



# Tree Talks: No. 4 Street Trees: Threats & Solutions

Plainfield, Massachusetts





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# Urban Forestry Framework

## WHY *urban forests*?

The **trees, vegetation** and **green spaces** that make up our **urban forests** are essential contributors to virtually every measure of community well-being.

### AIR

Urban trees remove over **710,000 tons** of air pollution per year in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

### WATER

Trees can filter up to **80% of phosphorus** out of stormwater before it can pollute waterways.<sup>2</sup>

### PUBLIC HEALTH

In New York City, the rate of early childhood asthma is **29% lower** for every 343 trees per square kilometer.<sup>3</sup>

### ENERGY & CLIMATE

One million mature trees around American residences save approximately **\$2 billion** annually in reduced energy costs.<sup>4</sup>

### JOBS & ECONOMY

The U.S. economic impacts of green industries include **1.6 million jobs**, **\$82 billion** in payroll, and **\$196 billion** in sales.<sup>5</sup>

### RESILIENCY

Establishing and adhering to a regular tree maintenance schedule can help **protect cities from extreme weather events**.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Nowak, D., Crane, D., Stevens, J. 2006. Air pollution removal by urban trees and shrubs in the United States. Syracuse, NY: USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station. *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening* 4: 115-123.

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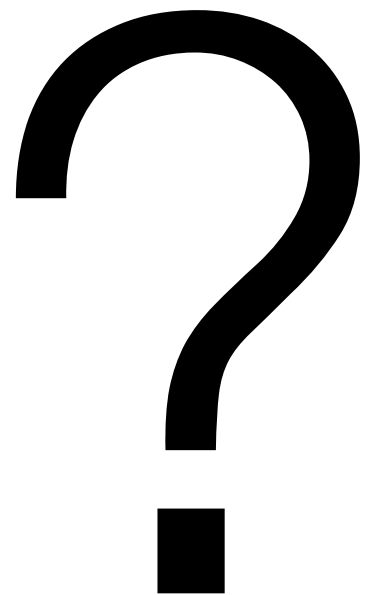
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# Threats to street trees

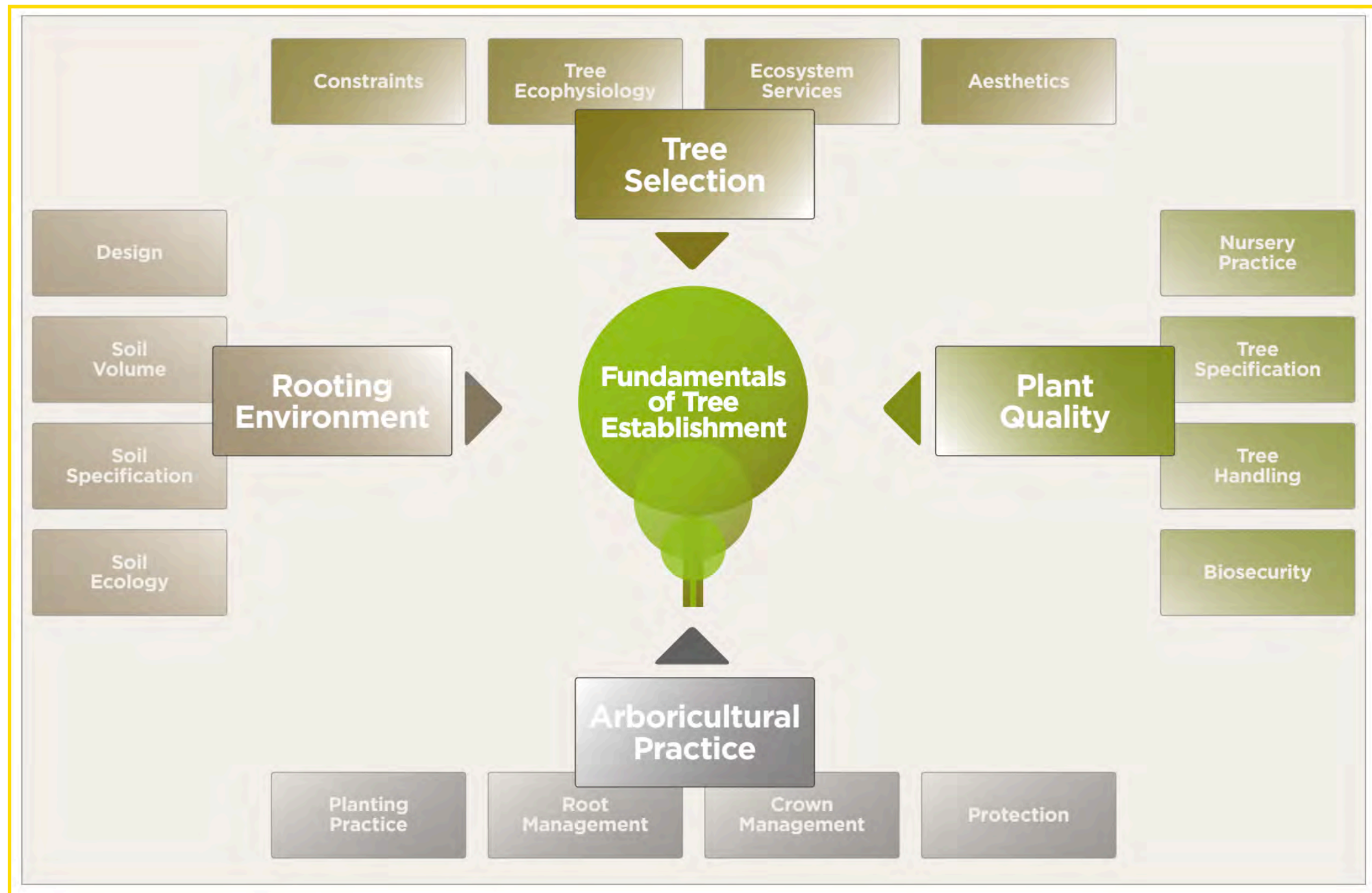
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- Poor Species Selection
- Physical Damage
- Compacted Soils
- Root Damage
- Road Salt
- Utility Pruning
- Diseases & Insects
- Invasive Pests
- Economics
- Climate Change

