, the city manager shall appoint a replacement member who shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the member they are replacing. The city manager shall from time to time designate the chair of the commission.

(c) *Function of the Commission.* It shall be the function of the commission to aid the Department of Public Works & Parks, the Transportation Advisory Group, and the Tree Warden in proactive research, tree inventory, tree campaigns, and help increase and protect the City's shade tree canopy and help improve the city's urban community forest overall.

(d) *Duties & Responsibilities.* The commission shall:

- (1) inventory and analyze the Worcester public and private tree canopy to identify species, condition, location, coverage and need; review the GIS layer of street trees including data on species, condition, planting date (as available);
- (2) recommend guidelines for tree removal and replacement with street tree planting standards such as, but not limited to, soils and available space for root growth adjacent to paving, guidance for distance from utilities and street lights, weigh tree preservation and sidewalk accessibility;
- (3) make recommendations to prioritize expansion of trees (street, other public and privately-owned) in the urban core to provide shade, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and allow absorption of rain and storm water;
- (4) assist in the creation of connected networks of shaded corridors, especially in the urban core;
- (5) recommend a program for donation of trees for public spaces and a program for residents to accept a free tree on their property from the City;
- (6) recommend development standards for tree retention, replacement and planting for private projects that meet size thresholds;

(7) assist the City and its various boards and committees with increasing the public shade tree inventory by recommending policies related to its protection in conjunction with development, construction, and maintenance projects undertaken by the City; and serve as an advisory group on all related matters.

(e) The commissioner for the Department of Public Works & Parks, or his or her designee, shall administer the business and public affairs of the commission and serve as the clerk and keeper of the official records of the commission.



Eric D. Batista
City Manager

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Attachment for Item #

9.33 A

June 13, 2023

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I am pleased to share that on June 2nd, my administration applied for a \$23,511,000, 5-year grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program, funded via Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This is a fantastic opportunity to bring community together to grow and improve our urban tree canopy.

The requested funding will apply to the 26% of the land area of the city designated as Environmental Justice area by the EPA. This makes City eligible for a grant match waiver (with the grant covering the entire project costs, including administrative portion) since the proposed project is designed to deliver 100 percent of the funding/program benefits to this area.

While the time to develop and prepare the application was extremely limited, we couldn't allow the opportunity to pass. There is the unquestionable need for it, passionate community support, experience doing reforestation efforts at scale (post ALB infestation), structural support (DSR, Parks, Urban Forestry Tree Commission), and the educational opportunity to create entry-level jobs for forestry careers for our youth.

I am hopeful that the city's application will be awarded the amount requested. However, the scope and grant amounts may change, at the discretion of the grantor. Therefore, my administration will provide an update once the grant program response is received and then will provide relevant project details along with a request a resolution for the awarded amount to accept the funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: John Odell, Chief of Department of Sustainability & Resilience
Date: June 13, 2023
Re: 2023 USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Grant - \$23,511,000

On June 2nd, 2023, the City of Worcester submitted a USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Grant, funded via Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). This is once in a generation opportunity to revitalize and expand our city's urban tree canopy.

While the typical annual USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Grant funding pool is \$50M annually country-wide, this grant, injected with the IRA funds, had \$1.5 Billion, and emphasizes Justice40 principles of targeting historically disinvested communities and areas. As such, the grant allows for a waiver from the 1:1 grant match requirement if the urban tree canopy planning and work occurs within environmental justice area per the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST). That area covers 26% of the city's area, mostly within Council Districts 2 and 4 (Attachment A). The City chose to apply for funding for only the federal environmental justice area, as it significantly overlaps (83%) with the city's high risk heat island areas.

The project concept and application development was led by the Department of Sustainability and Resilience with engagement and input from other municipal departments, including the DPW&P Parks Division, the Worcester Public Schools (via Worcester Technical High School), the Department of Transportation & Mobility, and the Economic Development's Planning & Regulatory Services Division. In addition, many other community members and organizations provided valuable input into the proposal, such as the New England Botanical Garden, Mass Audubon, Regional Environmental Council, Clark University, Main South CDC, Ecotarium, and more. The grant requirement is that 80% of the grant funds will need to be distributed to Community Based Organization subrecipients¹.

