



Emerald Ash Borer Regional Meeting

May 17, 2017

Agenda

Time	Topic
9:00-9:20	EAB Biology
9:20-9:40	EAB Regional Status
9:40-10:00	Strategic Removal Of Host Trees In Isolated, Satellite Infestations Of EAB Can Reduce Population Growth
10:00-10:05	BREAK
10:05-10:20	Biocontrol & Biosurveillance
10:20-10:50	Using Monitoring Data to Optimize EAB Management
10:50-11:00	UMN Past & Present Projects
11:00-11:05	BREAK
11:05-11:25	EAB Cold Tolerance
11:00-noon	Participant Discussion



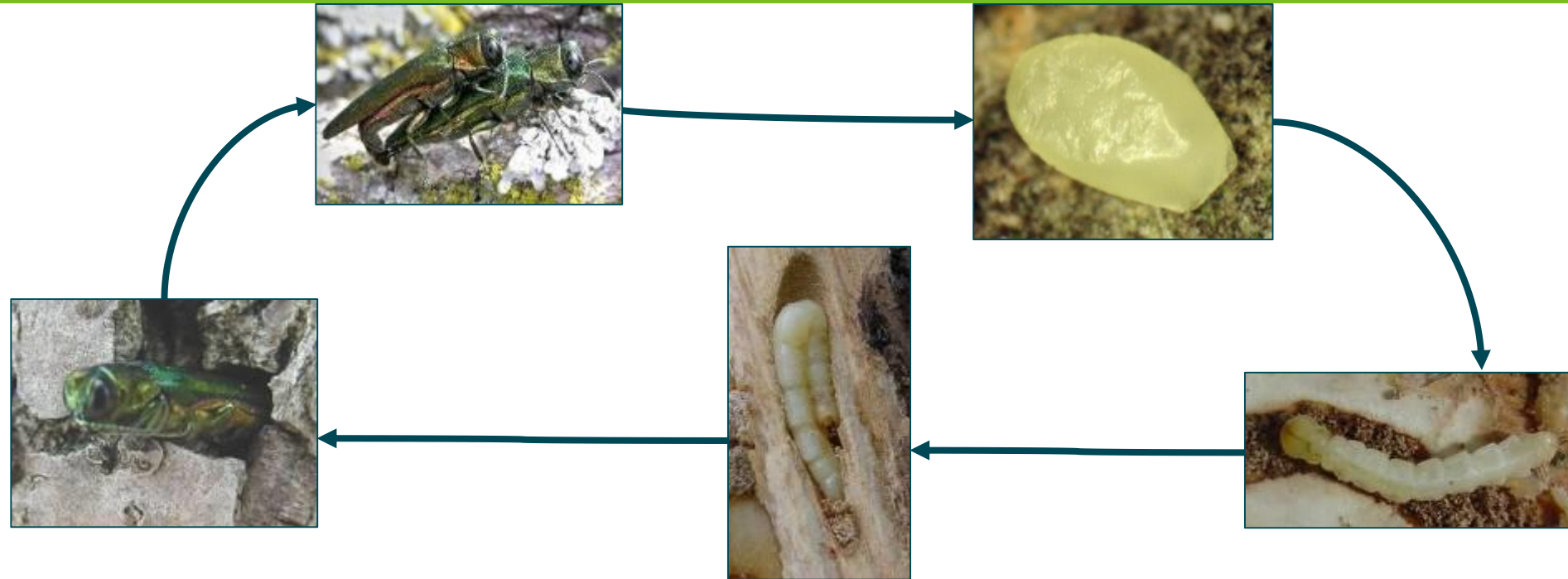
EAB Biology

Angie Ambourn | Entomologist



Life Cycle

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How Does EAB Kill Trees?

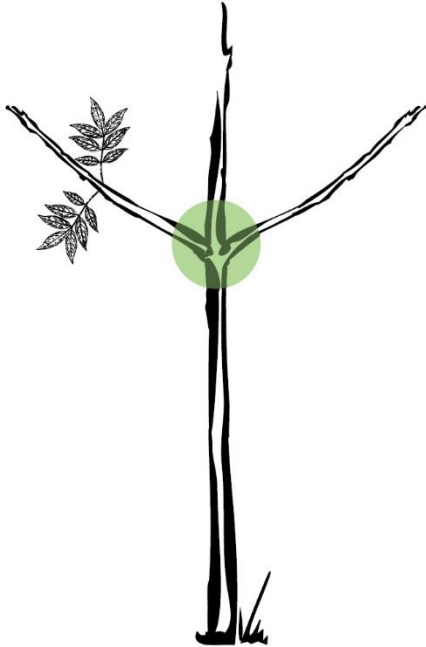




Host Trees

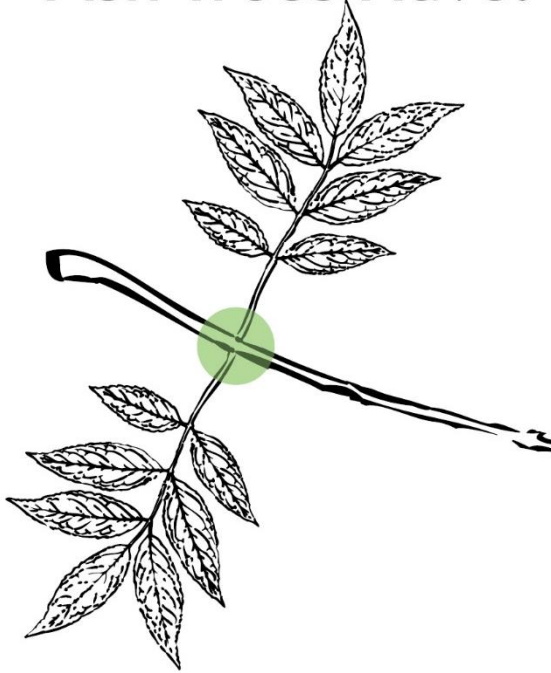
Ash Tree ID

Ash Trees Have:



Opposite Branching

Ash Trees Have:



Compound Leaves

Ash Trees Have:



5 to Many Leaflets

Host Trees



Susceptibility

Black ash

Green ash

White ash

Blue ash

Manchurian ash

high



low

Black Ash Cultivars

- Fallgold

Green Ash Cultivars

- Bergeson
- Cimmaron
- Marshall
- Patmore
- Summit

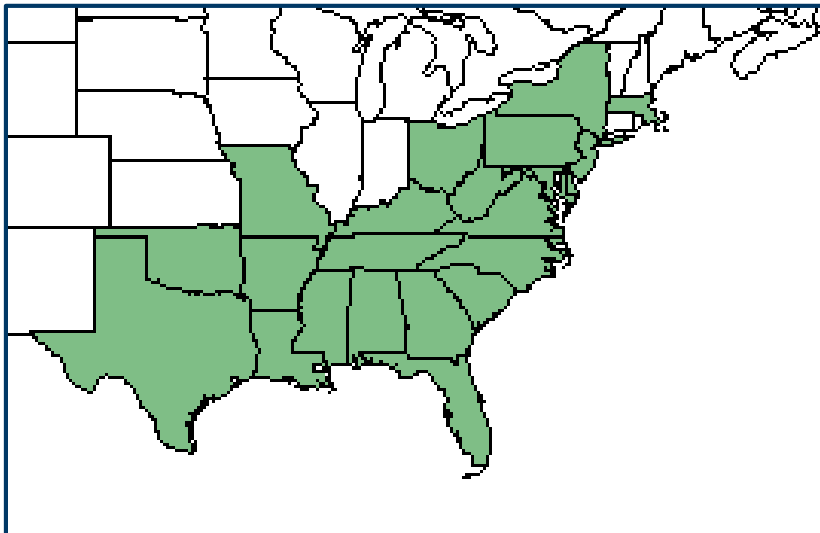
White Ash Cultivars

- Autumn Applause
- Autumn Blaze
- Autumn Purple
- Baltimore
- Greenspire
- Northern Blaze
- Rosehill
- Skyline

Secondary Host Tree

- Olive Family - Oleaceae
- White Fringetree

Chionanthus virginicus



Fringetree Risk

- Not a preferred host but EAB can complete its life cycle
- Sold in nurseries as an ornamental shrub