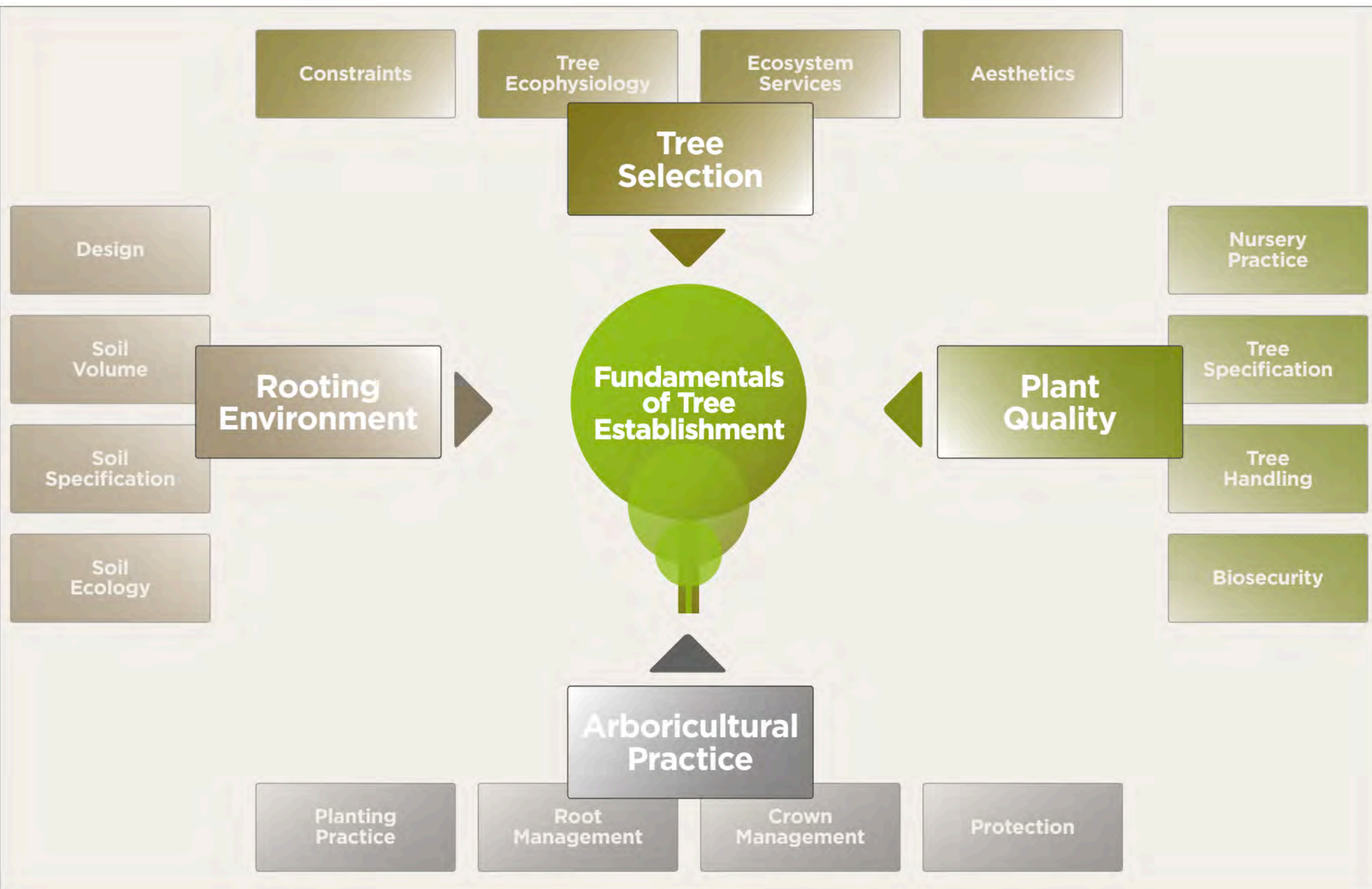


# Tree Establishment Fundamentals



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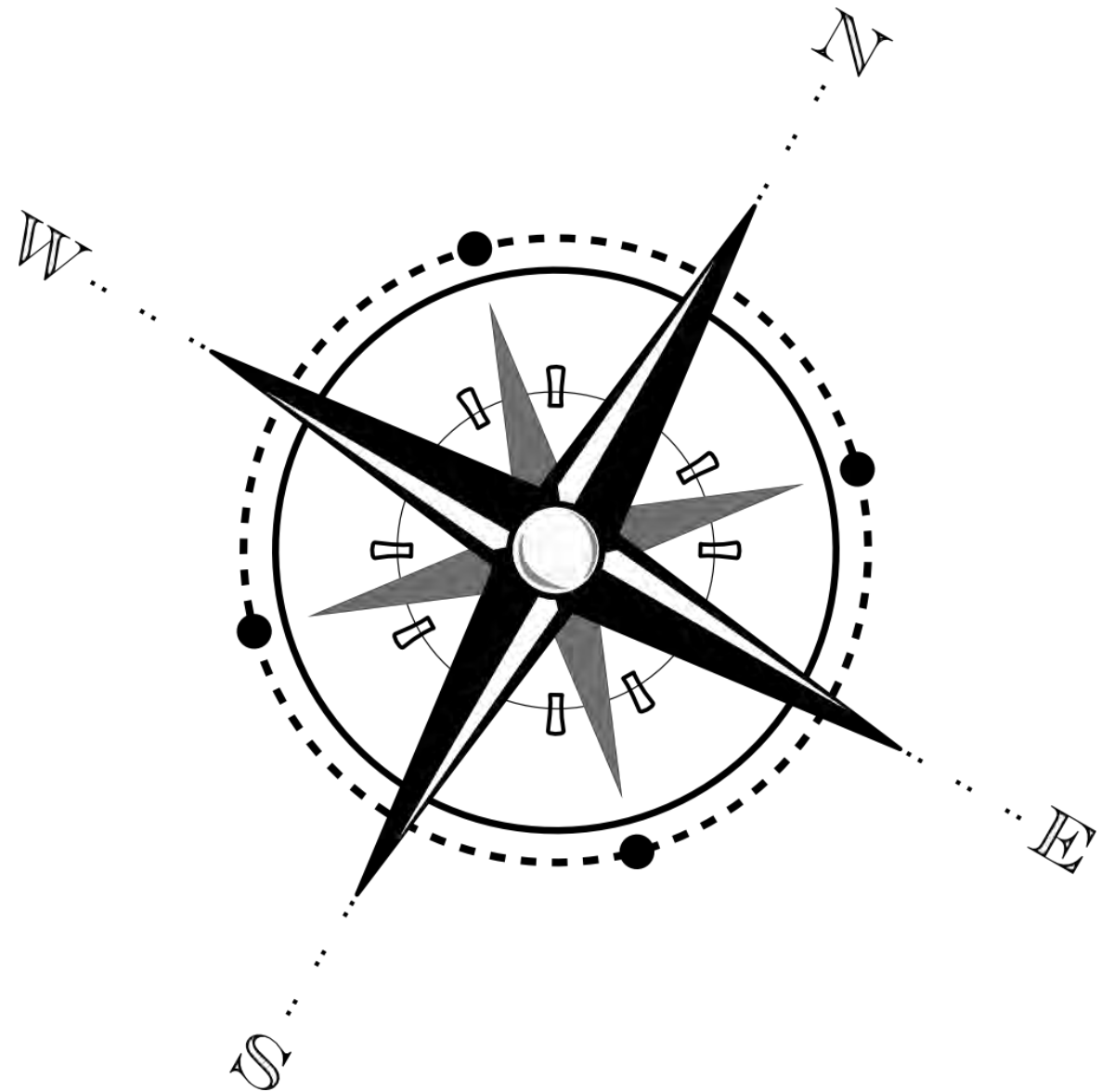
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# A few good tools...