Some of the proposed outcomes include the following:

- Planting approximately 3,000 trees on streets and public properties in the federally defined Climate and Economic Justice area
- Planting approximately 4,000 trees on private properties in the federally defined Climate and Economic Justice area
- Establishing a tree nursery (to address the longer term needs of the city and the projected near-term tree shortage)
- Assessing and maintaining the existing tree canopy in the federally defined Climate and Economic Justice area (young tree pruning, routing pruning, removal of diseased & hazardous trees and replanting, removal of invasive species and replanting, etc.)
- Installing green infrastructure

¹ From Notice of Funding Opportunity "For this funding opportunity, a "Community Based Organization" is defined as a public or nonprofit organization that supports and/or represents a community and/or certain populations within a community through engagement, education, and other related services provided to individual community residents and community stakeholders. A "community" can be characterized by a particular geographic area and/or by the relationships among members with similar interests and can be characterized as part of a broader national or regional community where organizations can be focused on the needs of urban, rural and/or tribal areas, and other similar groups"

- Requiring an apprenticeship requirement for the Arborist Companies who will do the work (where heavy equipment is required and cannot be done by the community organizations)
- Expanding the existing the Urban Forest Academy Program located in Worcester Technical High School's Environmental Science Program
- Increasing educational opportunities about trees to the Worcester Public Schools and involving community members to assist with new tree maintenance
- Designing a portion of a future Greenway through the city located in the federal environmental justice area (an off-shoot from the ongoing Mobility Action Plan)

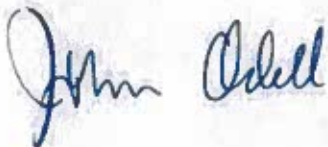
The 4 principal strategies proposed in the grant application include:

- Strategy 1: Establish a Well-Rounded Interdisciplinary Team to Do the Work
- Strategy 2: Develop Sustainable and Resilient Forest Planting Plans within Environmental Justice neighborhoods; Build Community Buy-In; and Invest in creating a Tree Nursery(s) to Enable Timely Plan Implementation
- Strategy 3: Planting and Maintaining Urban Forests in EJ Areas
- Strategy 4: Greenways Design

A detailed Communication Plan will be developed with the assistance of the Community Engagement partners (subrecipients) and the Communication/Design Firm.

The project received seven letters of local support from city organizations as well as letters of support from all of the city's federal and state legislative representatives.

Sincerely,



John Odell

Chief of Department of Sustainability & Resilience

City of Worcester

Neighborhood Groups

	<u>Neighborhood Group</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>
1	Brown Square Neighborhood	2	3rd Wednesday @7pm	Brown Square Civic Club 639 Franklin St	PO Patrick Bennett
2	Burncoat/Greendale Neighborhood	1	1st Thursday @ 6pm	St. Michael's On-The Heights 340 Burncoat St	PO Anthony Lombardozi
3	Coes Pond Village Neighborhood	5	Currently Not Meeting	Coes Pond Village 39 First Street	PO Thomas Hurley
4	Columbus Park Neighborhood	5	4th Thursday @6:30pm	Knights of Columbus 44 Circuit Ave North	PO Christopher Santley
5	East Mountain Street Neighborhood	1	Currently Not Meeting	Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East	TBA
6	Grafton Hill Neighborhood	3	3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m	Mass Audubon Society, 414 Massasoit Road	PO Peter Bissonnette
7	Green Hill Neighborhood	2	Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.	Saint Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln Street	TBA
8	Green Island Neighborhood	4	1st Thursday at 5 p.m.	Green Island Neighborhood Center, 50 Canton Street	PO Sean Lovely
9	Hammond Heights Neighborhood	1	Currently Not Meeting	Bancroft Tower, 26 Massachusetts Avenue	PO Lisa Carlson
10	Harlow Street Neighborhood	2	Currently Not Meeting	Saint Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln Street	PO Peter Bissonnette
11	Illinois Street Neighborhood	4	Currently Not Meeting	Worcester Diocese, 51 Illinois Street	PO Thomas Hurley
12	Indian Lake Neighborhood	2	3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m.	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company, 55 Millbrook Street	PO Lisa Carlson
13	Kilby St., Gardner St. and Hollis St. Neighborhood	4	3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.	Main South CDC, 875 Main Street	PO Anthony Lombardozi
14	Knight Street Neighborhood	3	Currently Not Meeting	New Horizons Apartments, 20 Benson Avenue	PO Peter Bissonnette
15	Lake View Neighborhood	2	2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m.	Lakeview Congregational Church, 115 Coburn Avenue	PO Nicholas Riggieri
16	Lincoln Village Neighborhood	1	1st Thursday at 6 p.m.	Victoria Building, 116 Country Club Boulevard	PO Christopher Santley
17	Main South Beacon Brightly Neighborhood	4	2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A., 766 Main Street	PO Alex Maracallo
18	Newton Square Neighborhood	5	2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street	PO Michael Higgins

