

Tree Warden Update

Millis Select Board Meeting
August 12th, 2019

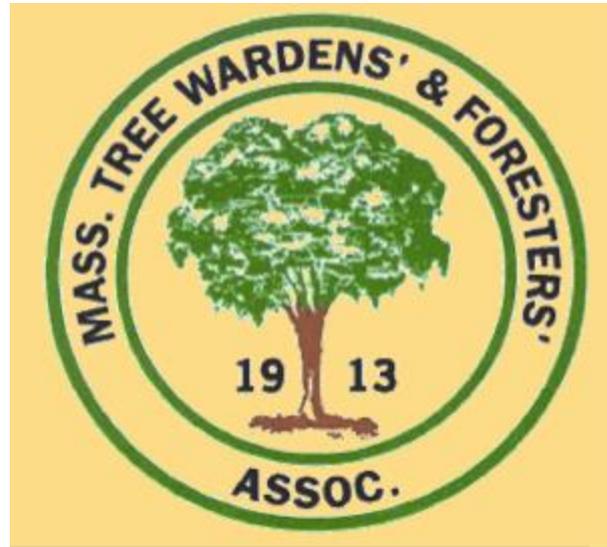


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What is Tree Warden?

- ∞ Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87
 - <https://malegislature.gov/laws/generallaws/parti/titlexiv/chapter87>



Qualifications of Tree Warden?

- ∞ A tree warden may be either elected by the people or appointed by the city or town.
- ∞ The Tree Warden's responsibility is to oversee the care, maintenance, or removal of all public shade trees.
- ∞ As both manager and advocate, the tree warden must protect the trees and, where necessary, protect the public from the trees.
- ∞ The position of tree warden requires [qualified training](#) in arboriculture, the science of tree care.
- ∞ A tree warden should also have good communication skills for dealing with the public, municipal department heads, and local politicians.



Tree Warden Duties

- ✎ Pruning of trees for safety and health
- ✎ Removal of trees that are dead or dying (from storms, insects, disease, or old age)
- ✎ Identification of appropriate planting sites
- ✎ Planting new trees
- ✎ Creation or updating of a tree inventory, often on computer
- ✎ Assessment of trees for potential hazards to public safety
- ✎ Oversight of utility arboricultural operations
- ✎ Preparation of budget presentations
- ✎ Inspection of contracted tree work
- ✎ Conduct of public meetings and tree hearings
- ✎ Writing grant proposals

Tree “Public Right of Way”



Private Property Tree

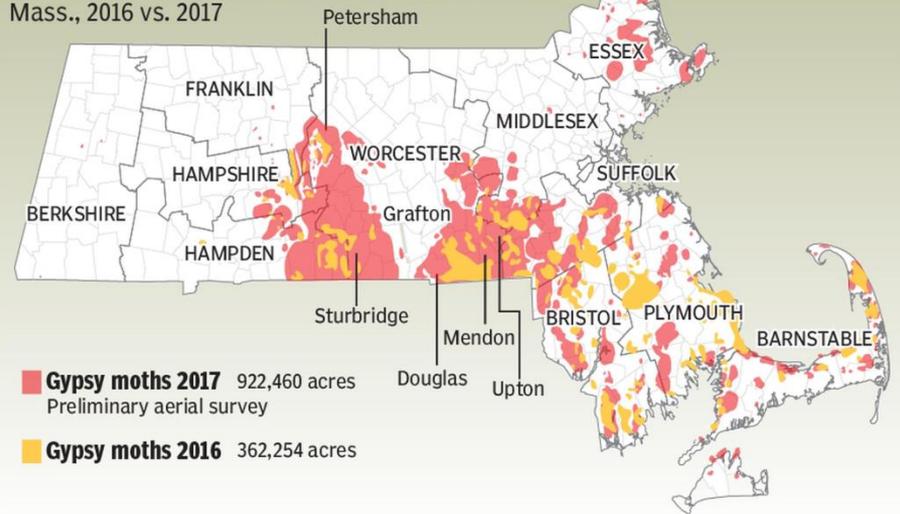


Hurting / Damaging / Killing our Trees



Acres damaged by gypsy moths

Mass., 2016 vs. 2017

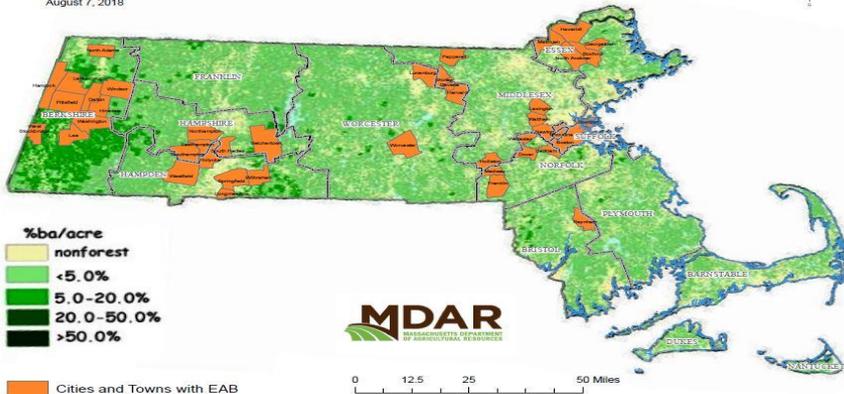


Source: Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Forest Health Program