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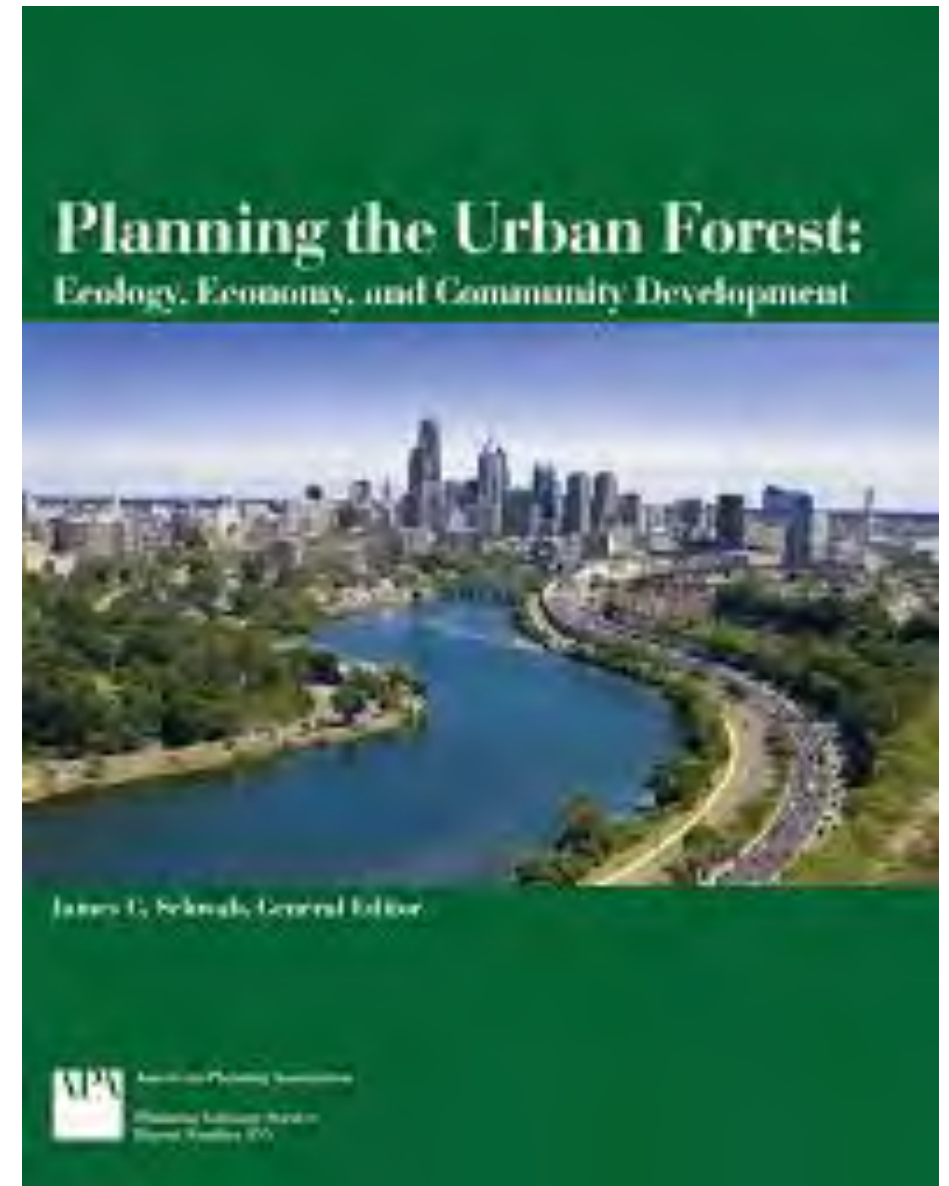
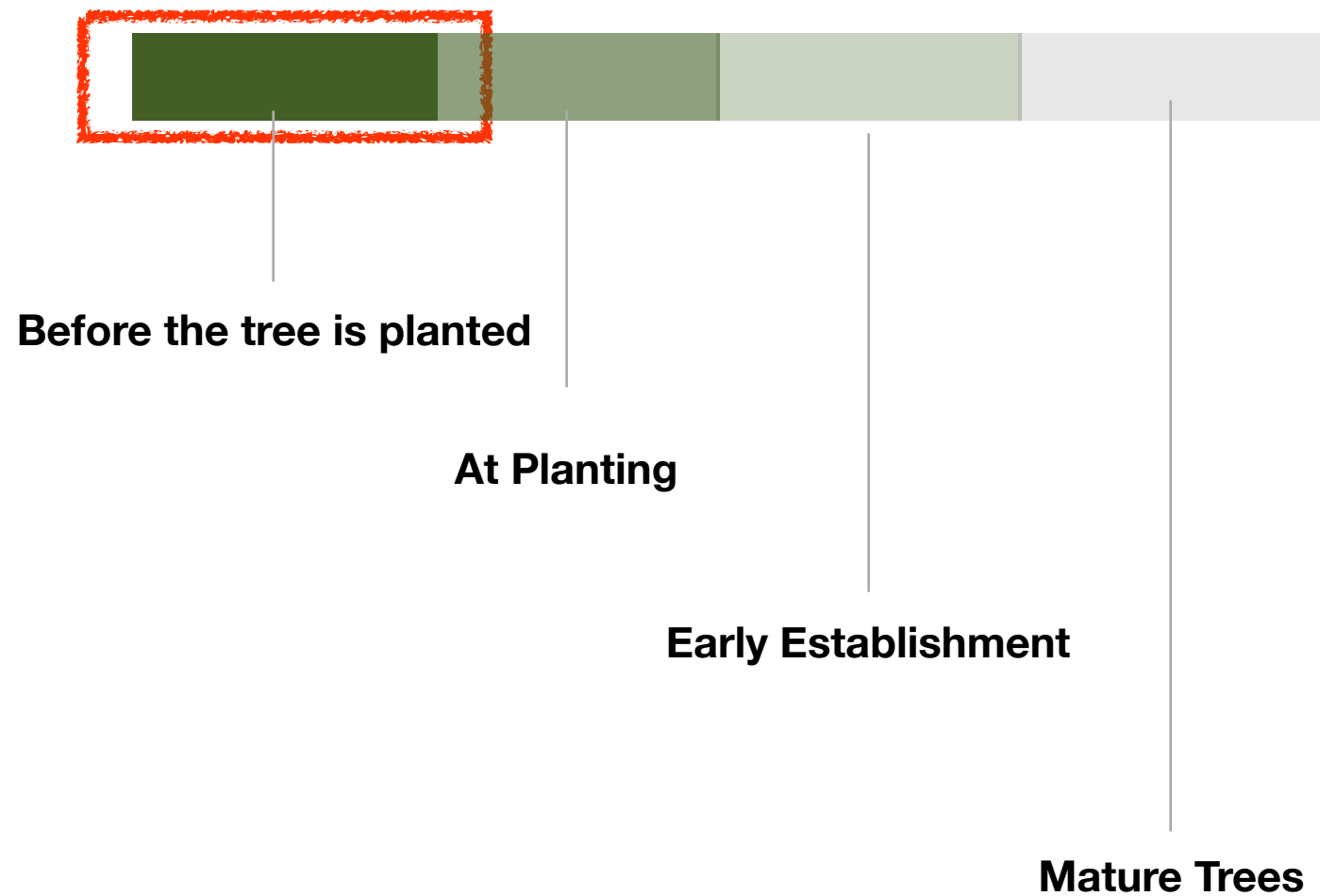
- Inventories
- Public Engagement
- Prevention Planning
- Early Detection
- Best Management Practices
- Communication
- Partnerships