	Neighborhood Group	District	Meeting Schedule	Location	Officer in Charge
19	PACT Neighborhood	4	1st Thursday at 5:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Network Center, 301 Pleasant Street	PO Bruce Carter, Jr.
20	Pasadena Parkway Neighborhood	1	Currently Not Meeting	St. Joan of Arc Church, 570 Lincoln Street	TBA
21	Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood	3	4th Wednesday at 6 p.m	The Journey Community Church, 46 Greenwood Street	PO Patrick Bennett
22	Saxon Road Neighborhood	1	2nd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Israel, 15 Jamesbury Drive	PO Lisa Carlson
23	Seabury Heights Apartments Neighborhood	2	1st Wednesday at 4 p.m.	Seabury Heights Apartments, 240 Belmont Street	TBA
24	Shrewsbury Street Neighborhood	2	3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.	Mount Carmel Apartments, 50 Shrewsbury Street	PO Sean Lovely
25	South Lenox Street Neighborhood	5	2nd Thursday at 6 p.m.	First Congregational Church, 1070 Pleasant Street	PO Michael Higgins
26	Stratton Hill Neighborhood	1	1st Wednesday at 6 p.m.	Stratton Hill Park Apartments, 161 West Mountain St	PO Anthony Lombardozi
27	Tatnuck Square Neighborhood	5	2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.	First Congregational Church, 1070 Pleasant Street	PO Bruce Carter, Jr.
28	Upsala Street Neighborhood	3	Currently Not Meeting	Upsala Elder Apartments, 36 Upsala Street	PO Alex Maracallo
29	Webster Square Neighborhood	5	1st Thursday at 7 p.m.	Our Lady of Angels Church, 1222 Main Street	PO Christopher Santley
30	Whittier Terrace Neighborhood	4	4th Wednesday at 4 p.m.	Whittier Terrace, 86 Austin Street	PO Alex Maracallo
31	Vietnamese Neighborhood	3	Currently Not Meeting	Worcester Senior Center, 128 Providence Street	PO Duy Chau
	WHA Community Meetings				
1	Addison Apartments Community Meeting	3	3rd Tuesday at 3 p.m	2 Addison Street	TBA
2	Belmont Tower Apartments Community Meeting	2	2nd Thursday at 3:30 p.m	Worcester Housing Authority, 40 Belmont Street	TBA
3	Booth Apartments Community Meeting	1	2nd Tuesday at 1 p.m.	Booth Apartments (WHA), 1 Haven Lane	TBA
4	Curran Terrace Community Meeting	3	2nd Tuesday at 1 p.m	Curran Terrace (WHA), 201 Providence Street	TBA
5	Elm Park Tower Apartments Community Meeting	4	3rd Wednesday at 1 p.m.	Elm Park Tower Apartments (WHA), 425 Pleasant Street	PO Michael Higgins

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6	Great Brook Valley Community Meeting	1	2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.	Great Brook Valley (WHA), 180 Constitution Avenue	TBA
7	Greenwood Gardens Community Meeting	3	4th Tuesday at 1 p.m.	327 Greenwood Street Worcester	PO Patrick Bennett
8	Lafayette Place Apartments Community Meeting	4	1st Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.	2 Lafayette Street Worcester	PO Sean Lovely
9	Lincoln Park Tower Apartments Community Meeting	2	2nd Monday at 1 p.m.	11 Lake Avenue Worcester	PO Patrick Bennett
10	Mayside Apartments Community Meeting	4	3rd Wednesday at 1 p.m.	20 May Street	TBA
11	Mill Pond Apartments Community Meeting	5	3rd Tuesday at 3 p.m.	600 Mill Street	PO Thomas Hurley
12	Murray/Wellington Apartments Community Meeting	4	3rd Tuesday at 1 p.m.	50 Murray Avenue	PO Peter Bissonnette
13	Pleasant Tower Apartments Community Meeting	4	2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m.	Pleasant Tower Apartments (WHA), 275 Pleasant Street	PO Lisa Carlson
14	Webster Square Tower East Community Meeting	4	3rd Thursday at 1:30 p.m.	Webster Square Towers East (WHA), 1050 Main Street	PO Peter Bissonnette
15	Webster Square Tower West Community Meeting	4	3rd Thursday at 2:30 p.m.	Webster Square Towers West (WHA), 1060 Main Street	PO Peter Bissonnette

Antonelli, Robert C. Jr., Parks Asst. Comm.