Recognizing EAB

Confirmation



“S” shaped
galleries



EAB Larva

Confirmation

1/8" width



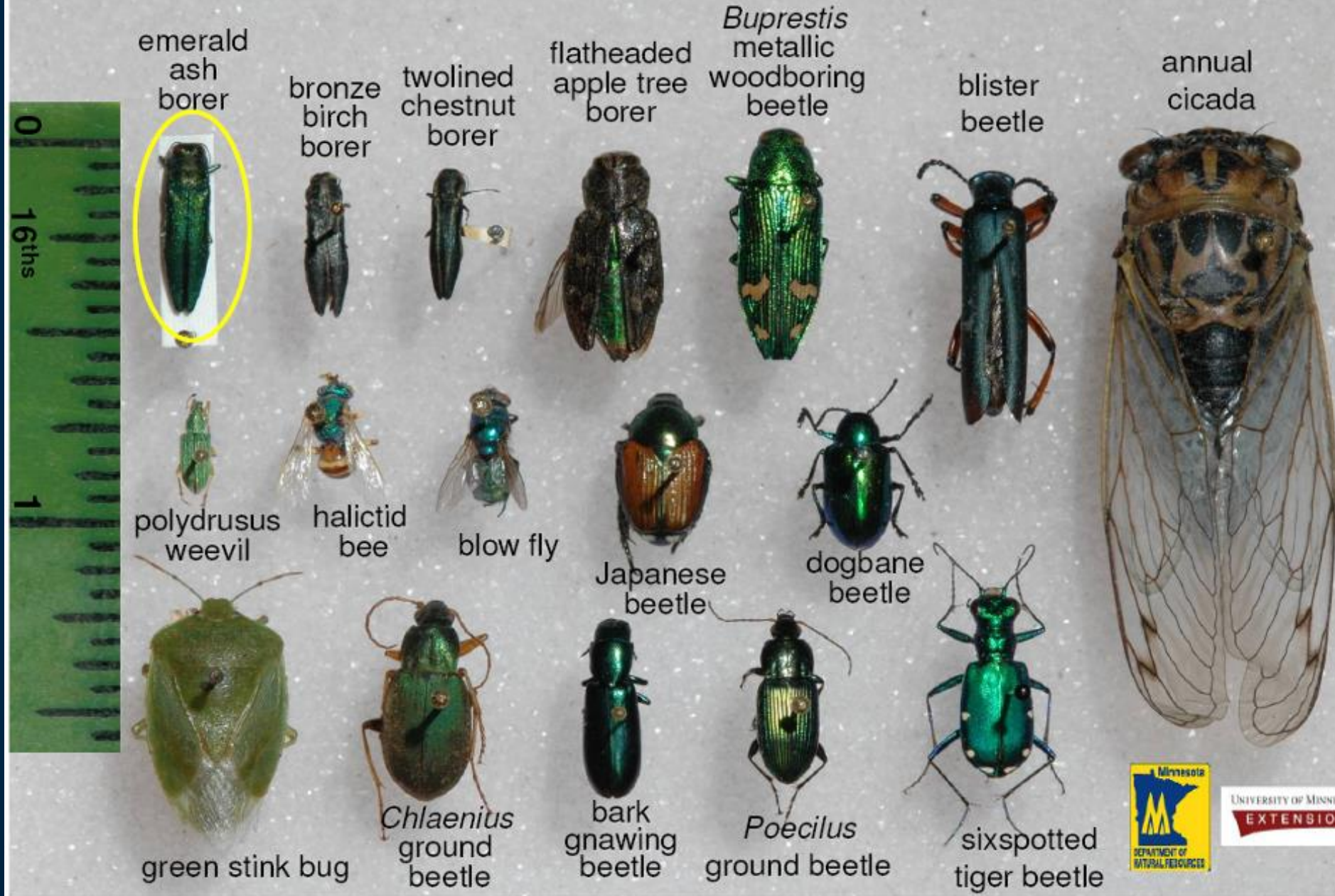
“D” shaped exit holes



EAB Adult

Insects in Minnesota That May Be Confused with Emerald Ash Borer


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Signs & Symptoms

Symptom Progression

EAB Status	Symptoms	Years Infested
Small larvae present	None	1
Large larvae present / Emerging adults	Woodpecking possible	2
Increasing larvae numbers 	Woodpecking likely Bark splits possible	3
	Canopy impacts visible	4
	Dead trees present	5-6

Woodpecker Damage

- Mid / Top canopy
- Branches 3-6" in diameter
- Bark transitions to rough
- Bark blinding / flaking
- Dime sized woodpecker holes
- Light colored woodpecker holes
- Oval shaped



Woodpecker Damage



Bark Splits



Native Damage

- Trunk
- Lower canopy
- Dead limbs





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EAB Regional Status

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Distribution

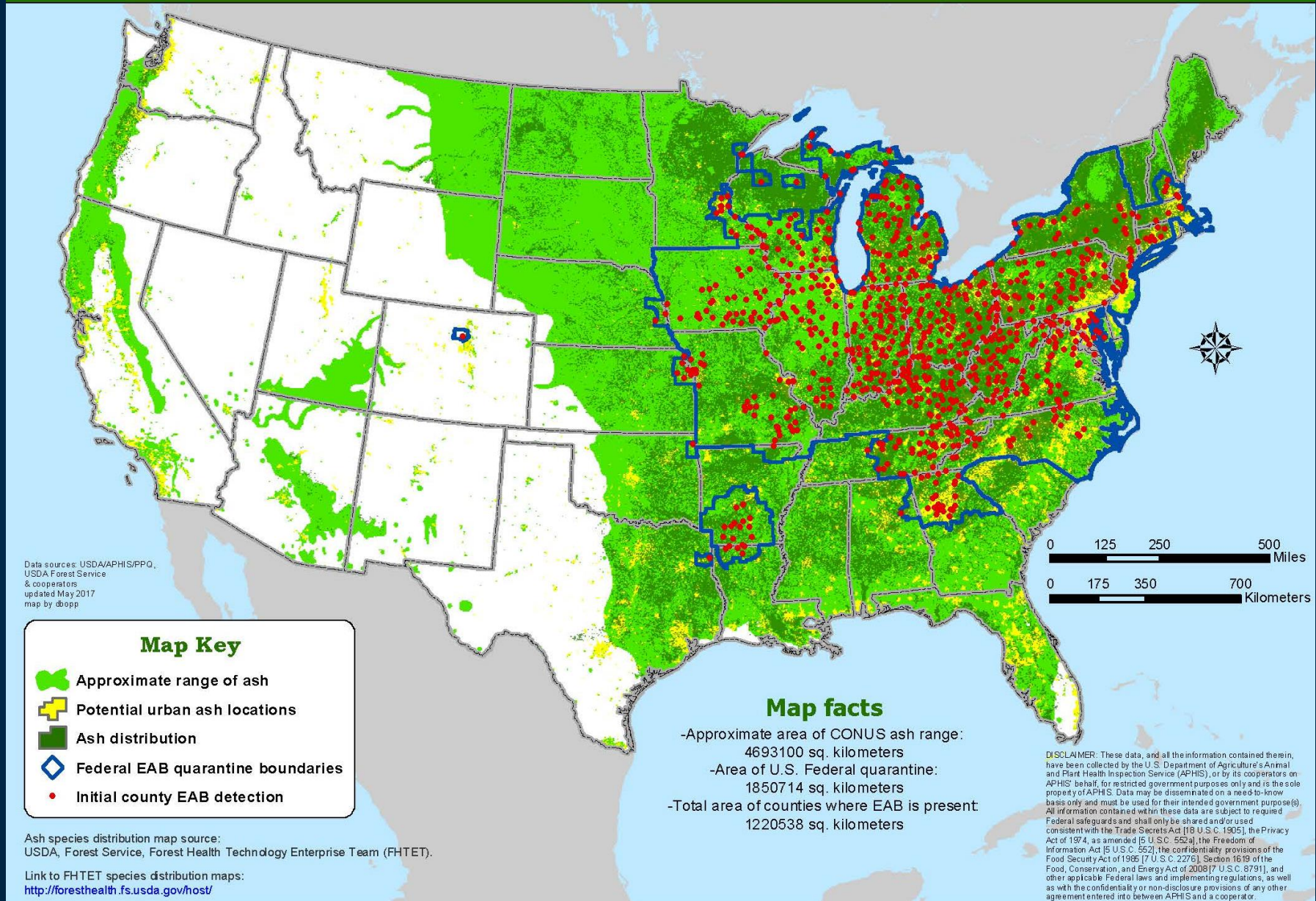


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Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project

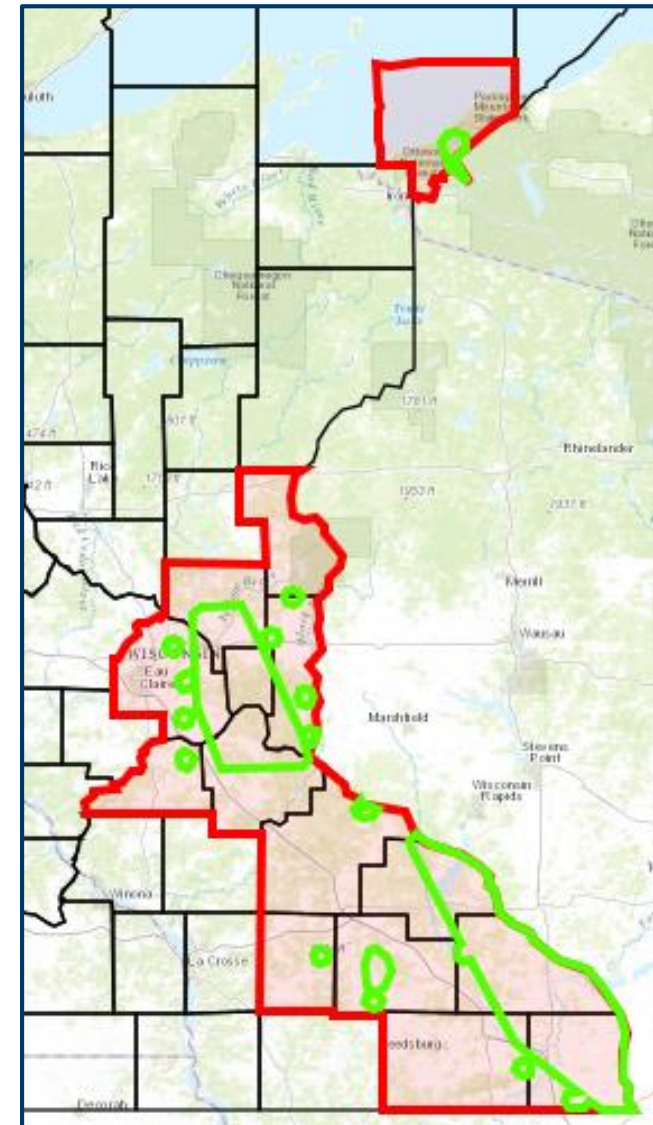
Approximate range of ash species in the Contiguous U.S.
with EAB positives and Federal quarantines

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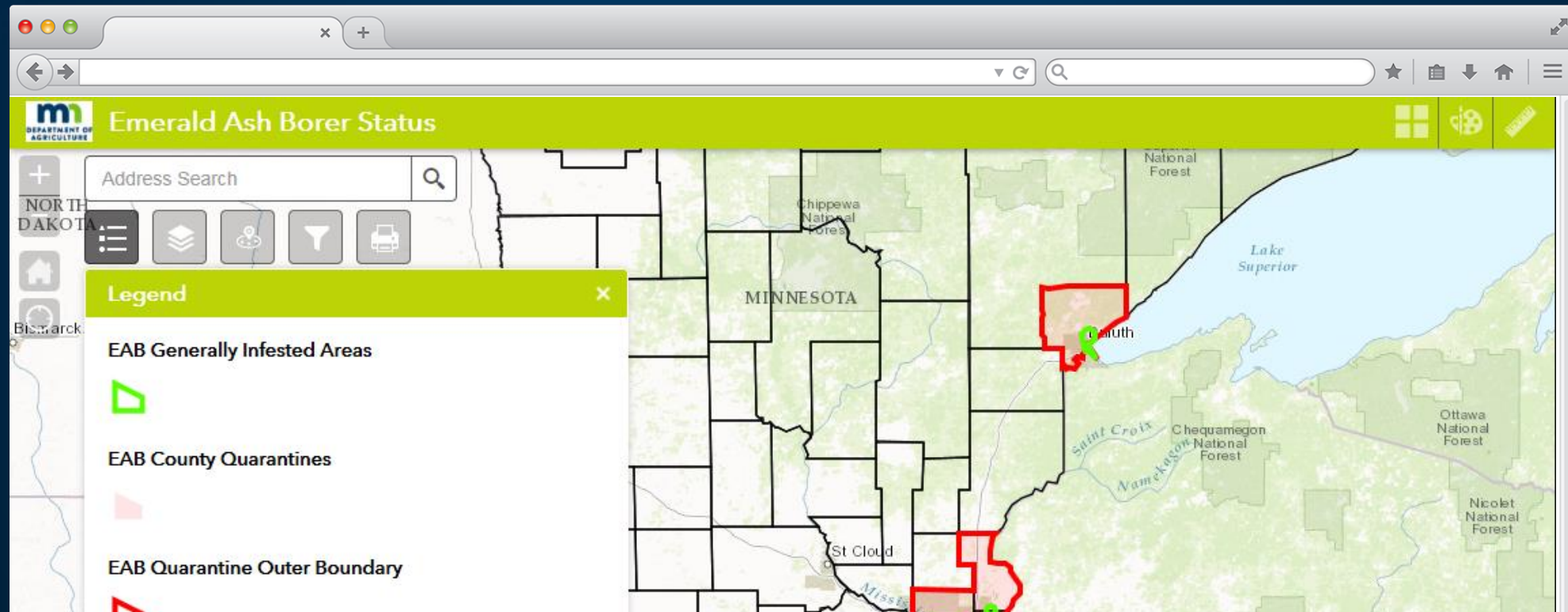
Minnesota Distribution