# The Maintenance Lifecycle

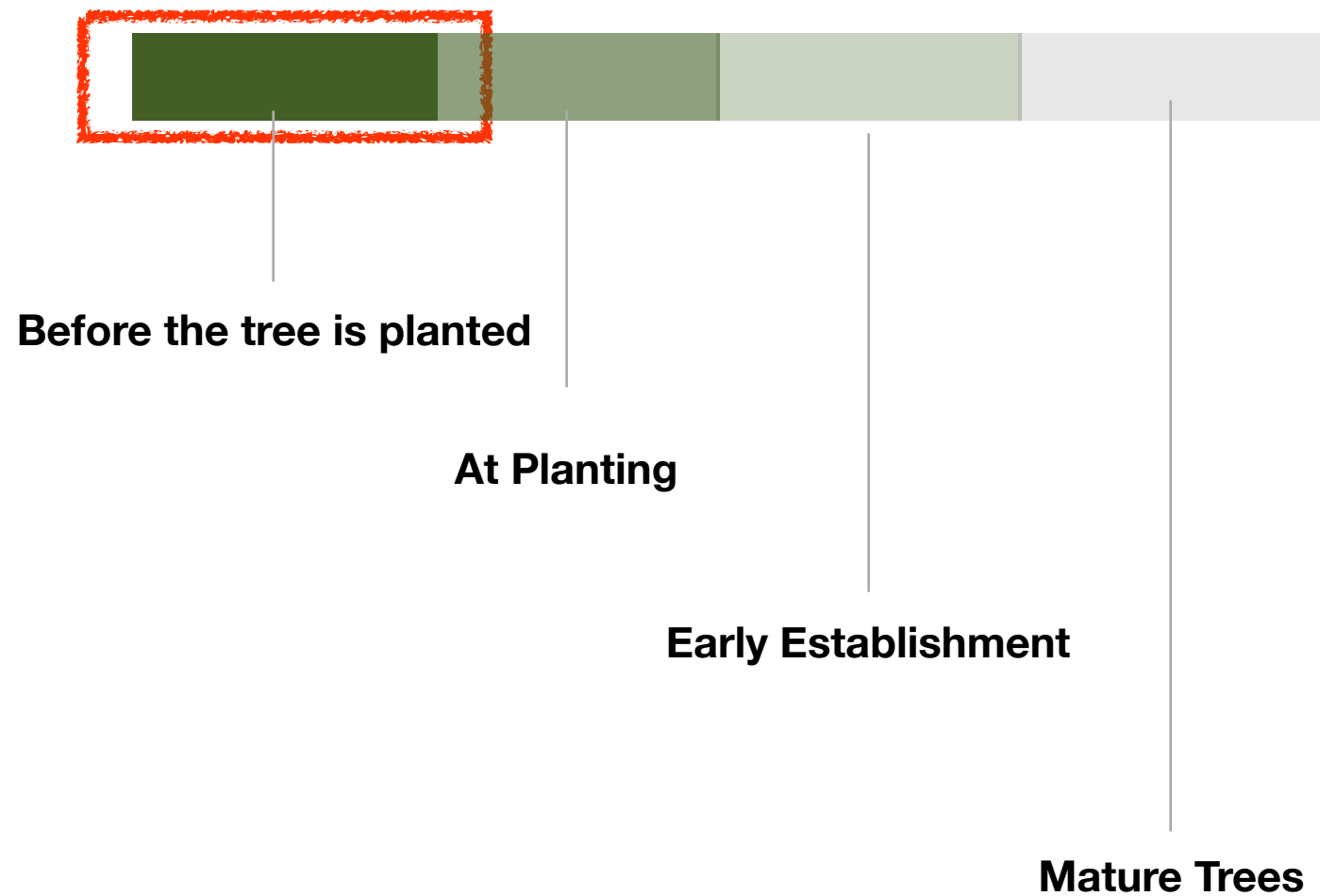
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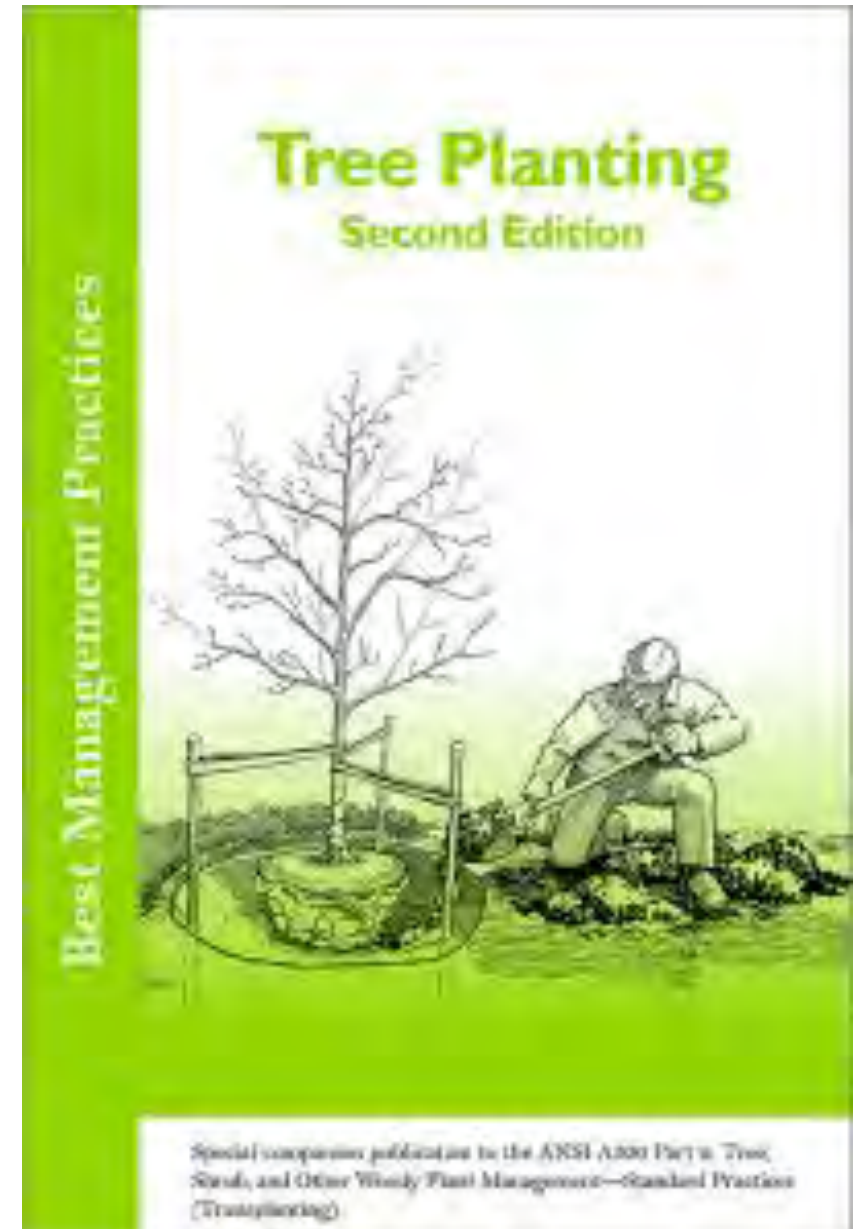
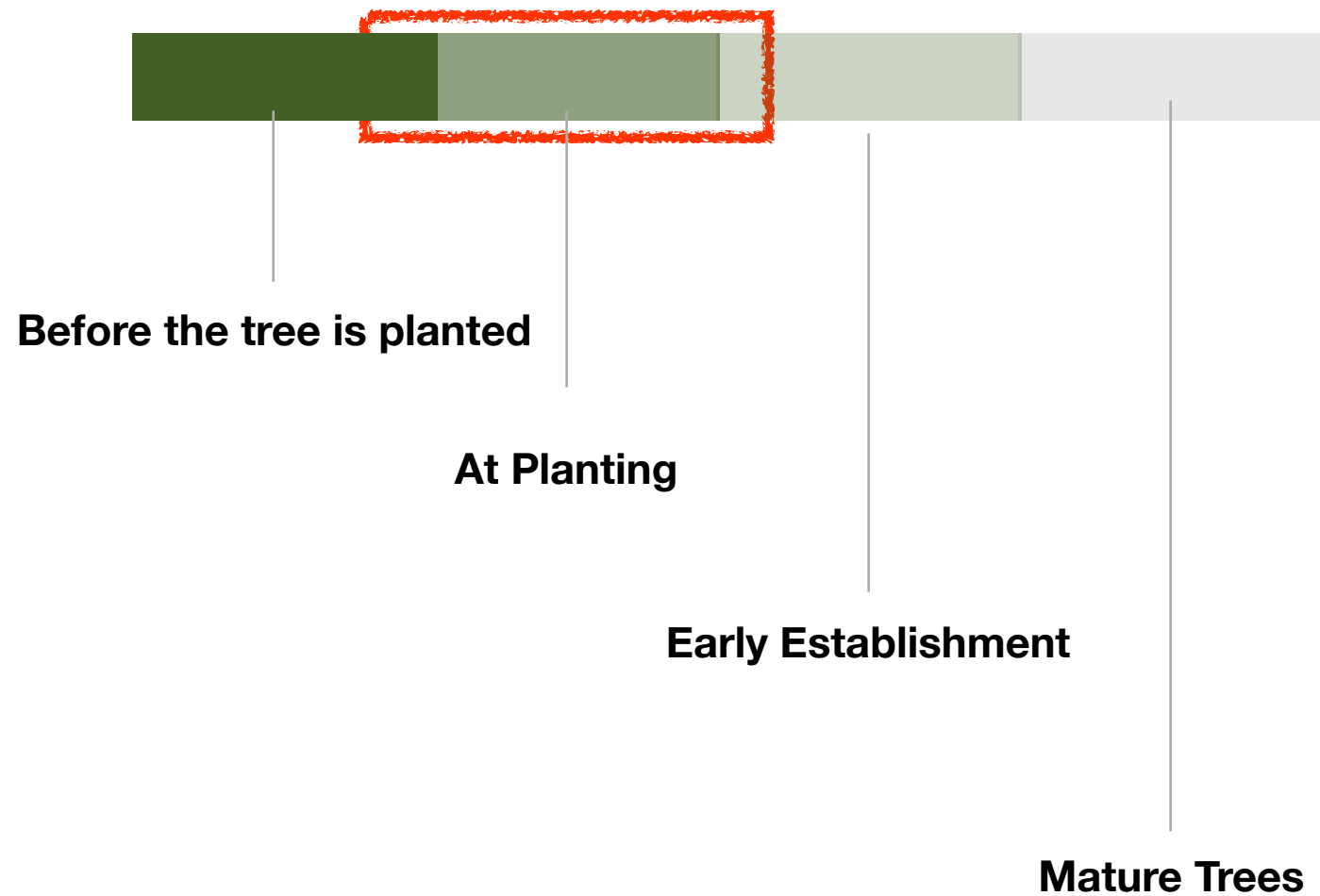
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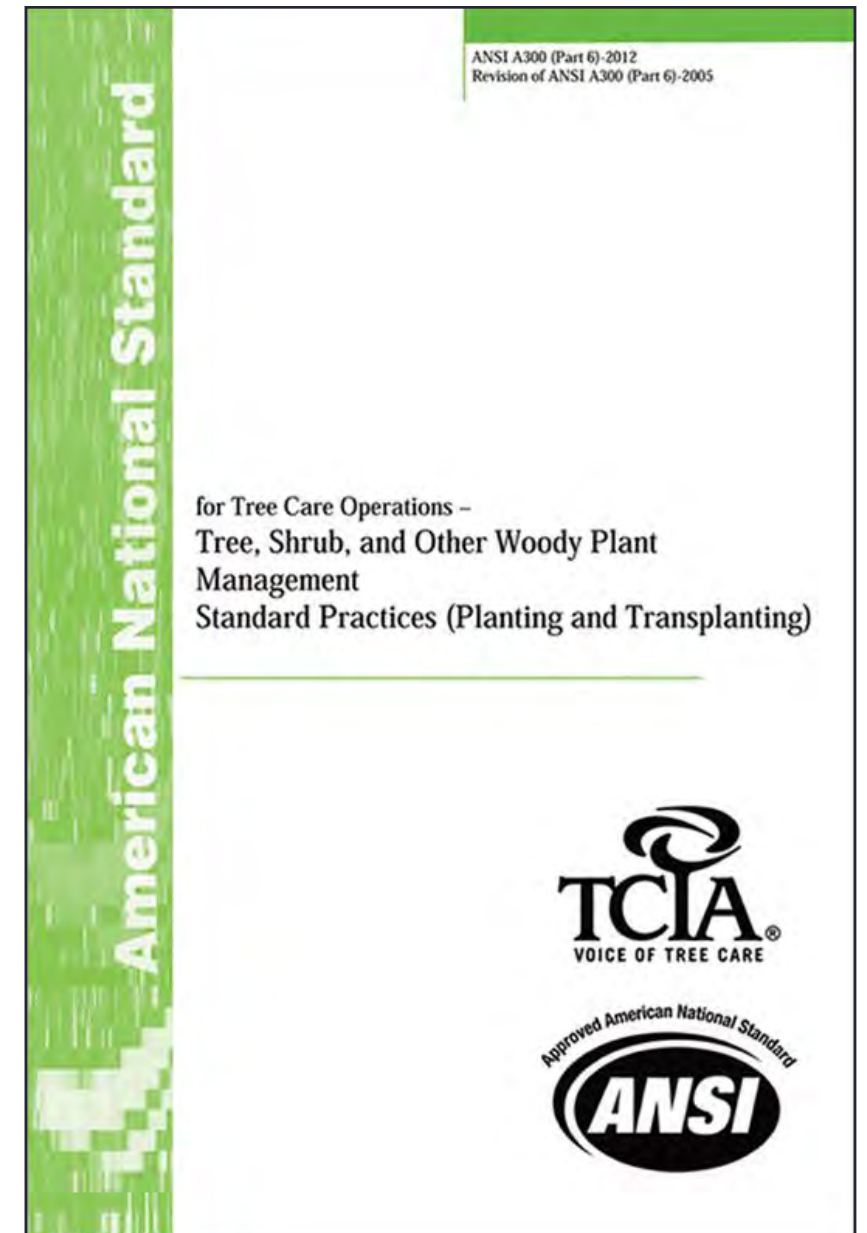
