

### **Emerald Ash Borer Special Provision:**

#### Notice to Bidders:

As of 2018, emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, has been confirmed within Vermont's borders. To provide an assurance of compliance with state and federal EAB laws the contractor shall adhere to the following:

Known EAB infestation areas are changing rapidly. Therefore the Contractor shall consult the online version of the EAB Infested Area Map (Located here: [www.vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont](http://www.vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont)) on the same day cutting is to occur. If the project is located with an EAB infested area, ALL tree material, regardless of species, within the project area shall be handled in accordance with a document developed by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture titled "Recommendations to SLOW THE SPREAD of Emerald Ash Borer When Moving Ash from the Infested Area", (<https://vtinvasives.org/sites/default/files/images/SlowSpreadWoodVT.pdf>). Tree material shall not be moved out of state.

Alternatively, the Contractor may choose to hire a qualified professional (Arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or Licensed Forester), at their own expense, to identify the presence of ash trees. Those identified ash trees would be subject to the above referenced recommendations, however other tree species would not.

The Contractor is also hereby made aware of the same potential restrictions as they relate to proposed Waste, Borrow and Staging areas under Section 105.25 Control of Waste, Borrow, and Staging Areas.