- Generally infested area in green within red EAB quarantined counties
- Quarantined Counties
 - Ash
 - EAB
 - Hardwood Firewood (<4 feet in length)



Interactive Map

- mda.state.mn.us/eabstatus
- Closest known infested ash tree



August 2013

- Superior, WI

October 2015

- Park Point

June 2016

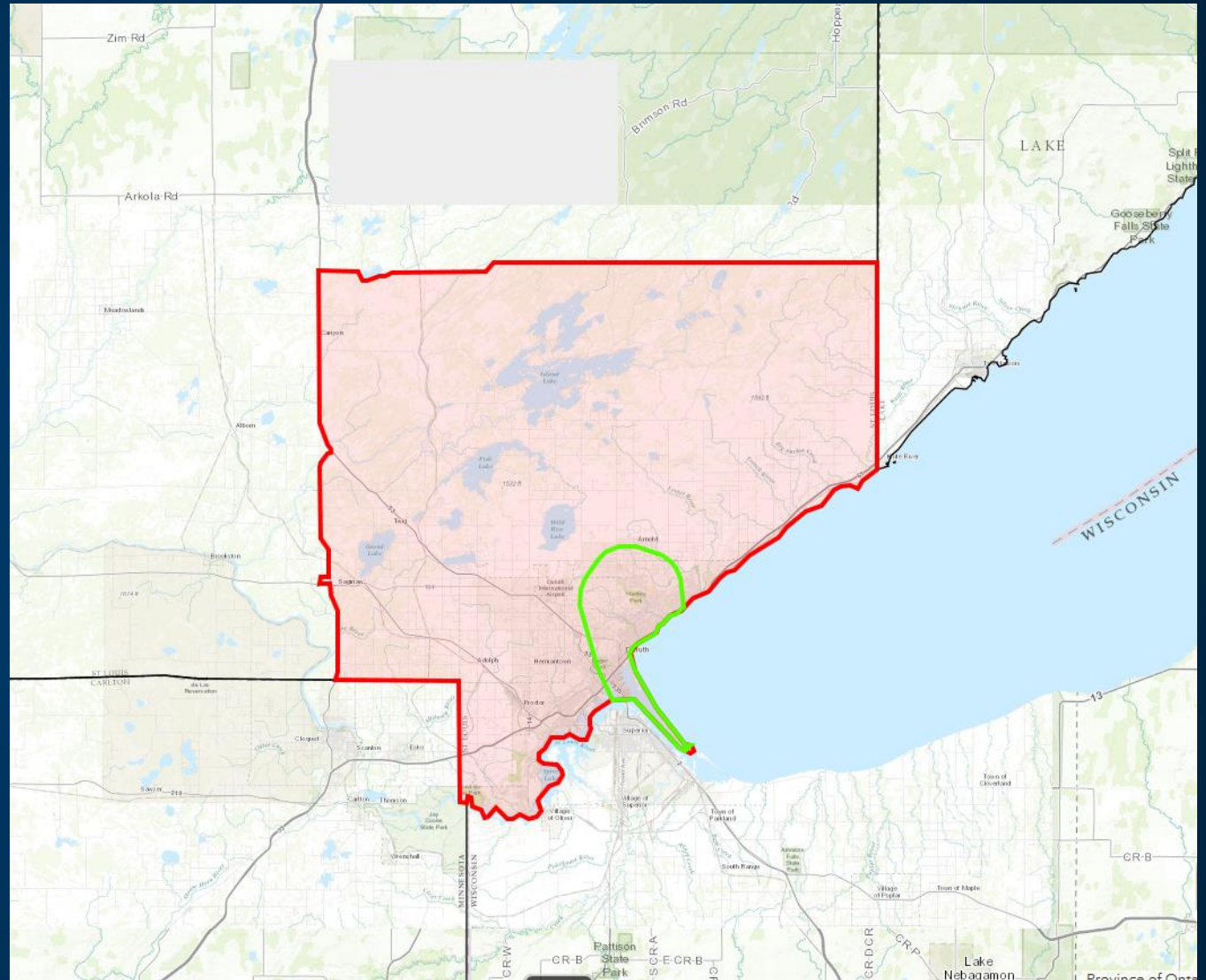
- Thunder Bay, Ontario

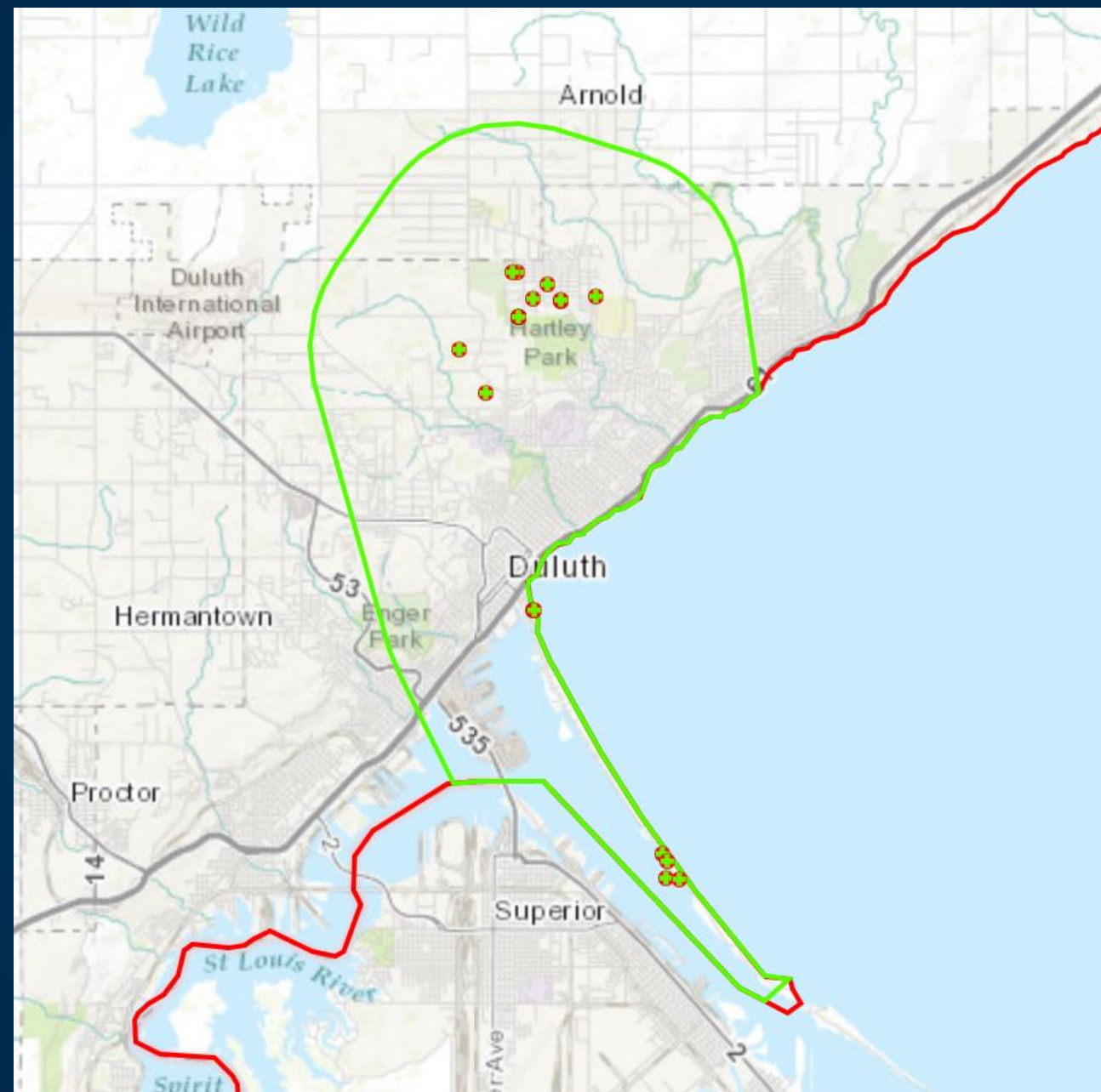
September 2016

- Duluth mainland

March 2017

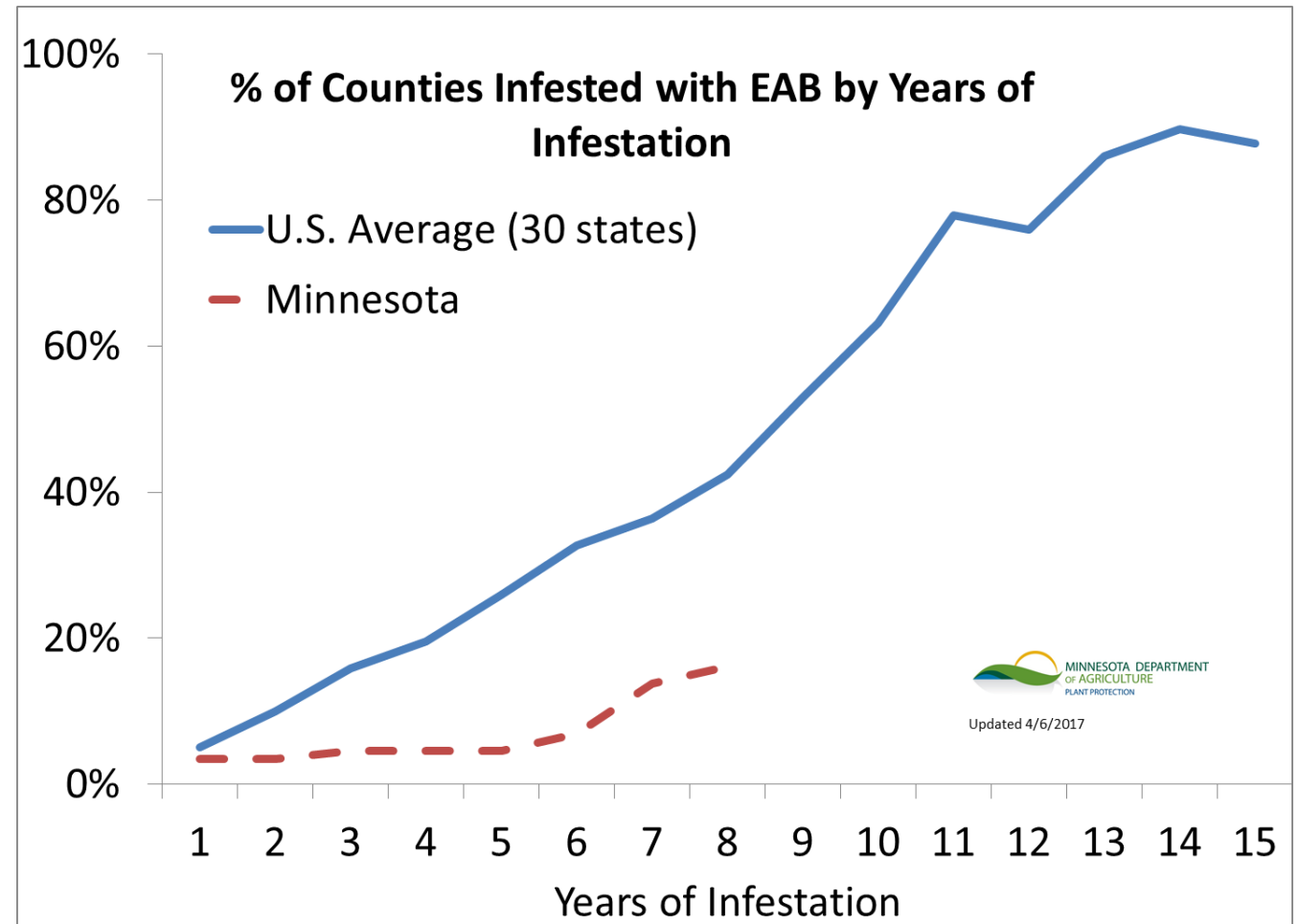
- Hartley Park





Slow Spread

- Cold weather
- Education
- Outreach
- Aggressive management
- Quarantines
- Sanitation





Management

Treatment Plans

- Free permit for private treatment of public trees
- In-house treatments of public trees, \$4.77/Diameter inch
- City contract rate extended to private residents, ~\$6/D inch
- Treat trees to remove at a later date while waiting for diverse plantings to grow or funds become available



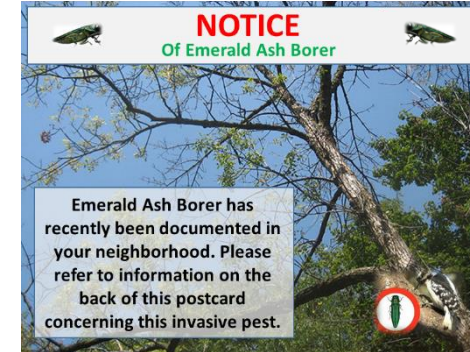
Removal Plans

- Pre-EAB remove poor quality
- Remove woodpecked trees
- Remove private infested trees (Diseased Tree Ordinance)
- Remove all trees regardless of infestation
- Remove hazard trees



Outreach Efforts

- City Water Bill Insert
- Tree Wraps
- Press Releases
- Postcard Mailings
- Don't Move Firewood Poster



EAB Symptoms

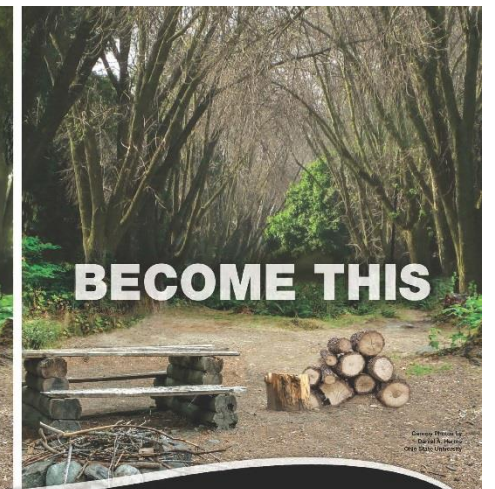
March-April - look for woodpecker damage on branches as they feed on EAB larvae.
Summer - look for thin tree crowns with pale or wilting leaves.
Winter months - look for splits in the bark with serpentine insect galleries.

EAB Treatment Options

Protect high-value ash trees; consult with a certified tree arborist for treatment options.
Remove and replace poor quality ash trees.
Monitor ash trees in inaccessible areas.

Ash Tree Replacement

All ash trees if not protected will eventually succumb to EAB. Remove poor quality ash trees and replace with appropriate non-ash tree species.



- Remove poor quality trees
- Remove public infested trees
- Remove private infested trees within a specific distance of adjacent property
- Treat public mature trees in-house, park and boulevard



- Remove poor quality trees
- Remove public infested trees
- No treatments
- No removal of private infested trees



- Remove poor quality trees
- Remove public infested trees
- Remove private infested trees
- Treat mature public park trees, contract
- Treat private trees, offer contract rate





Reporting