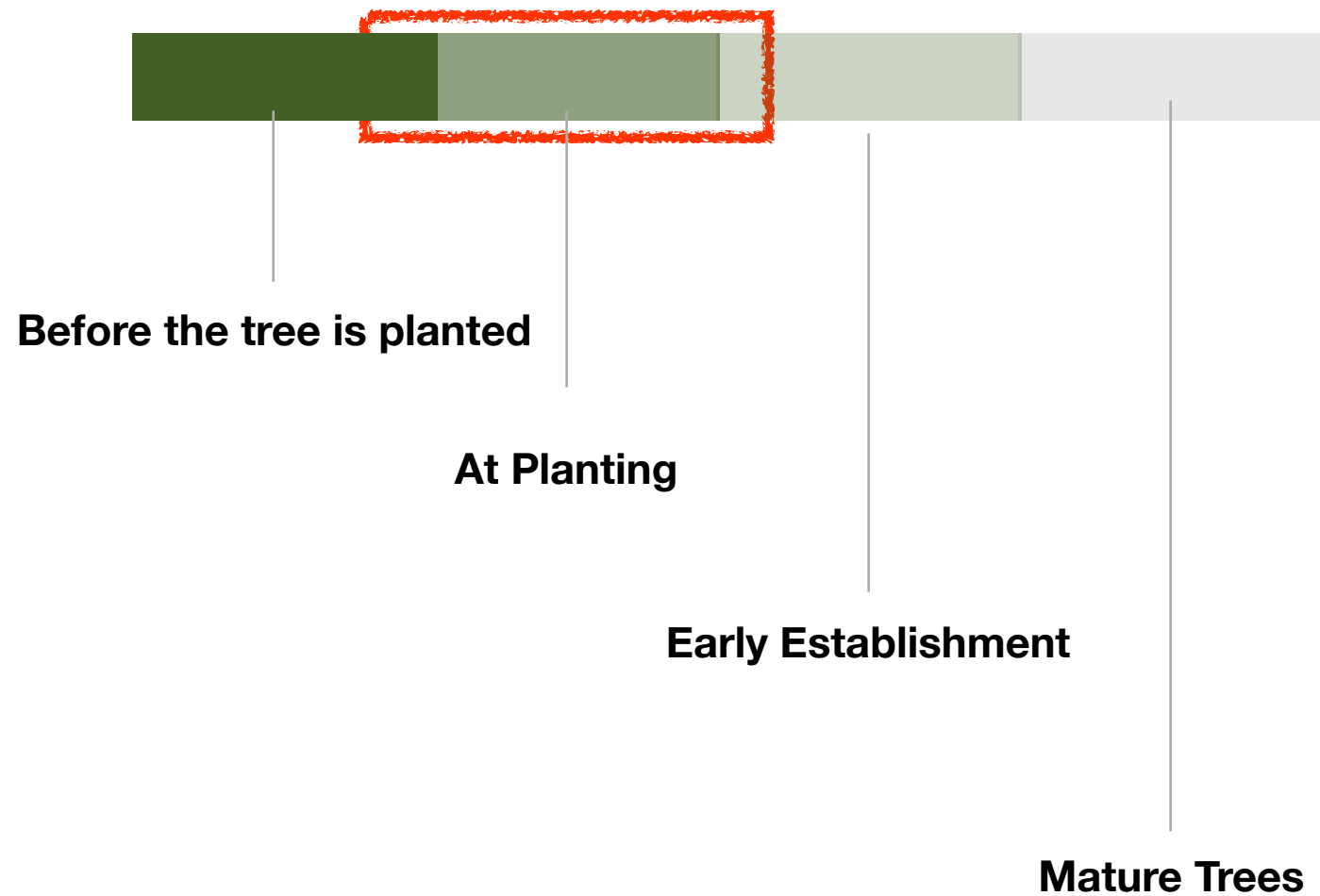
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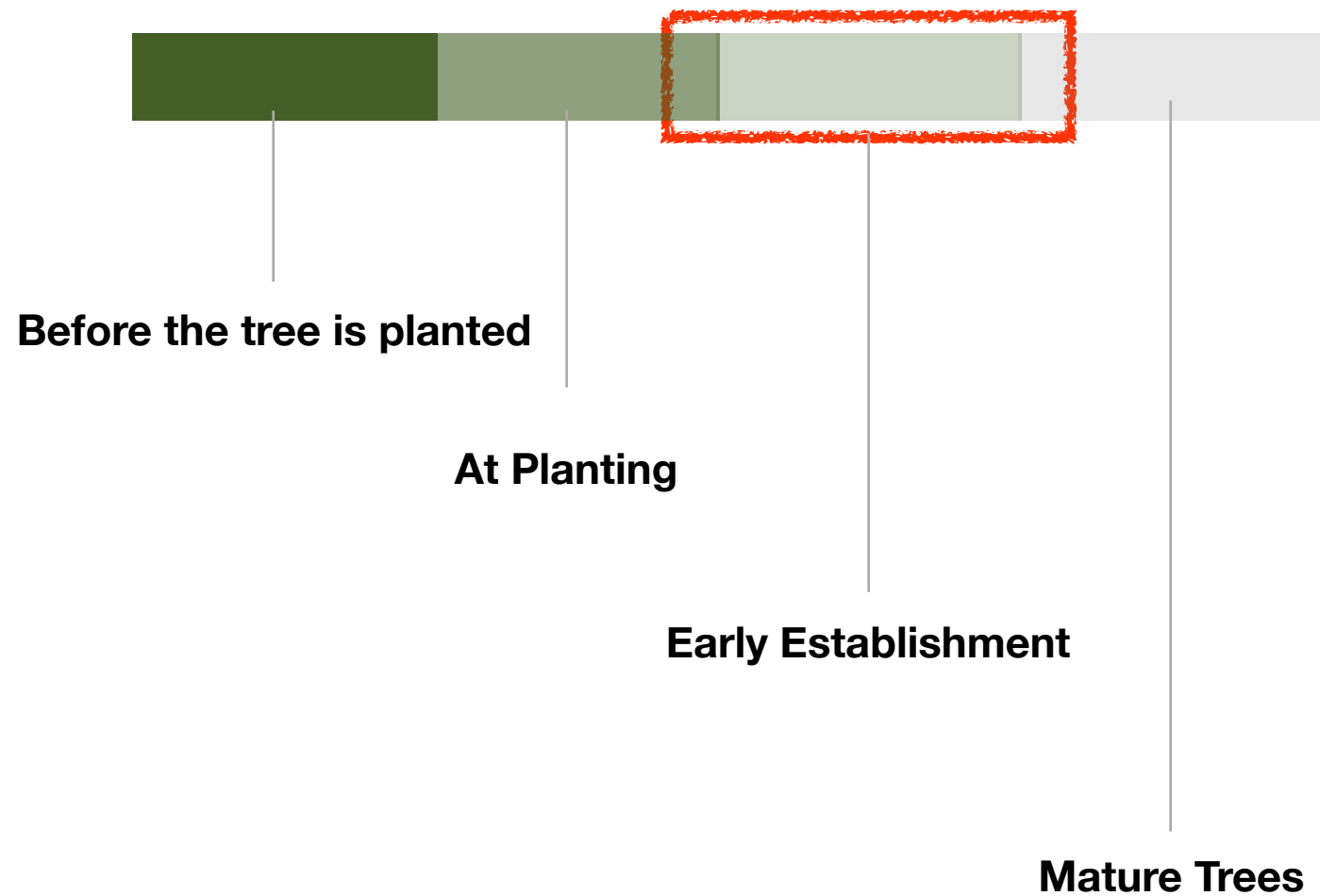
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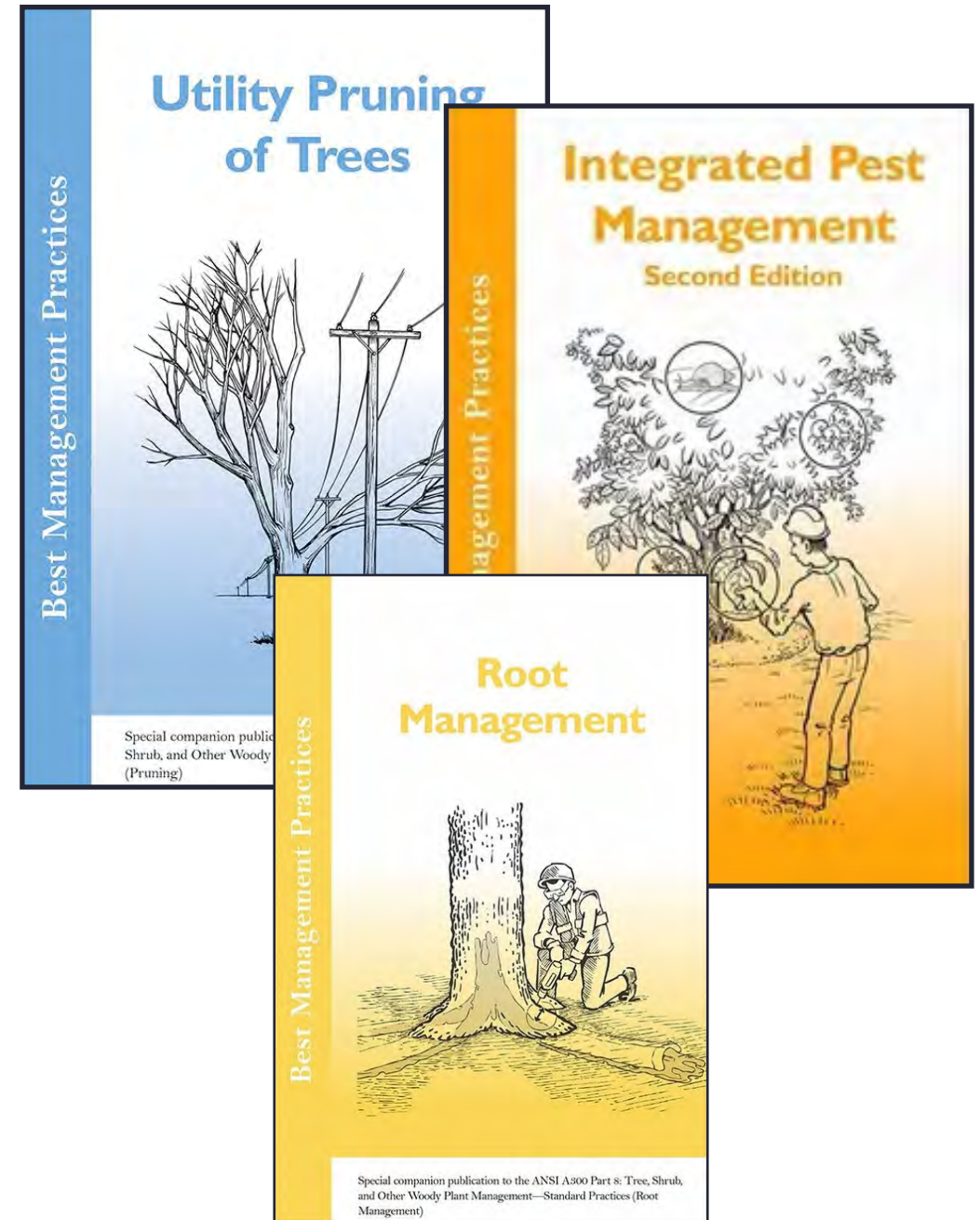
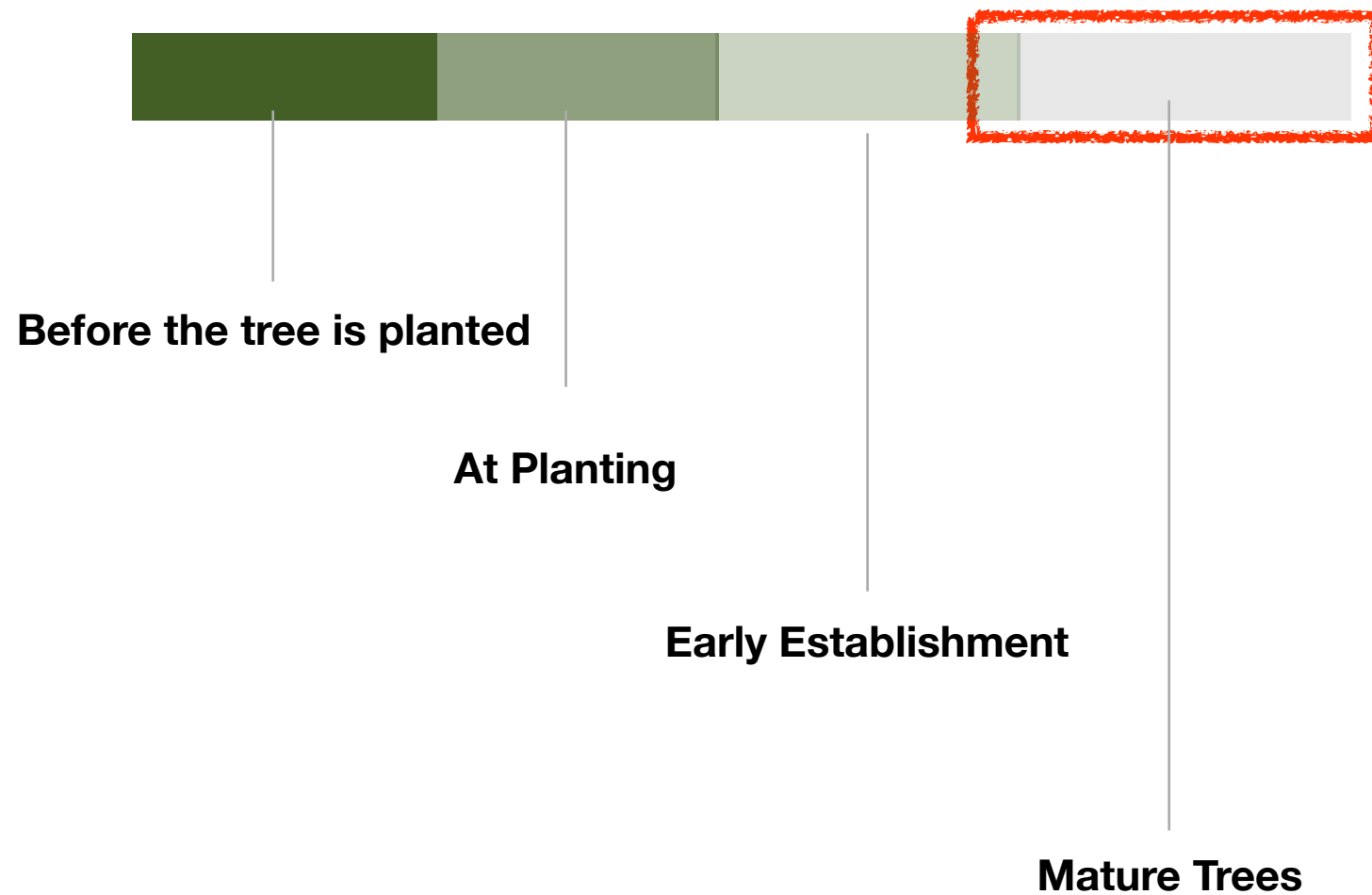


