



## City of Durham Durham County

### Joint News Release

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<http://bit.ly/1U8XEfm>

## Residents Invited to Information Session on Emerald Ash Borer Emerald Ash Borer Beetles Threaten Area Ash Trees

**What:** Public Information Session on Emerald Ash Borer

**Who:** Durham City-County Sustainability Office

**When:** Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 6 p.m.

**Where:** Durham City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, N.C. 27701

#### Fast Facts:

- The Emerald Ash Borer, a beetle that kills Ash Trees by eating the tissue beneath the bark, has been found throughout North Carolina. Effects of the Emerald Ash Borer will become more profound in the next few years in the Durham community.
- On behalf of Trees Across Durham, the Durham City-County Sustainability Office will host an information session about the non-native Emerald Ash Borer and its projected path of destruction in Durham.
- Experts from the North Carolina Forest Service and the City of Durham's Urban Forestry Division will lead the information session about to identify Ash Trees, what damage to expect in forests, in backyards across the state, how the pest spreads, and what to do with a dead tree to avoid risk to property and the safety of individuals.
- The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

- For more information about the upcoming public information session, contact Durham City-County Sustainability Manager Tobin Freid at (919) 560-7999 or by emailing [tfreid@dconc.gov](mailto:tfreid@dconc.gov).
- Find information about the Emerald Ash Borer on the Trees Across Durham website at [www.treesacrossdurham.org](http://www.treesacrossdurham.org).

### **About Trees Across Durham**

[Trees Across Durham](#) is a broad-based partnership dedicated to making Durham a healthier and greener community now and in the future through the planting and protection of trees; the education of tree caretakers and the general public about how to maintain healthy trees; and the measurement and communication of the benefits trees provide to the environment and community.

### **About the Durham City-County Sustainability Office**

The mission of the [Durham City/County Sustainability Office](#) is to help protect and improve Durham's environment through wise use of natural resources by providing guidance and resources to City and County employees, businesses, and residents. For more information, like on [Facebook](#) and follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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