

# Biological Control of Emerald Ash Borer in Connecticut

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Emerald ash borer is an invasive wood-boring beetle. Originally introduced into the Detroit, MI area, it has spread throughout eastern North America. Native species of ash have limited resistance to attack by the beetle, and they have killed millions of ash trees. While individual trees can be protected by insecticides, this is not a viable strategy beyond high-value landscape trees. An alternative, long-lasting strategy is classical biological control. Four highly-specialized parasitic wasps that attack the emerald ash borer have been discovered, tested, reared and released into North America, including Connecticut. In this talk I'll be discussing the science behind biological control, the process of getting a program underway, the implementation of that program here in Connecticut and the long-term outlook for North American Ash.



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