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Confirmed Emerald Ash Borer Infestations in Massachusetts

August 7, 2018



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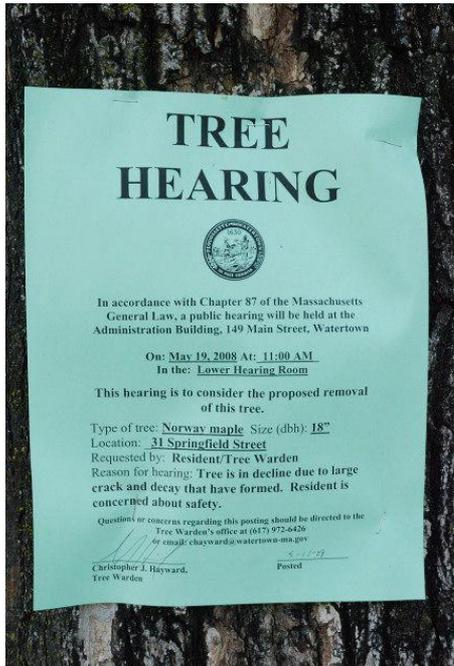


Asian Longhorned Beetle



Maple, Willow, Birch and Horsechestnut Trees

Street Tree Hearing



Millis Scenic Roads

Year Adopted By the Town	Scenic Roads	Location/Limits
1974	Causeway Street	Ridge Street to Medway line
	Orchard Street	Walnut Street to Holliston line
	Forest Road	Village Street to Medfield line
	Island Road	Ridge Street to Exchange Street
1975	Ridge Street	Entire Road
	Acorn Street	Entire Road
	Himelfarb Street	Entire Road
	Myrtle Street	Entire Road
1976	Baltimore Street	Entire Road
	Dean Street	Entire Road
	Larch Road	Entire Road
	Pleasant Street	Village Street to the Charles River
	Spencer Street	Entire Road

Oak Trees



Ash Tree



Utility Maintenance



Going Forward



Hazard Tree Inventory



Public Education / Outreach

The screenshot shows a Facebook group page for 'Millis Public Forum'. The top navigation bar includes the Facebook logo, the group name, a search bar, and user profile information for 'Brutus'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: 'About', 'Discussion' (highlighted), 'Chats', 'Announcements', 'Members', 'Events', 'Videos', 'Photos', 'Files', 'Recommendations', and 'Shortcuts' with links to 'Power Travel', 'Franklin Department...', 'Blueberry Hollow Farm', 'Millis Yard Sale', 'North East Parrot H...', and 'All about Franklin...'. The main content area features a post by 'Leslie Beaumont Paul McDaid' with the text 'in Millis 7748040269- incredible work!' and a comment by 'Anne Marie Holohan' dated July 21 at 1:32 PM, which reads 'Millis Police & Fire to the rescue!!!!!! What a mess!!! Luckily it didn't hit anyone.' Below the text are two side-by-side photographs showing a residential street with large trees that have been uprooted or severely damaged, with debris on the ground. The post has received 8 comments and 2 likes. The right sidebar contains group information: 'DESCRIPTION' (Millis Public Forum is an independent, grassroots group...), 'GROUP TYPE' (General), 'LOCATION' (Millis, Massachusetts), and a 'CREATE NEW GROUPS' button. Below this are 'RECENT GROUP PHOTOS' and 'Suggested Groups'.

Funding

☞ \$25,000.00 in the FY2020 Operating Budget.



☞ Appropriate / Secure an Additional \$50,000.00 for removal and pruning of existing trees.



Specialty Tree Removal Service



Notify Private Property Owners

Town of Millis

900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

April 10, 2018

SENT CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Cantoreggi

RE: Notice of Tree Hazard at Blueberry Hollow Farm, 7 Blueberry Lane, Millis, MA

To whom it may Concern:

It has come to my attention that there is a tree on your private property that is/are potential hazard(s), meaning they are failing and/or dead and may fall on to the "public right of way" (Town of Millis property). I did mark the trees with an orange dot last week..

As the Town's Tree Warden, it is my responsibility to inform you that if this tree was to fall from your property onto the public right of way, you will be held responsible for all costs associated with removal of the tree from the area. Additionally, you may also be liable for damages and expenses incurred if this tree were to fall and damage other's personal property or strike and injure someone.

Where this tree is located on your private property, it is against the law for me to assist you in any way by using public personnel, resources or funding to remove any it.

While I do not have the legal authority to order you to remove tree, I strongly recommend that you do.

Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Robert Cantoreggi
DPW Director

Cc: Mike Guzinski, Town Manager
James McKay, Public Works Director
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Replanting Program



Oak Trees



Honey Locust



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<https://masstreewardens.org/wp-content/uploads/Tree-Selection.pdf>

Maple Trees



Zelkova



Most Disliked Tree



My Favorite Tree



Questions???



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