

Special agenda meeting of the Norwich Conservation Commission
5 August June 2024 (Monday), 12:30-4 pm
Tracy Hall entrance, followed by outdoor site visit

Tate Mullin, summer technician with the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, will lead a site visit to discuss Norwich's progress on inventorying emerald ash borer (EAB) in town. EAB was discovered in town during January of 2024, and it is predicted to kill almost every ash tree in our community. The Norwich Conservation Commission (NCC) is spearheading an effort to develop a plan of action to manage the destruction this insect pest will inevitably create. The goal is to present a draft plan to the Norwich Selectboard by mid-autumn 2024.

Agenda

- Participants will meet at the front entrance to Tracy Hall, where Tate will give an overview of the Agency of Natural Resource's online inventory tool to monitor ash trees for EAB. We will discuss Norwich's inventory progress to date (~400 ash trees have been inventoried), what issues and challenges we've faced, and how to move forward with completing our inventory effort.
- Tate will then lead an outdoor site visit on foot (possibly driving somewhere first) to inventory several roadside ash trees, emphasizing how to standardize the inventory protocols.
- This will be followed by a real-time inventory of a section (to be determined) of town road. Depending on group size and logistics, participants may split up in teams.
- Binoculars and bright-colored clothing are recommended.