

Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Resource Letter:

The SLELO PRISM Partners would like to thank you for your concern and stewardship towards our natural resources and for your desire to protect our regions valuable trees. Forest pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) can have a significant impact on the health of street trees and local forests and often require homeowners, woodland owners and municipalities to take action.

There are many resources and tools available to help guide EAB management initiatives. The SLELO partnership has gathered some of the resources believed to be the most useful and straight forward and provided them in a single location on our [website](#). Some of the resources we have listed on our website that may be of particular use are: [Land Owners Guide to EAB](#), [A Decision Guide](#), [North Country IPM Insecticide Options for Protecting Ash From EAB](#) and [Purdue University's Summary of Insecticide Options](#) , [EAB Cost Calculator](#).

Forest landowners who have large populations of ash trees may hold the key to discovering & preserving ash trees that hold resilience to EAB by choosing to monitor some of their ash trees through a [Monitoring and Managing Ash \(MaMa\) program](#) lead by the Ecological Research Institute.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Health Specialists are available to conduct site visits and can help stakeholders determine the best EAB management strategy for their individual circumstances. Below is the contact information for a DEC Forest Health Specialist for each SLELO County.

- Oneida County: Dan Welc, (315) 866-6330 ext. 125. dan.welc@dec.ny.gov
- Oswego County: Dan Sawchuck (315) 298-7467 dan.sawchuck@dec.ny.gov
- Jefferson/Lewis Counties: Michael Giocondo michael.giocondo@dec.ny.gov (315) 376-3521 & Glen Roberts glen.roberts@dec.ny.gov (315) 376-3521
- St. Lawrence County: Steven Sherwood (315) 274-3335 steven.sherwood@dec.ny.gov

The St. Lawrence County EAB Task Force is also an excellent resource that can help provide information for EAB control management resources available in St. Lawrence County. Reach out to John Tenbusch at (315) 379-2292; jtenbusch@stlawco.org or Paul Hetzler (315) 379-9192 x 232; ph59@cornell.edu for questions.

In addition to these resources, a brief online questionnaire has been created to help determine the awareness of stakeholders in nearby counties who may suffer liability costs due to EAB in their region. You are welcome to take this survey and share with others who may be impacted by EAB in these counties. The results will help Region 6 DEC determine the best way to help communities prepare for managing the impacts of EAB.

CLICK HERE to participate in the questionnaire, or copy the URL below:

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