Arrest the Pest

- Take pictures and notes
- Capture the insect or remove bark to see gallery/larvae
- Report
 - GLEDN app (Great Lakes Early Detection Network)
 - mda.state.mn.us/arrestthepest
 - Arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us
 - Call 888-545-6684 and leave a detailed message





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Biocontrol & Biosurveillance

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Biological Control Agents

- Egg Parasitoid

- *Oobius agrili*



- Larval Parasitoid

- *Tetrastichus planipennisi*



- Larval Parasitoid

- *Spathius galinae*



EAB Biological Control - Implementation

Over 449,000 parasitoid wasps released at 35 sites since September 2010



Biocontrol Agent	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	All
<i>Tetrastichus planipennisi</i>	2,154	19,480	19,822	42,579	34,434	151,022	45,288	314,779
<i>Oobius agrili</i>	0	3,641	10,241	8,597	12,062	31,490	42,600	108,631
<i>Spathius agrili</i>	1,172	7,596	15,258	0	0	0	0	24,026
<i>Spathius galinae</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,613	1,613
Totals	3,326	30,717	45,321	51,176	46,496	182,512	89,501	449,049

EAB Biological Control - Assessment

- Recovery Methods
 - Tree Debarking
 - Bark Sifting
 - Yellow Pan Trapping



- Smoky winged beetle bandit wasp
 - *Cerceris fumipennis*
- Citizen Engagement – Wasp Watchers





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Using Monitoring Data to Optimize EAB Management

Mark Abrahamson, Assistant Director, Plant Protection Division



EAB is Bad

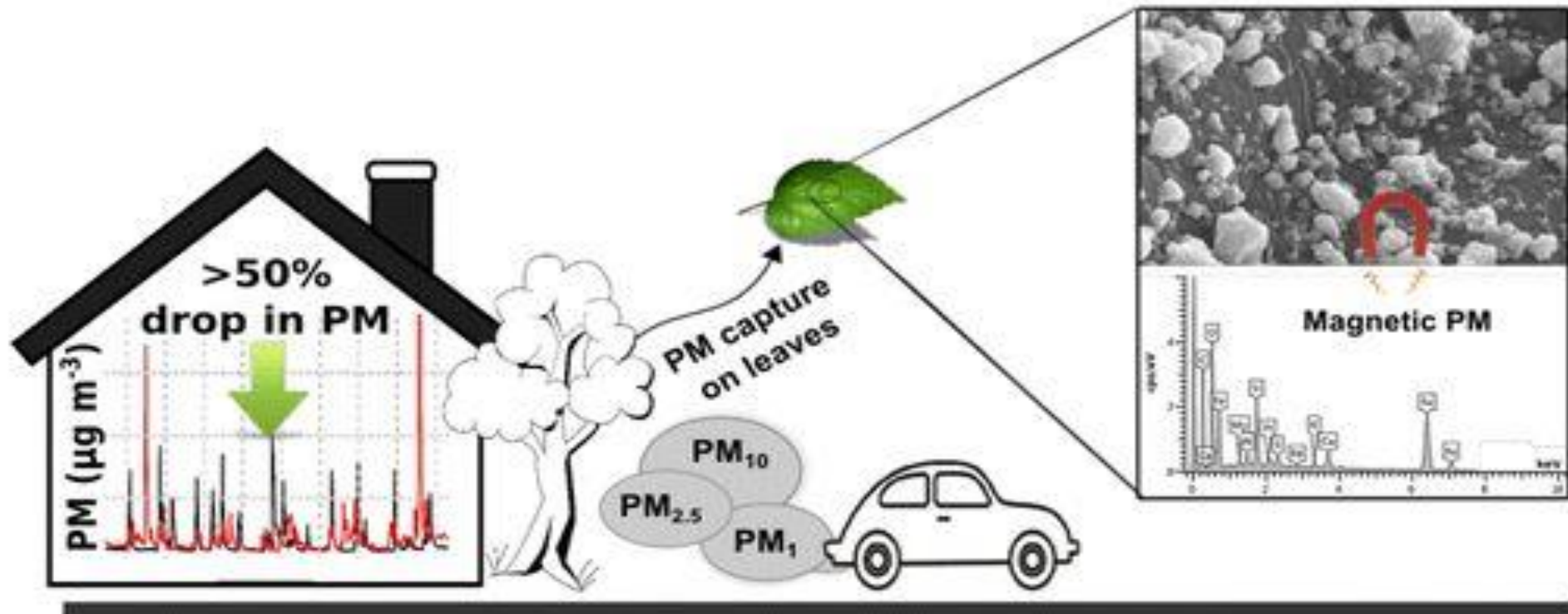


Trees are Good!

Impact of Roadside Tree Lines on Indoor Concentrations of Traffic-Derived Particulate Matter

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The Relationship Between Trees and Human Health

Evidence from the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer

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Background: Several recent studies have identified a relationship between the natural environment and improved health outcomes. However, for practical reasons, most have been observational, cross-sectional studies.

Purpose: A natural experiment, which provides stronger evidence of causality, was used to test whether a major change to the natural environment—the loss of 100 million trees to the emerald ash borer, an invasive forest pest—has influenced mortality related to cardiovascular and lower-respiratory diseases.

