

## Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program



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## Why Urban and Community Forestry?

#### Over 38% of Vermonters live in our urban and community forest.





## **Program Mission**

To lead citizens, businesses, and governments in understanding the value of urban and community forests and promote civic responsibility for and participation in the stewardship of these resources for this and future generations.

We provide:

- Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Information and Education

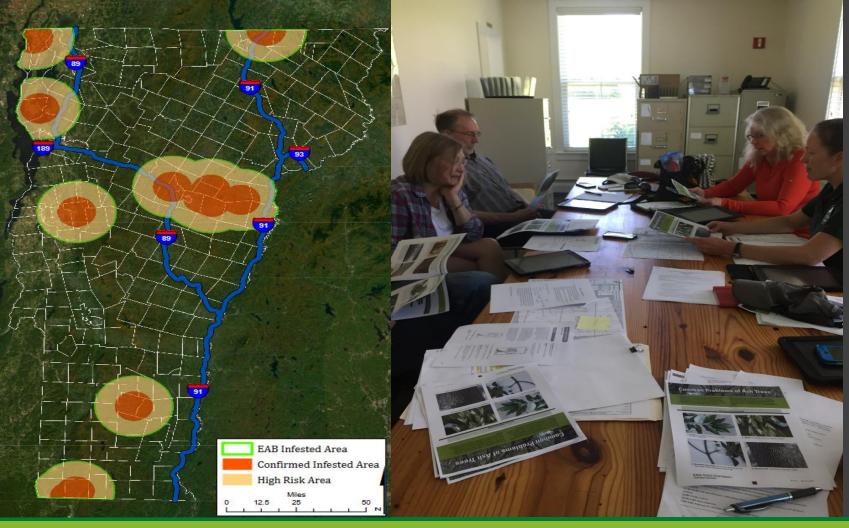


### Program Impact (2019)

- **110 communities** received direct educational, technical and financial assistance.
- 452,128 Vermonters benefited from our program.
- **17,425 hours of community service** provided by our network of trained volunteers.







Program impact in 2019:

- 27 workshops
- 45 towns assisted in EAB planning
- \$40,000 in community grants for ash management (FPR)
- 41 Volunteer Forest Pest First Detectors trained

## **Program Story:** Supporting Vermont Communities in EAB Planning

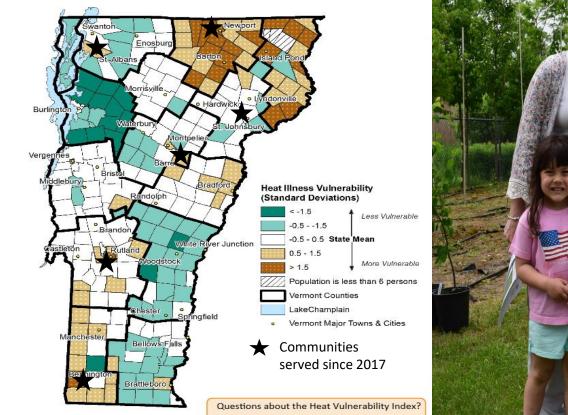
Partners:













#### **Program Story:** Engaging homeowners in energy saving with trees Partners:

VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM IMPACT

Arbor Day Foundation







Program impact since 2018:

- 10 towns developed recreation plans
- 50 public meetings
- 1,800 Vermonters engaged
- 3,899 acres under improved management
- 1 online interactive toolkit for VT communities

## **Program Story:** Planning for sustainable use of town forests

Partners:







## Thank You!

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