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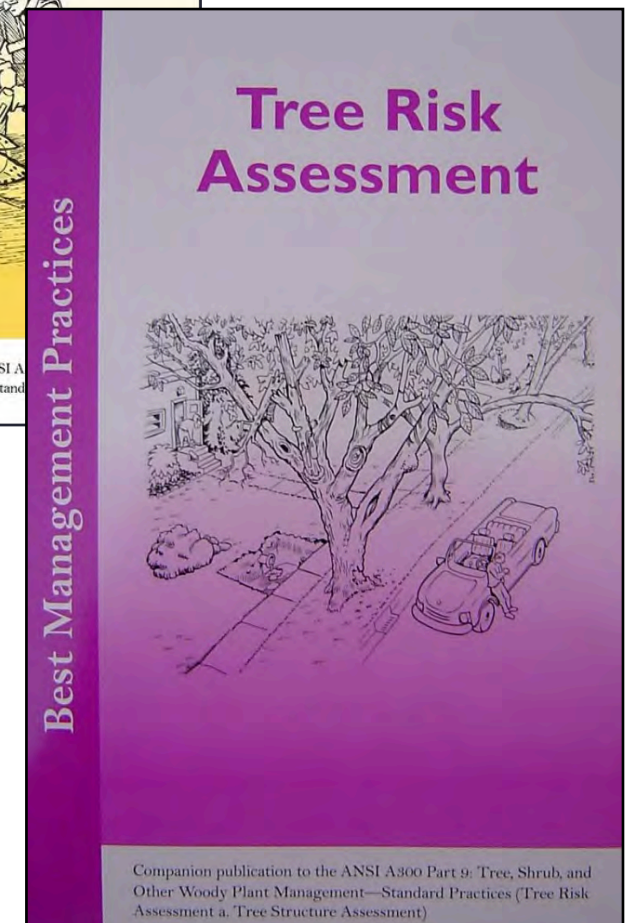
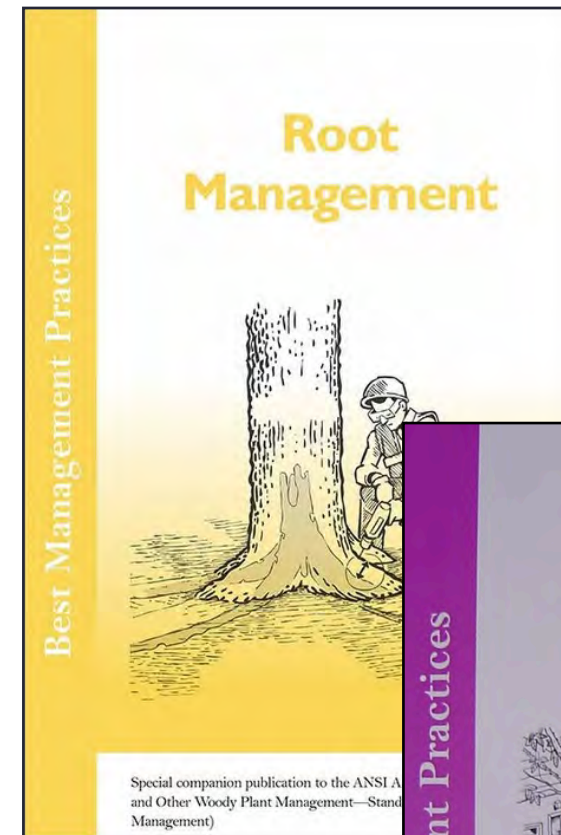
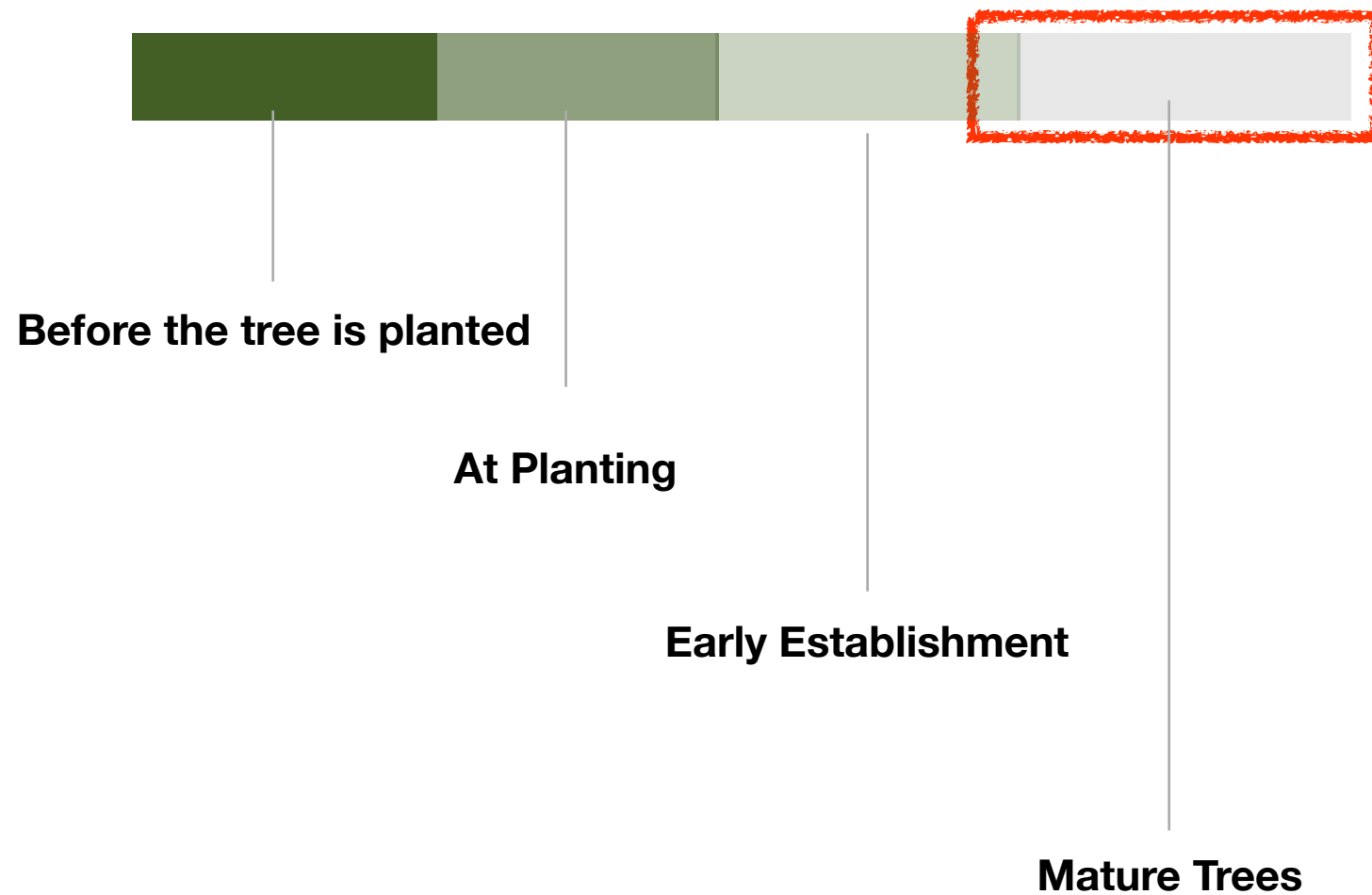
# Symptoms of Pests and Disease