Methods: Two fixed-effects regression models were used to estimate the relationship between emerald ash borer presence and county-level mortality from 1990 to 2007 in 15 U.S. states, while controlling for a wide range of demographic covariates. Data were collected from 1990 to 2007, and the analyses were conducted in 2011 and 2012.

Results: There was an increase in mortality related to cardiovascular and lower-respiratory-tract illness in counties infested with the emerald ash borer. The magnitude of this effect was greater as infestation progressed and in counties with above-average median household income. Across the 15 states in the study area, the borer was associated with an additional 6113 deaths related to illness of the lower respiratory system, and 15,080 cardiovascular-related deaths.

Conclusions: Results suggest that loss of trees to the emerald ash borer increased mortality related to cardiovascular and lower-respiratory-tract illness. This finding adds to the growing evidence that the natural environment provides major public health benefits.

(Am J Prev Med 2013;44(2):139–145) Published by Elsevier Inc. on behalf of American Journal of Preventive Medicine

Fate of EAB Infested Trees

1. Removed (before or after death)
2. Treated with insecticide
3. Die and fall apart

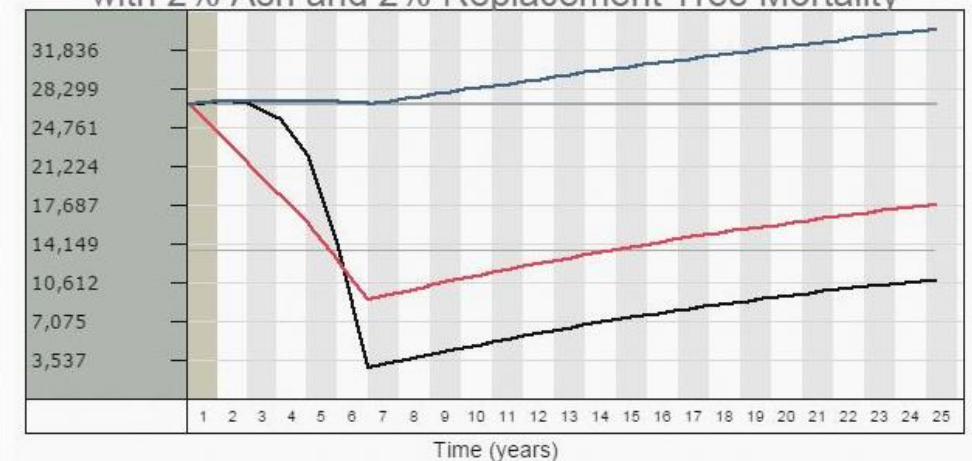


Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Remove All	Remove All	Remove All
Replace All	Replace All	Replace All
Treat All	Treat All	Treat All
Remove Unsafe Ash	Remove Unsafe Ash	Remove Unsafe Ash
Replace Unsafe Ash	Replace Unsafe Ash	Replace Unsafe Ash
Save 80%	Save 80%	Save 80%
Replace <12	Replace <12	Replace <12
Save 50%	Save 50%	Save 50%
URBAN SLAM	URBAN SLAM	URBAN SLAM

Cumulative Cost Comparison in Today's Dollars
Over Time With a 3% Discount Rate



Total DBH Over Time
with 2% Ash and 2% Replacement Tree Mortality



Use of Monitoring to Inform Management



EAB Lifecycle

Visual Survey
During Fall /
Winter /
Spring



Branch
Sampling
During Fall /
Winter /
Spring



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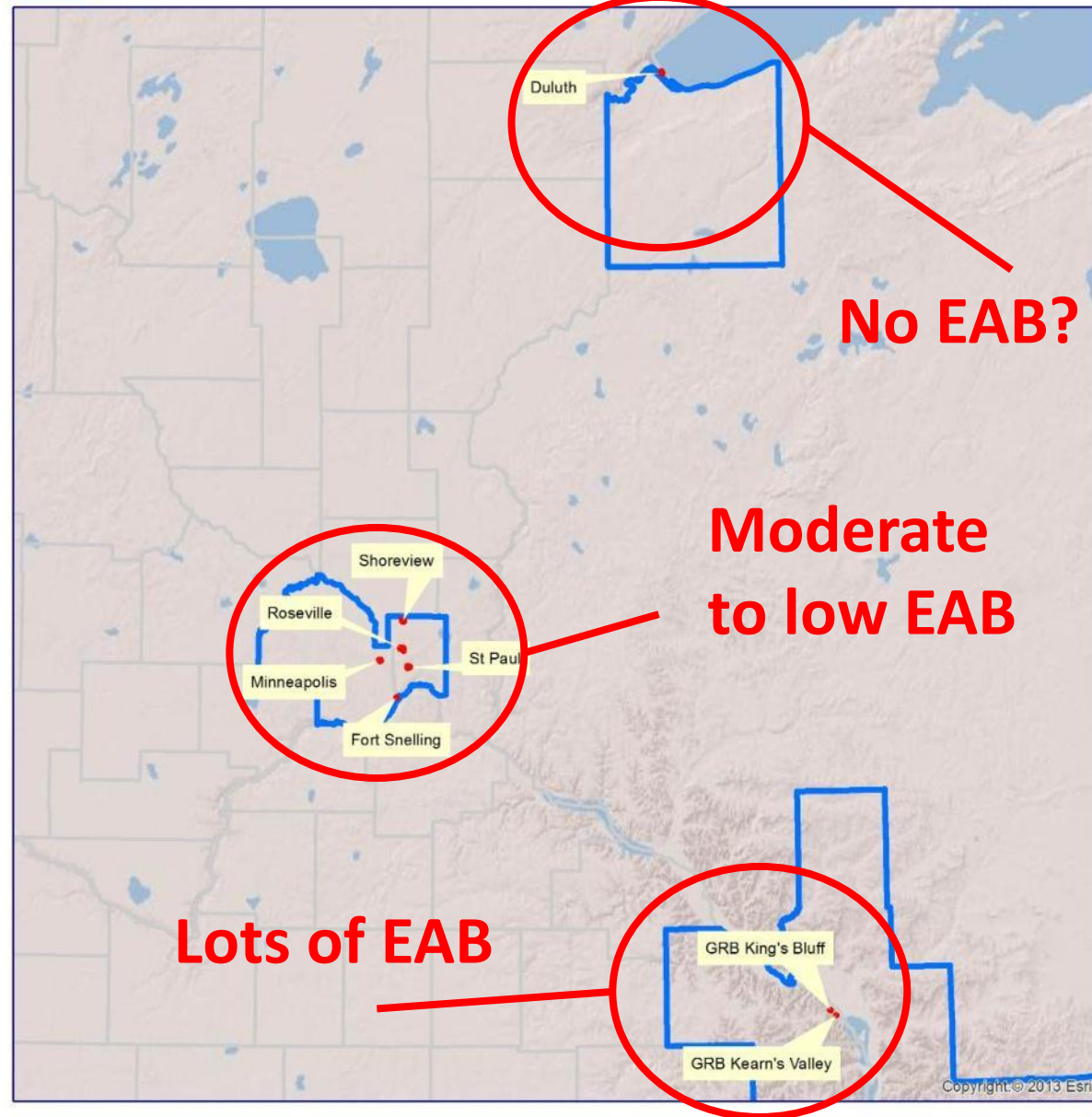
Trap Survey
During
Summer



