

The Massachusetts Forest Pest Task Force

Our Mission:

The Forest Pest Task Force is a volunteer organization of forestry professionals, scientists, natural resource managers, local officials and private citizens organized to facilitate a science-based response to the economic, ecological and public safety impacts of forest pests within the forests and communities of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Forest Pest Task Force was established in the fall of 2014 after National Grid Vegetation Strategy reached out to government agencies and forestry non-profits. Collectively, its initial members recognized the necessity to coordinate forest pest information, education, planning and response to try to seek cost savings and resource sharing opportunities. Since its establishment, the task force has met bi-monthly to discuss the current status of forest pests and to coordinate efforts to better meet the needs of forest pest monitoring, management, and public education in Massachusetts. The Forest Pest Task Force continues to focus its time and resources largely on Emerald Ash Borer but, in the future, will be expanding its message to Forest Health in general.

This committee is comprised of representatives from the following organizations:

- City of Cambridge
- Eversource (NSTAR)
- Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions
- Massachusetts Audubon Society
- Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Massachusetts Forest Alliance
- Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association
- National Grid
- The Nature Conservancy
- New England Forestry Foundation
- Project Native
- University of Massachusetts
- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- USDA Forest Service
- Town of Brookline
- Western Massachusetts Electric

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