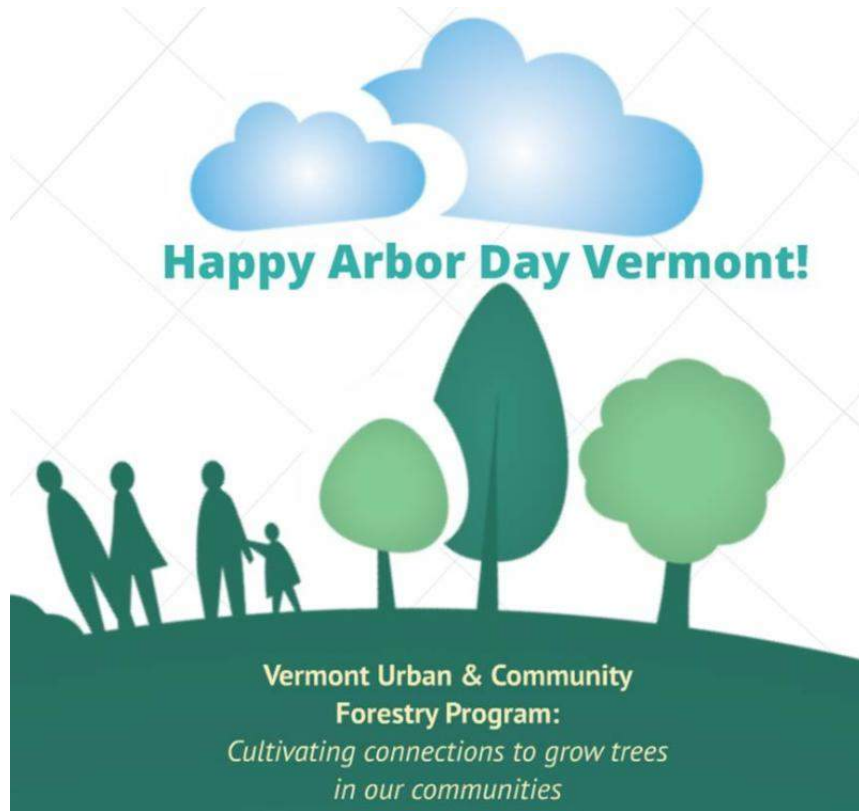




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AN UPDATE FROM THE VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM



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Vermonters Care for Trees All Year Long

Highlights from the year



LANDS interns inventorying the trees in Essex Junction.

We're Hitting the Road to Celebrate in Johnson!

When J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day in Nebraska in 1872, he likely wasn't envisioning future celebrations involving bug muffins and emerald ash borer (EAB) pizza. But here we are 144 years later and the VT UCF team is taking Arbor Day on the road to Johnson, where restaurants will be serving EAB-themed fare to bring awareness to local efforts to plan for the arrival of the invasive forest pest. Of course, that's not all; two trees will be planted at Johnson Elementary School, Johnson State College students will be giving a presentation on a campus ash tree inventory they have conducted, the official Vermont Arbor Day proclamation will be read, and just maybe a UCF staff member will be visiting elementary classrooms dressed as an EAB purple trap. Saturday, in conjunction with Green Up Day, there will be informational displays, EAB-themed games, and a "sASHay" along Main Street to highlight the 60 trees planted as part of a new downtown streetscape.



Tree Stewards Conference



Ash tree tagging in Montpelier by the Tree Board



Johnson volunteers know that caring about their trees takes more than just hugging them, but they enjoy doing that too!

Johnson was selected to host 2014's Vermont Arbor Day celebration because of its proactive planning for EAB. The town is part of the Regional Invasive Insect Preparedness Team (RIIPT), a 5-town (Johnson, Morrisville, Cambridge, Fletcher, and Hyde Park) initiative that has been preparing for EAB by working on ash inventories and outreach in anticipation of a written plan. Vermont Electric Coop, the Lamoille County Planning Commission, and VT Cartography are also active partners of the RIIPT. Johnson will be the first town of the RIIPT to finish its EAB preparedness plan (and is happy to share it!), has a new Tree Board and a new Tree Warden, as well as a cadre of dedicated volunteers that regularly do outreach, conduct ash tree taggings, work with local students, and hold information meetings - all in an effort to be active stewards of the town's trees.