From: UMass Extension <extlandscape@umass.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Antonelli, Robert C. Jr., Parks Asst. Comm.
Subject: Pest Alert: Elm Zigzag Sawfly Confirmed for the First Time in Massachusetts

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Pest Alert: Elm Zigzag Sawfly Confirmed for the First Time in Massachusetts

This non-native insect has been detected in a small, forested area of Berkshire and Hampden Counties.

The elm zigzag sawfly (*Aproceros leucopoda*) is a non-native insect that originated in eastern Asia (Japan and certain regions of China), and is now invasive in Europe (2003) and North America. The elm zigzag sawfly has been found in Virginia (2021), Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New York, and Vermont. In 2023, the elm zigzag sawfly has been detected in a small, forested area of Berkshire and Hampden Counties in Massachusetts:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/dcr-announces-that-elm-zigzag-sawfly-has-been-confirmed-in-massachusetts>.

Significant defoliation of elm host plants was seen at the impacted locations. It is currently unclear how widespread the elm zigzag sawfly is in Massachusetts

or how the infestation was introduced.

Female elm zigzag sawflies cause a tiny amount of damage to the edges of host plant leaves as they lay their eggs. Tiny scars are formed as a result of female egg laying. Eggs hatch and young sawfly caterpillars (the most destructive life stage of the insect) begin their characteristic zig-zag patterned feeding. These zig-zag shaped notches in the leaf can extend 5-10 mm into the leaf from the edge. Multiple caterpillars can feed on a single leaf and entire leaves can be completely stripped, leaving only veins behind. Heavily infested trees can suffer partial or complete defoliation.

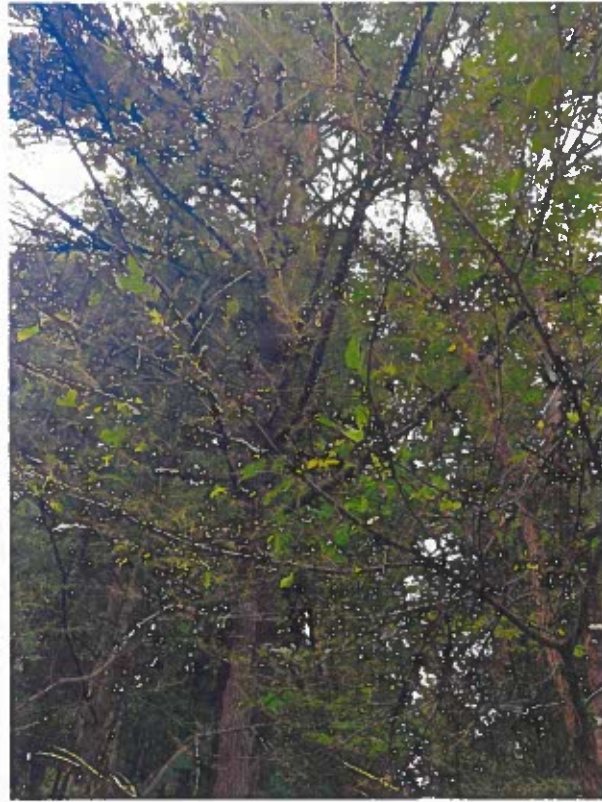


Elm zigzag sawfly feeding on an elm leaf in Berkshire County, MA on 8/16/2023.

Photo: Nicole Keleher, MA DCR Forest Health Program

If you suspect you have found elm zigzag sawfly in Massachusetts, please report it to Nicole Keleher (MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, Forest Health Program) at Nicole.Keleher@mass.gov, or the MA Department of Agricultural Resources at <https://massnrc.org/pests/report.aspx>.

More images and information about the elm zigzag sawfly, including management options, is now available in this UMass Extension [fact sheet](#).



Elm zigzag sawfly defoliation in Berkshire County, MA on 8/16/2023.

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