September 30

EAB Detection Study Sites

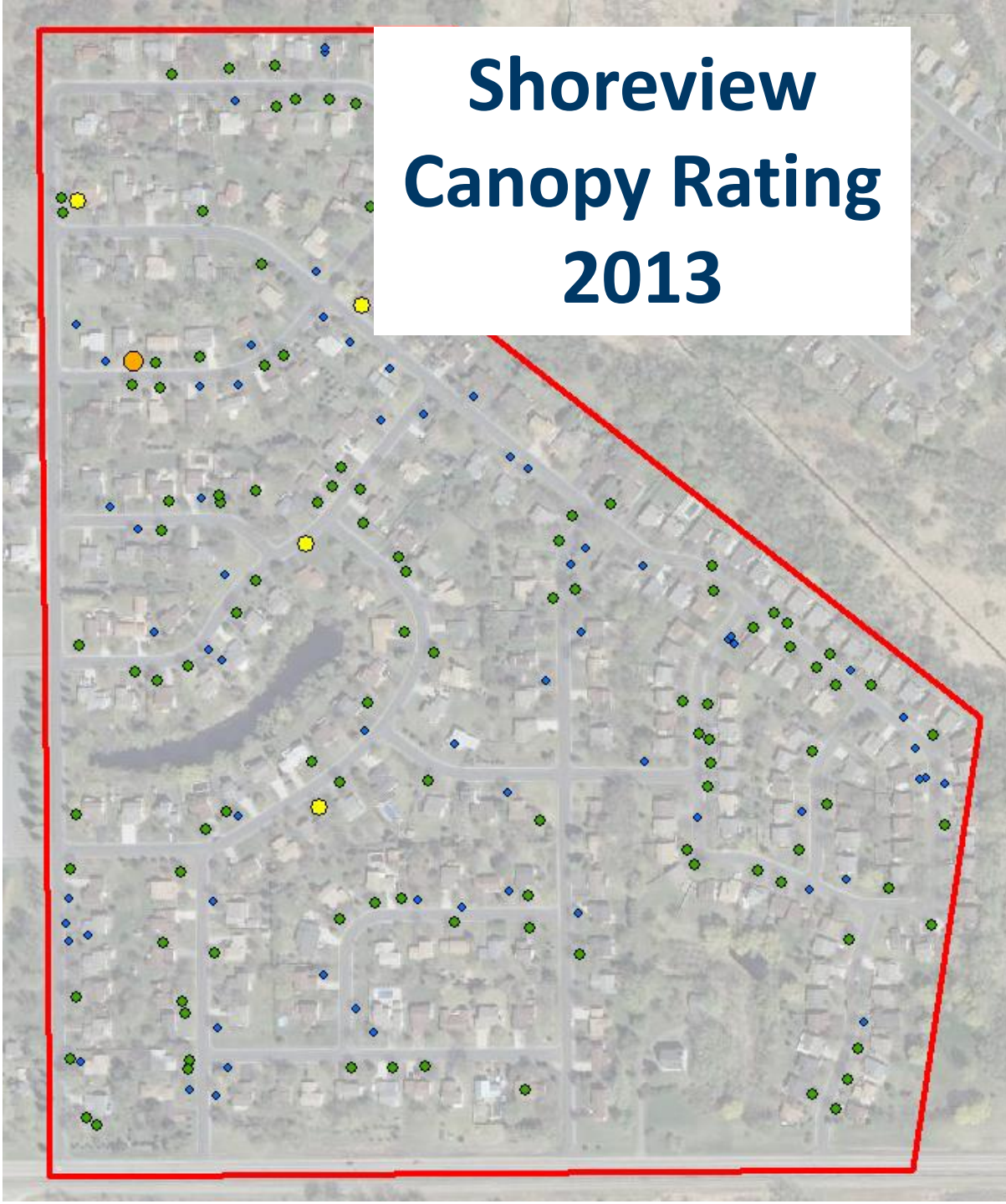
-  Study Areas
-  EAB Quarantine



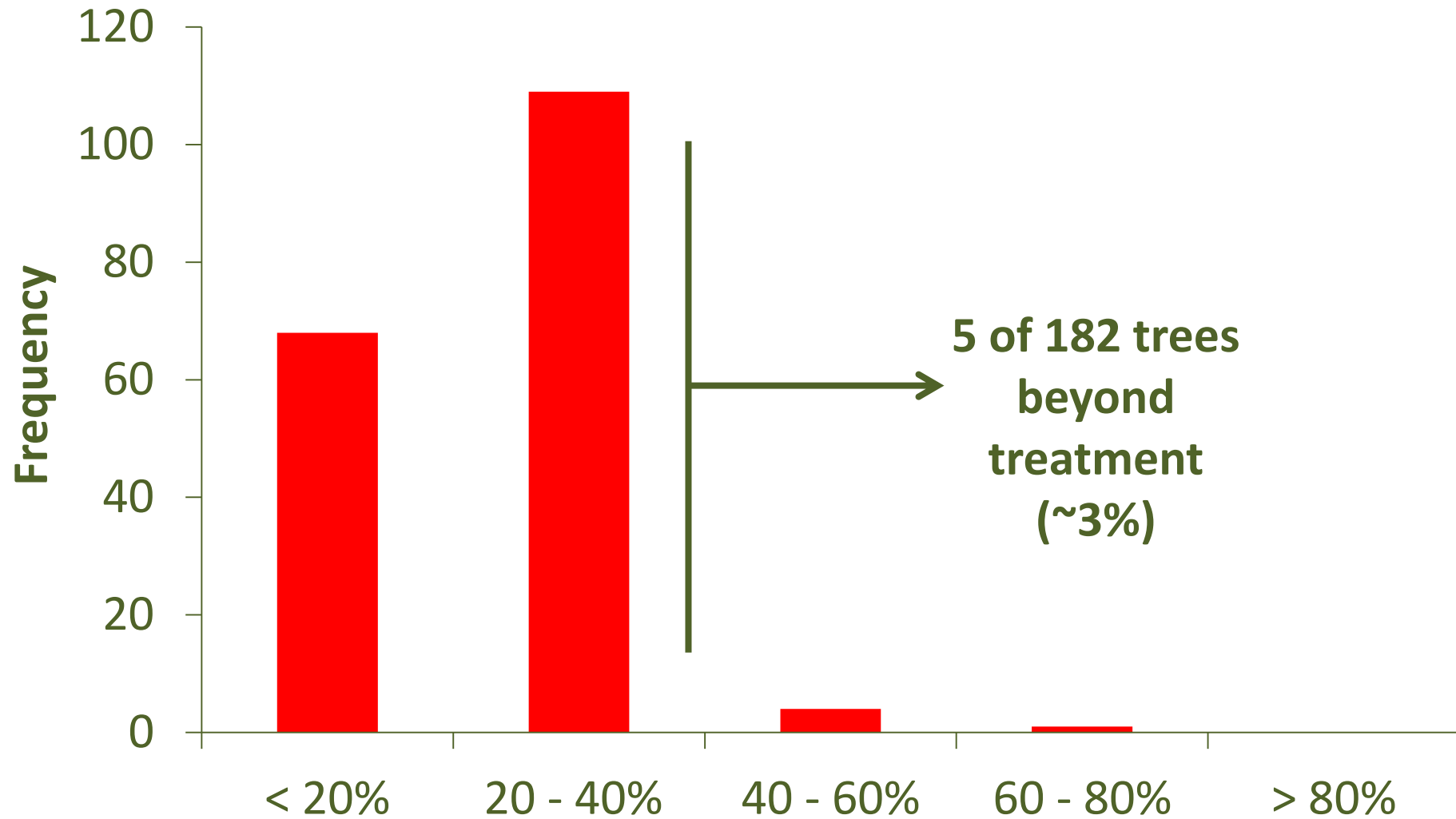
Shoreview Canopy Rating 2013

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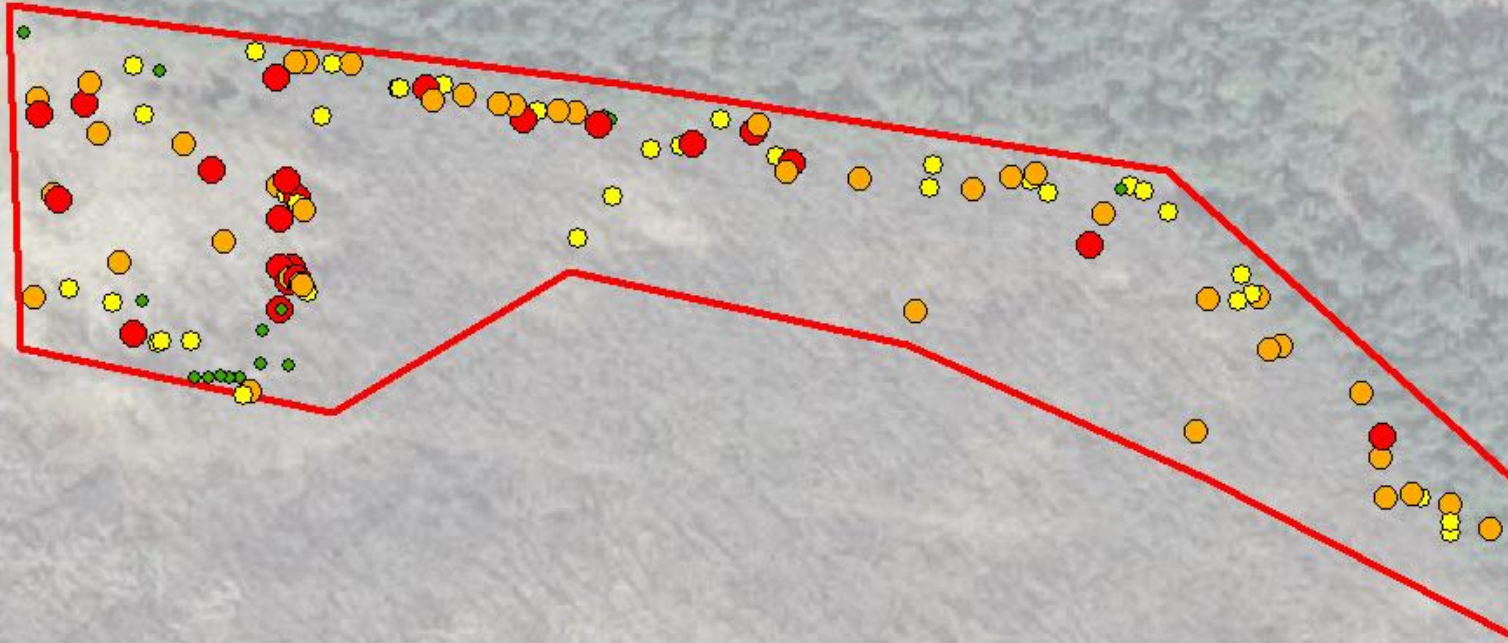
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- > 80%



