

**TREE REMOVALS TO FIGHT ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE
INFESTATION TO BEGIN WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2009**

January 2, 2009 - The Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program will begin tree removal operations to address the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) infestation in Massachusetts the week of January 5, 2009, weather permitting.

The work is expected to impact 6,000 trees determined to be infested with ALB in the Worcester area, and will be performed by two companies, Northern Tree Service and Mayer Tree Service.

Operations will begin on January 5th with ten tree removal crews from the two companies. Each crew will be comprised of a chipper truck, a bucket truck, a chipper machine and three to four individuals. The crews will be concentrated in three areas in Worcester during initial operations: the Quinsigamond Community College area, the Kendrick Field area and the Greendale neighborhood. Please see the accompanying map for additional information.

The area surrounding Quinsigamond Community College includes:

- Assumption Avenue
- Marland Road
- Perth Court
- Dundee Court
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The area surrounding Kendrick Field includes:

- Frontage Street
- New Bond Street
- Brooks Street
- Mount Avenue
- Margaret Street
- Stanley Road
- Rockdale Street
- Higgins Street
- Eames Road
- Beamon Avenue
- Boxford Street
- Ararat Street
- Marshfield Street
- Prudence Street
- Woburn Street

The Greendale area includes:

- Fales Street
- Francis Street

Fairhaven Road
Greendale Avenue
Airlie Street
Biddeford Avenue
Kendrick Avenue
Whitmarsh Avenue
Dorothy Avenue
Jeppson Avenue
Cutting Avenue
Leeds Street
Cheshire Road
Woodridge Road
Claffey Avenue
Granville Avenue
Hillcroft Avenue
Chatham Village Road
Paul Street
Lorion Avenue
Burncoat Street
West Boylston Street

Property owners living in the regulated area where removal operations will take place have been notified by the State of Massachusetts of infested tree(s) on the property and of the option to remove high-risk host trees—trees likely to be infested due to their proximity to infested trees. In addition, door hangers announcing the upcoming operations have been distributed to impacted homes and ALB program employees have visited communities to answer questions and collect the property access permission forms required for tree removals on private property.

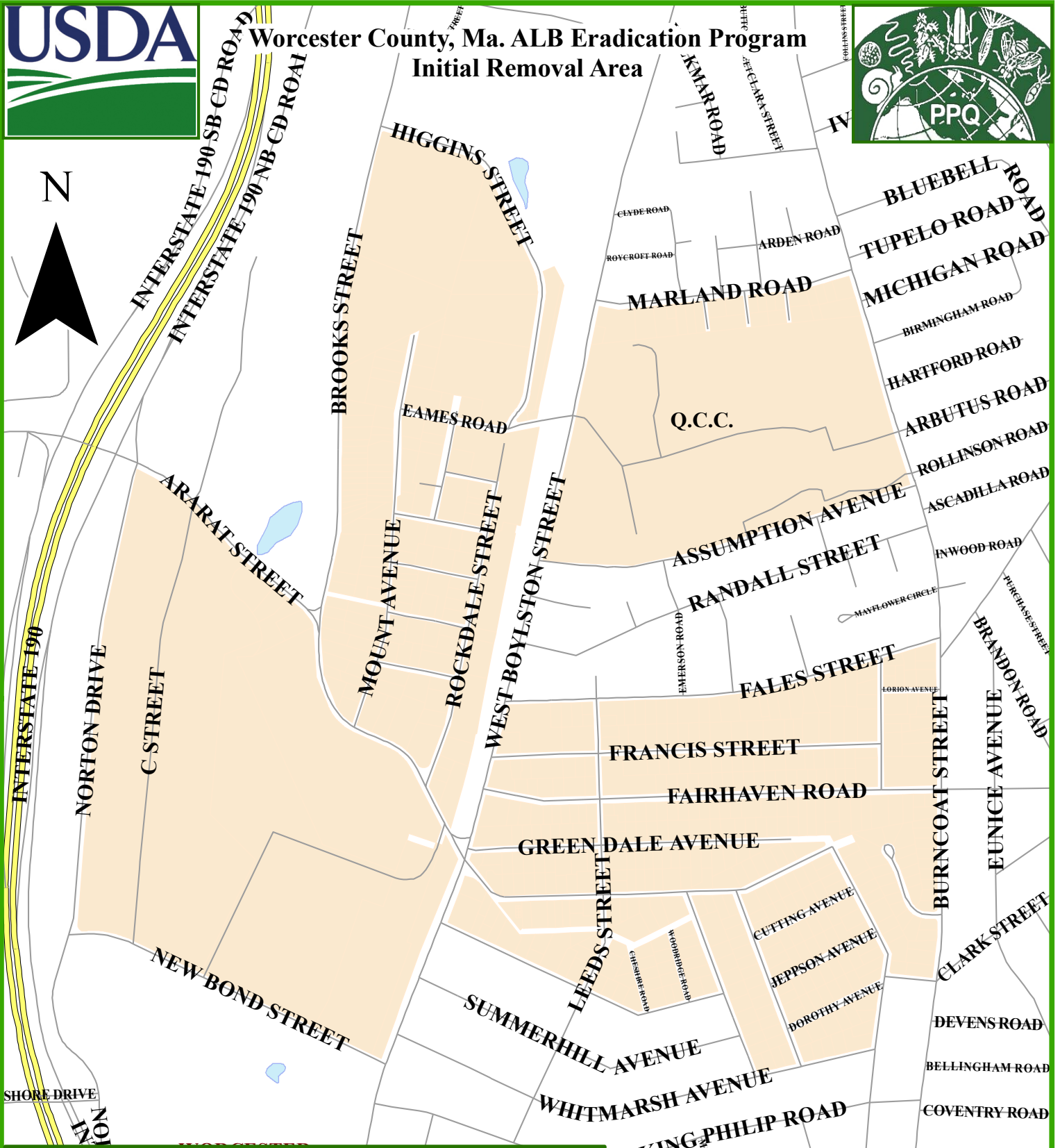
The removal process is expected to take place throughout the winter and into the spring months. Trees will be chipped to a size that destroys ALB larvae and pupae developing deep within them. Tree stumps will also be ground to ensure all lifestages of the insect are addressed.

Intensive surveys to determine the scope of the infestation faced in Massachusetts have taken place in and around the City of Worcester since the beetle's detection was reported on August 1, 2008 to State and Federal officials. The surveys in Massachusetts have resulted in a regulated area of 64-square miles that encompasses the City of Worcester and parts of the surrounding towns of Holden, Boylston, West Boylston and Shrewsbury.

The U.S Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the U.S. Forest Service and the City of Worcester form the Massachusetts ALB eradication partnership.



Worcester County, Ma. ALB Eradication Program Initial Removal Area

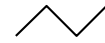


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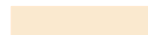
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Legend



Roads



Removal Area 01/02/09

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