Kentucky's ash trees are under attack! This attack comes in the form of an insect that has already killed millions of ash trees in surrounding states costing local governments, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive pest insect from Asia, was first discovered in Kentucky in May 2009 and has since been found in twelve counties. This pest presents a serious threat to all ash trees in Kentucky—many of which have been planted in urban areas.

The Kentucky Emerald Ash Borer Urban Preparedness Conference has been developed to help prepare the state for the attack. The leading experts in the field of EAB management, research, and outreach will discuss decision making tools, resources, and programs available to those dealing with the impacts of the EAB. Learn about what works and what doesn’t and how others are doing and what they have learned along the way.

The conference is divided into two tracts (planners and practitioners). The target audience includes: urban planners, arborists, parks and recreation personnel, landscape architects, extension agents, community leaders, community tree board members, and other decision makers and support positions involved in urban EAB management.

EAB Facts
- Kentucky initiated a 20 county quarantine for EAB in June 2009.
- According to the Kentucky Division of Forestry, there are 130.9 million white ash trees and 92.5 million green ash trees in KY.
- EAB adults typically stay within 1/2 mile of their emergence site, but are often moved many miles through firewood.

Kentucky Emerald Ash Borer Urban Preparedness Conference

Wednesday, December 8

Registration 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Evening reception (cash bar) 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Banquet dinner 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Welcome – Judy Thompson, Kentucky Division of Forestry
USDA APHIS Perspective to Quarantined Pests Approach – Elizabeth Pentico

Thursday, December 9

Breakfast 7:00 – 8:00 AM
Emerald Ash Borer Basics – Joe Collins
8:00 – 8:50 AM
Concurrent Session 2

Practitioners: Minimizing the Impact of EAB on Your Woodland – Kathy Smith
Break (hotel check out)
9:00 – 9:50 AM
Concurrent Session 2

Planners: Developing an Affordable EAB Management Plan and Garnering Support with a Neighbors Against Bad Bug program – Cliff Sadof
Practitioners: Minimizing the Impact of EAB on Your Woodland – Kathy Smith

9:50 – 10:20 AM
10:20 – 11:10 AM
Concurrent Session 3

Planners: Emerald Biodiversity and Landscape Management: The Keys to Sustainability in the Built Environment – Bill Fountain
Practitioners: Identifying Ash Trees Worth Saving and Working with Neighbors to Develop and Implement a Management Plan – Cliff Sadof

11:10 – 12:00 PM
Concurrent Session 3

Practitioners: Assessing Treatment Options for Emerald Ash Borer – Dan Hermit
Lunch
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Concurrent Session 4

Planners: Options for Utilizing Ash Trees – Kathy Smith
Practitioners: USDA’s Response to Emerald Ash Borer – Philip Bell

1:00 – 1:50 PM
Concurrent Session 4

Practitioners: Developing an Affordable EAB Management Plan and Garnering Support with a Neighbors Against Bad Bug program – Cliff Sadof

2:00 – 6:00 PM
Concurrent Session 5

Planners: Fort Wayne EAB – A Toolbox Approach to Management – Chad Tinkel
Practitioners: EAB Outreach and Education: Learning from Others – Amy Stone
Break
Panel Discussion with EAB experts – This closing session will provide an excellent opportunity to get final questions addressed.
Adjudication 3:45 PM

Concurrent Session 1

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Concurrent Session 4

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Continuing Education Opportunities

A variety of continuing education credits are available through this conference. Certified Arborists, Kentucky Pesticide Applicators, Certified Foresters, and County Extension Agents can sign-in before and after the sessions to receive the respective credits.

Pesticide Applicators
- 1 General Hour each for Planners Concurrent Session 1 and Practitioners Concurrent Sessions 2 & 4
- 1 Specific Hour (Categories 2, 3, 6, 10, 12) for Practitioners Concurrent Session 3

Certified Foresters
- 7 General CF CEUs total for Dec. 8 and 9

County Extension Agents
- 7 In-Service Hours total for Dec. 8 and 9

Certified Arborists
- 5.0 ISA CEUs for either track on Dec. 9

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