Shoreview 2013



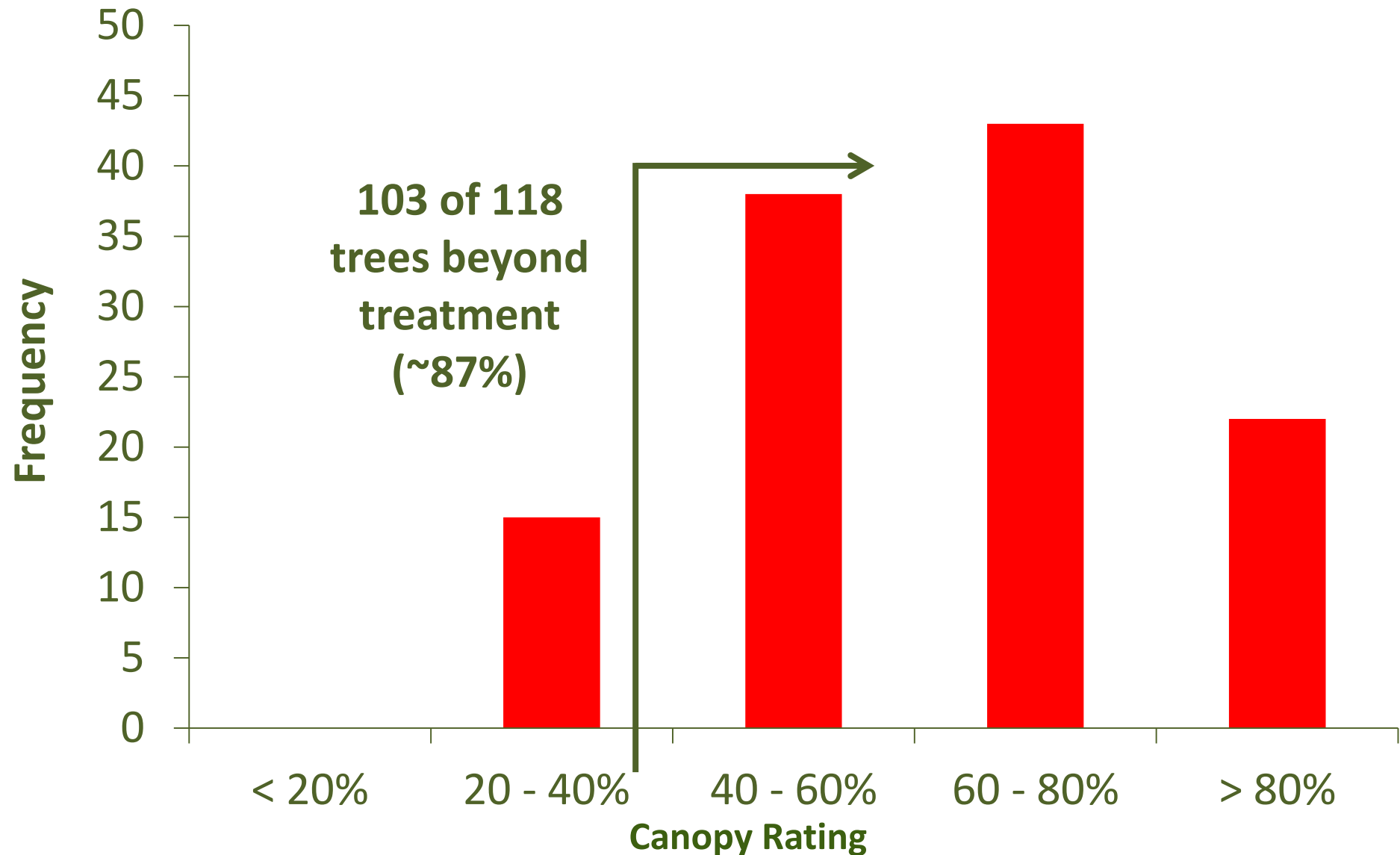
GRB – King's Bluff Canopy Rating 2013



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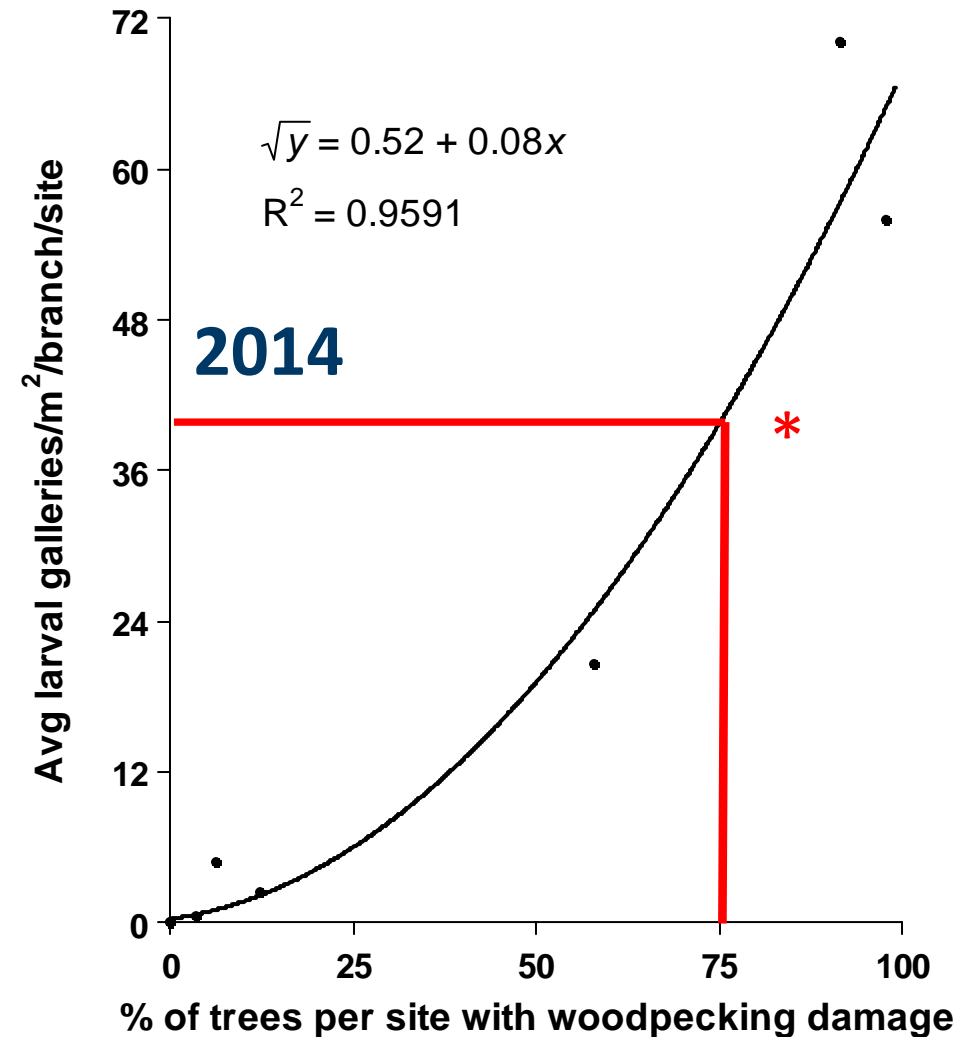
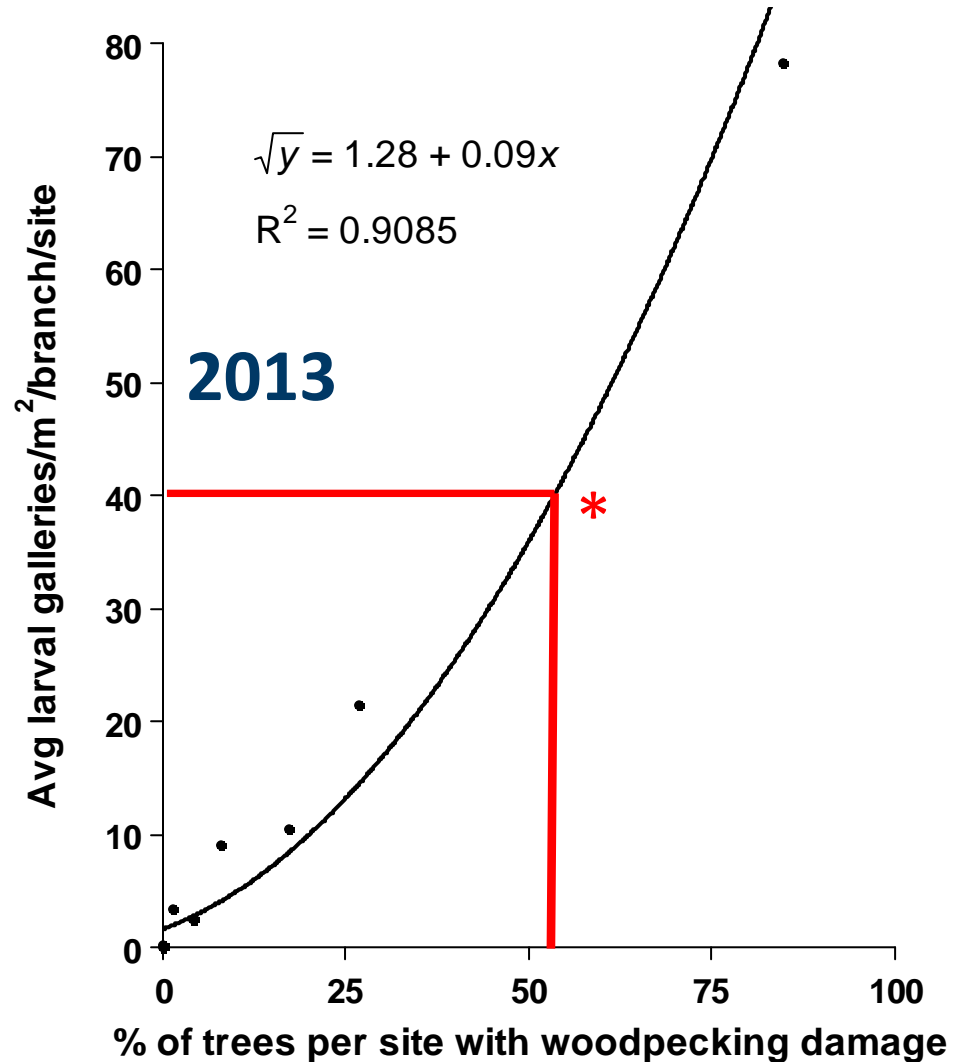
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Value of Monitoring-Woodpecking (Branch Sampling)

