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Invasive species symposium in Chicago

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Coping with the Costs: The Economic, Social and Environmental Impacts of Invasive Insects on our Communities is the title of a symposium to be held Sept. 29-30 at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.

Invasive insect pests such as emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, and Asian longhorned beetle can cause tremendous damage to trees in our communities, parks, and natural areas. In this symposium, discuss how to balance the different factors involved in managing populations of these insects, explore the costs of different solutions and tackle the process of restoration once an invasive insect has reached a region. This symposium will provide tools and networking opportunities to help attendees minimize further tree loss and promote tree restoration.

Such tools include:

- An economic calculator for emerald ash borer. This online program allows an official to input information about their ash trees and discover what accepted management strategy would be most cost effective.
- EABU: This educational program will reach professionals and provide them with the best technologies available so they can manage Emerald ash borer most effectively.
- Strategies that others have used successfully to shape public opinion and inform constituents about management decisions

The U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry, The Morton Arboretum, The Nature Conservancy, and Purdue University are co-presenting this conference. The forum is open to the public, and will be of special interest to mayors, public works directors, city planners, state partners, green industry representatives, green organization members and educators. Registration and conference fees are required.

To see the full list of speakers and topics, please visit <http://www.mortonarb.org/adult-programs/seminars-a-workshops.html>

For more information, or to register, call The Morton Arboretum at 630-719-2468.