Get Your 2014 Tree Trading Cards Growing Works of Art winners highlight ash trees



This year's contest focused on ash trees and the benefits they provide. Contest participants were asked to draw an ash tree and to include five benefits of ash. The winners' works were made into a set of tree trading cards that will be collected and enjoyed by students across the state. The student contest winners, who were each honored by the Governor on Arbor Day, are:

- LeKha Kaplan, Fayston Elementary School
- Isaiah Dowland, Newport City Elementary School
- Helen Culp, Castleton Elementary School
- Payton Kingsbury, Union Street School
- Andrew Gubbins, The Pomfret School
- Gabriel Schatz, Bennington
- Hannah Schwarz, Thetford Academy

To request sets of the 2014 Tree Trading Cards please provide the information requested or contact Wendy Richardson - 802-828-1531 with the number of sets needed.



A UVM student shares a landscape design as part of VT's Village Green Initiative.



Tree Campus USA ceremony at UVM.



Tim Moran celebrating the last tree to be inventoried in Colchester.



Digging trees in South Burlington's nursery.



Tree walk in Peacham.

Tree City, Tree Line, and Tree Campus Designations awarded in VT for Arbor Day



This year, seven Vermont communities qualified for the National Arbor Day Foundation's *Tree City USA* program, which recognizes communities of all sizes that proactively care for and manage their public trees. Burlington, Enosburg Falls, Hartford, Montpelier, Peacham, Rutland, and South Burlington were honored. Vermont Electric Power Company received the *Tree*

Line USA designation for their work promoting best practices in utility arboriculture and public education. Middlebury College and the University of Vermont received the *Tree Campus USA* designation for effectively engaging their students on campus and in the community in managing their trees.

Highlights from Ash Tree Awareness Week Celebrating our community ASHets

- 500 ash trees tagged and 1500 ash trees flagged with purple in 18 different communities/locations: South Burlington, Montpelier, Burlington, Arlington, Bennington, Johnson, Hartford, Newport, Brattleboro, Middlebury, Equinox Preserve, Townshend, Grafton Museum, Williston, UVM Green, National Life, Stowe, and Middlesex
- 13 different tree walks hosted around the state
- 2 [Across the Fence Shows](#) aired
- 400 children walking around sporting EAB tats (temporary of course)
- Hundreds of elementary school children entered the [Growing Works of Art](#) contest
- 130 volunteers and staff involved this week because they [heart Fraxinus](#)

See more highlights and learn more about Ash Tree Awareness Week at www.vtinvasives.org.



VT UCF and Williston volunteers tagged over 150 ash trees.



UVM Students helped tag ash trees on the Burlington waterfront.



UVM students perform health assessments on ash and maples in Winooski



Neighborhood tree planting in Burlington sponsored TD Bank.



VT UCF team inventorying trees on the Fair Haven green.

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- Tree Selection and Site Assessment
- The Basics of Tree Pruning



In South Burlington 168 trees we tagged that annually provide residents with \$11,914 in environmental benefits! This is only 23% of the 741 ash street trees in South Burlington.

[Sign up](#) for our next webinar: *Tree Planting 101* with Brian Sullivan, Burlington Arborist Technician, On May 29 from 12 - 1 PM.

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A little rain couldn't stop the ash tagging in Stowe!



Rhonda Mace from USDA APHIS talked to over a hundred UVM students about EAB.



A hike and an ash talk took place at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Black ash basket maker Irene Ames and other local craftspeople demonstrated how ash wood is used and how it is essential to many industries and products.

How are YOU Celebrating Arbor Day?

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