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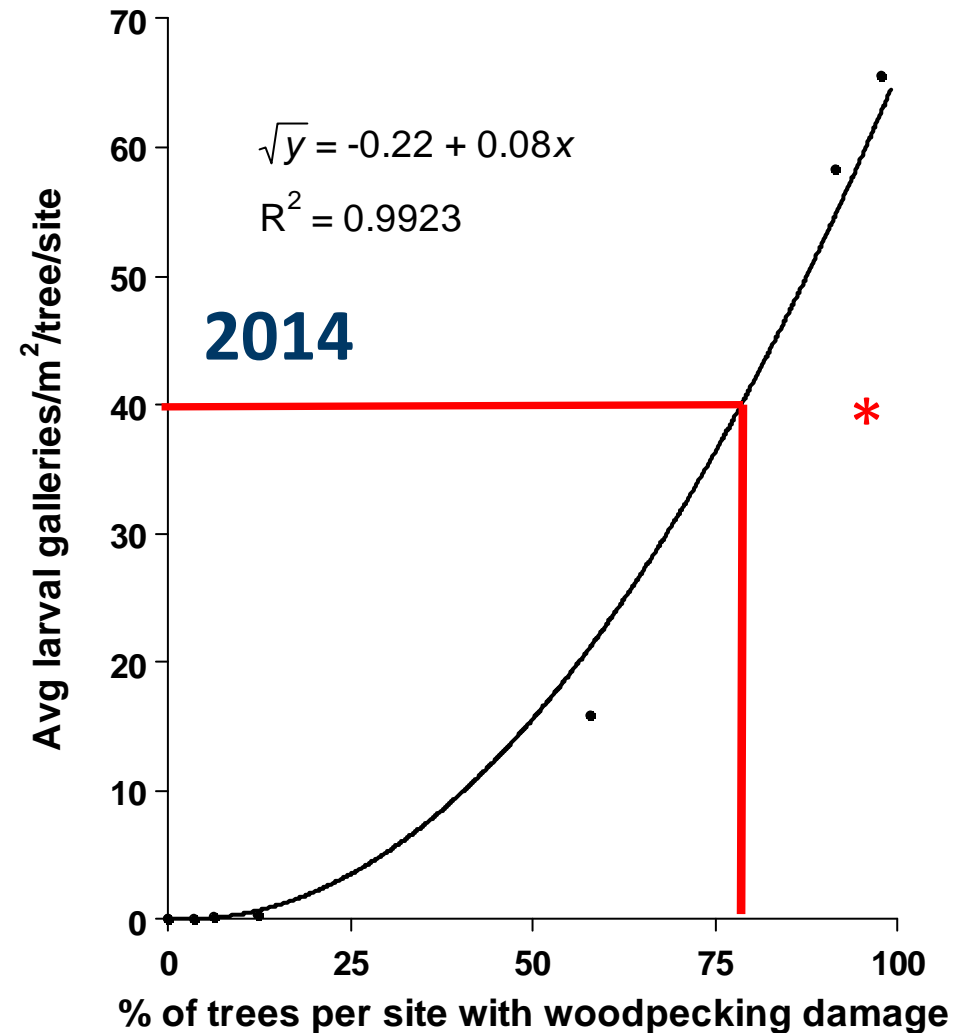
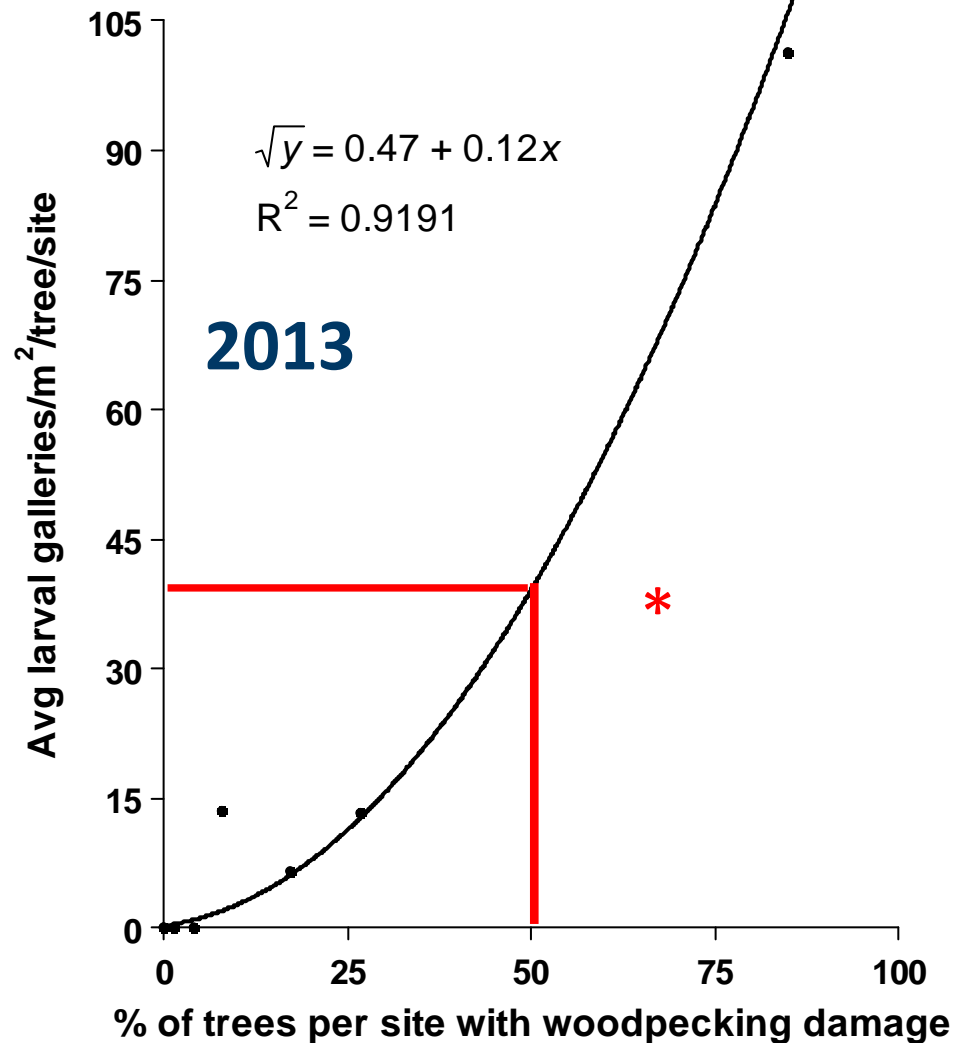
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Value of Monitoring- Woodpecking (Whole Tree)

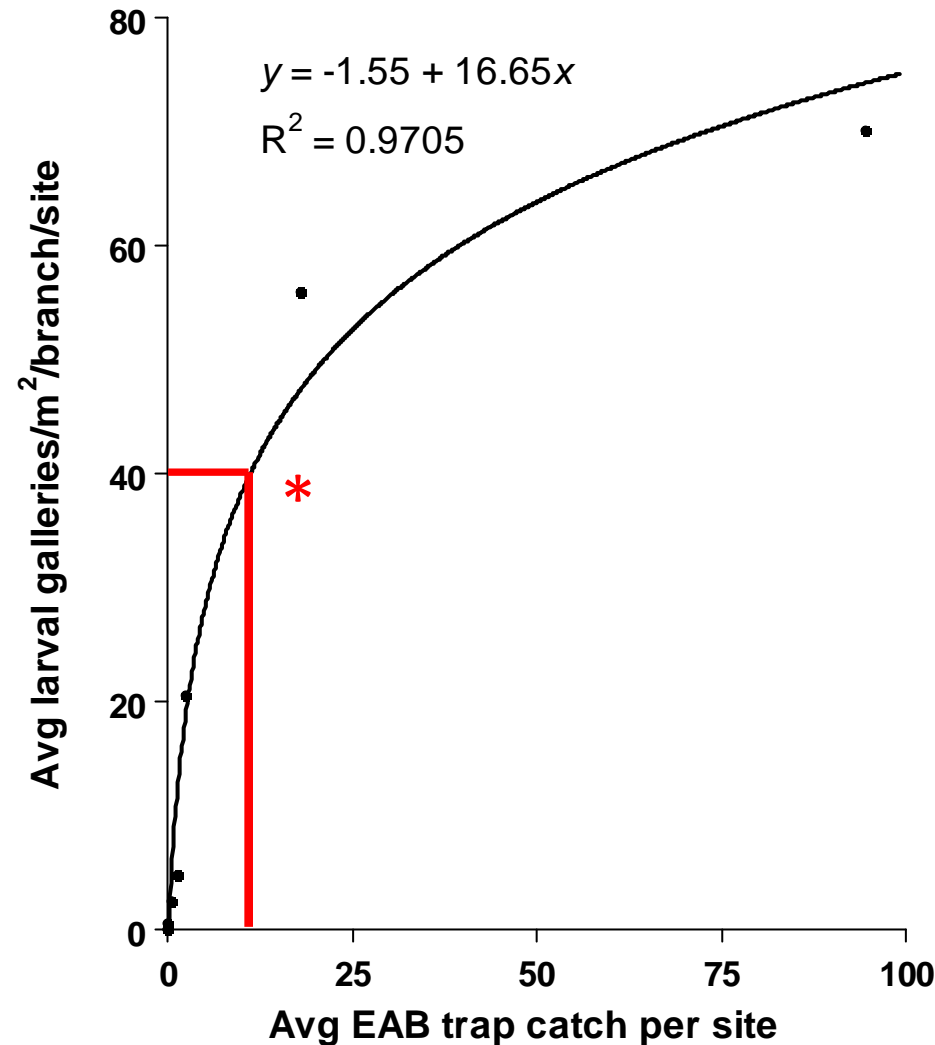
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Value of Monitoring- Trapping

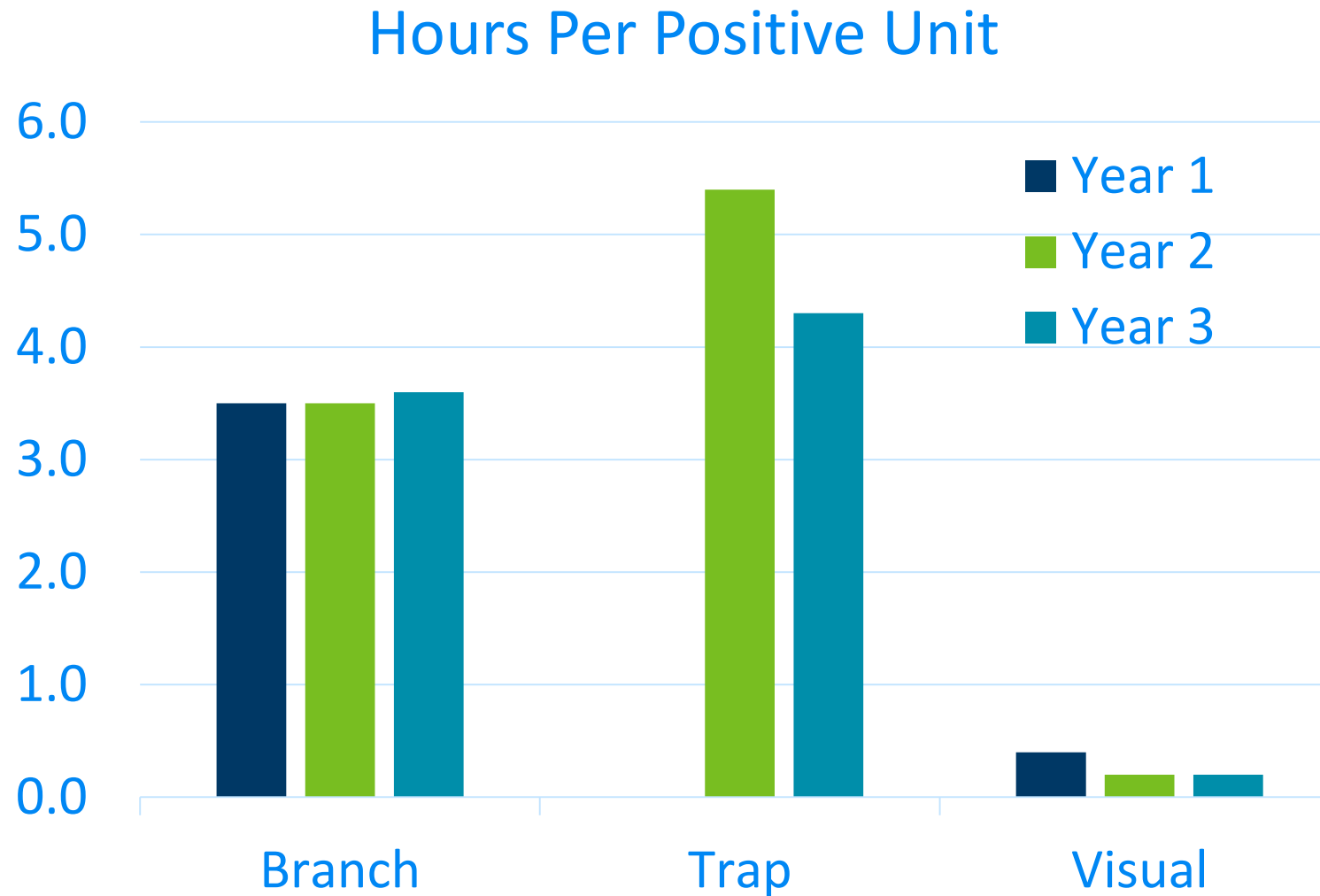
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Value of Monitoring- Time Management



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