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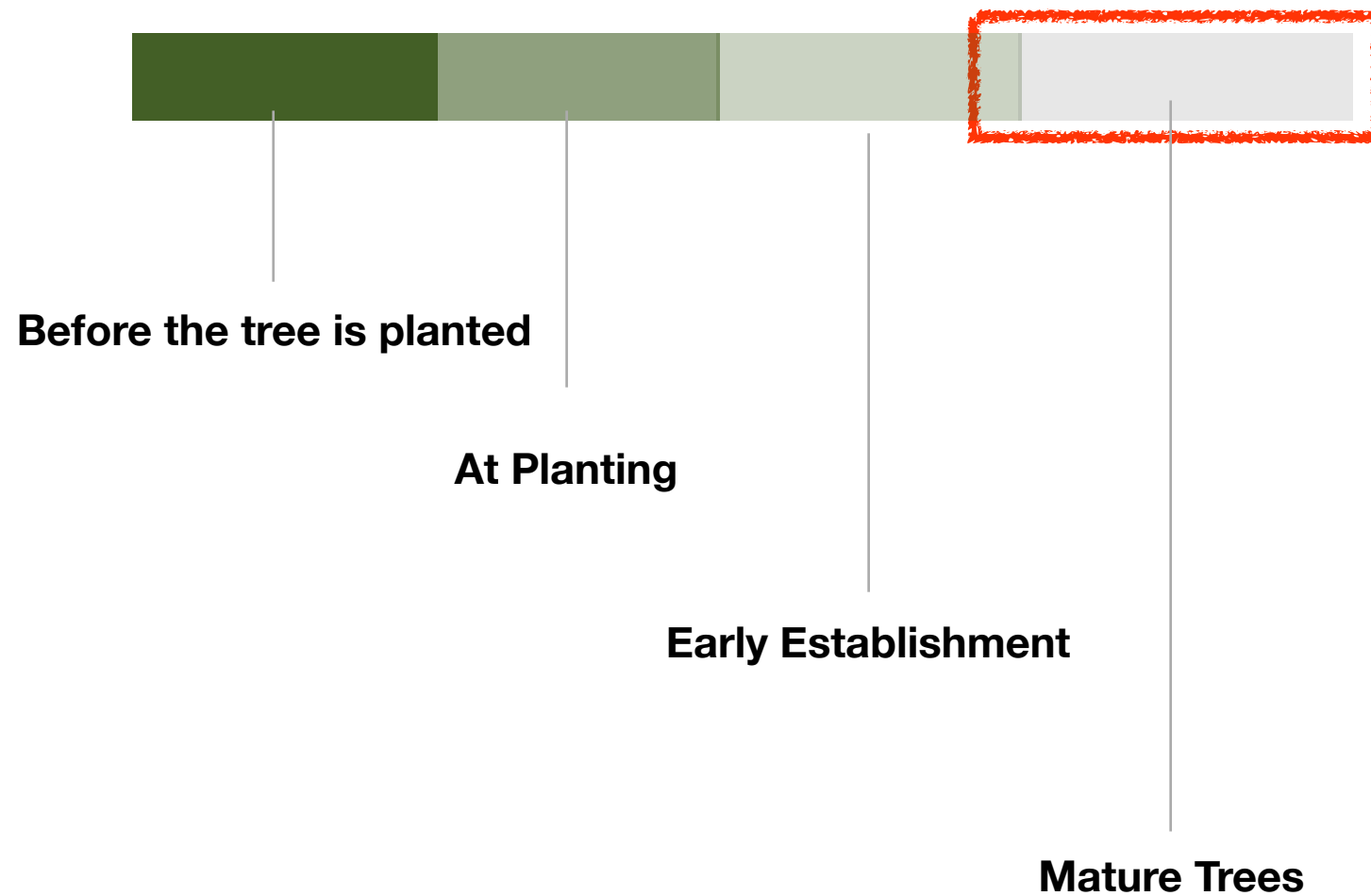
- Root decay
- Dead branches in the crown
- Abnormally small or off-color leaves
- Serious trunk lean
- Cracked or mounded soil near the base of the tree
- Differences in color and growth between similar species of tree
- Large cankers - localized, sunken, barkless areas
- Sunburn or sunscald damage (common in trees that prefer shade planted in full sun areas)



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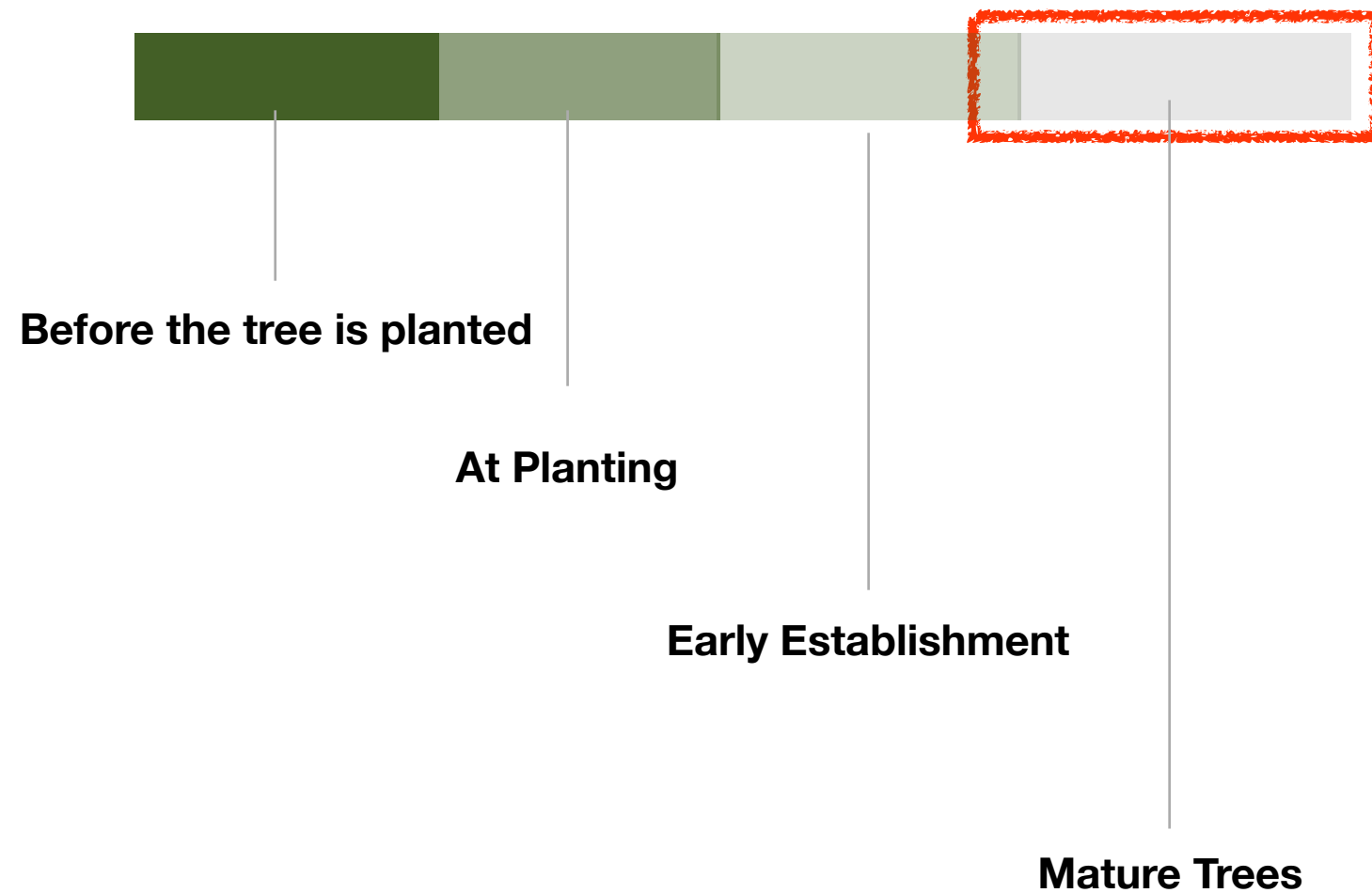
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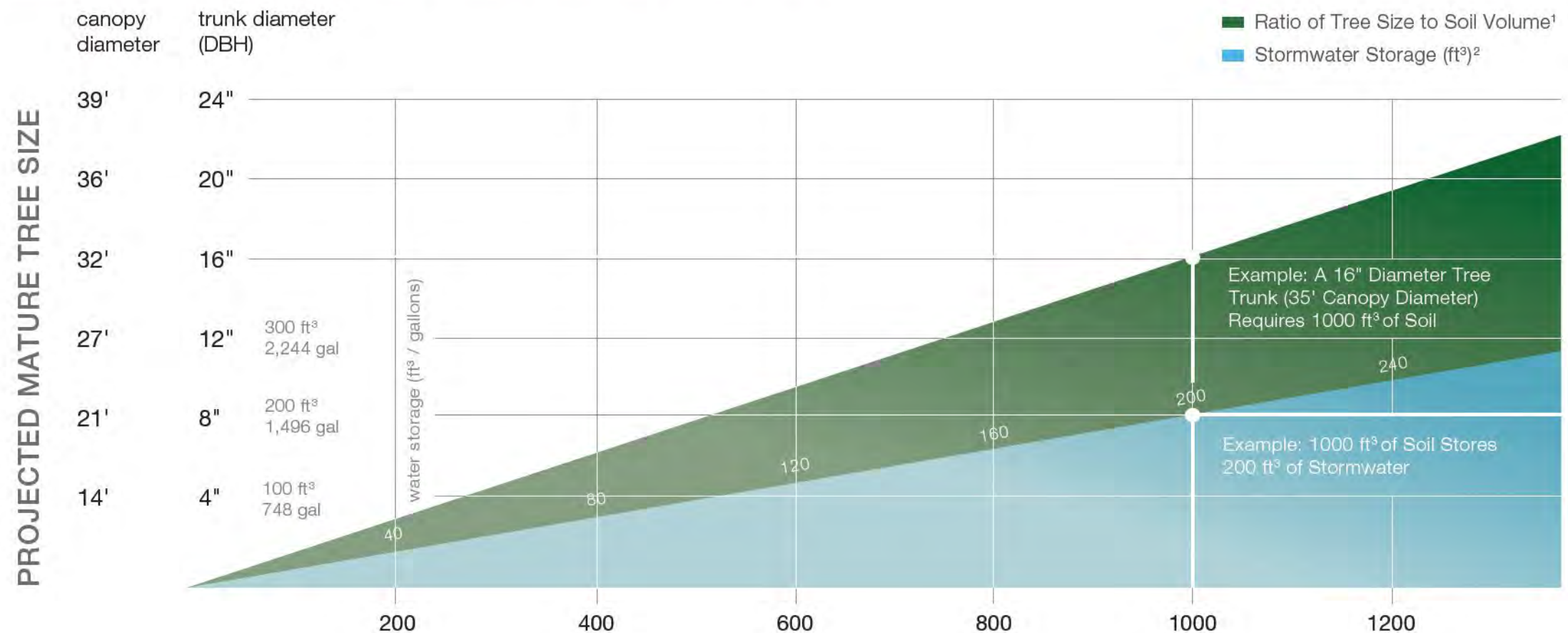
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# Soil and Street Trees

## HOW MUCH SOIL TO GROW A BIG TREE?



<http://www.deeproot.com/blog/blog-entries/our-recommended-soil-volume-for-urban-trees>



# A few good tools...

## Soil Volume Calculator

Probably the most critical factor in tree health and longevity is the provision of enough quality soil for the tree roots. When planning trees into urban projects, it is crucial that the target soil volume is established in the early design stages. This will maximise return on your green investments and ensure they grow quickly into large healthy specimens.

In a natural environment root systems can extend to 3 times the radius of the tree canopy. Probably the simplest way of calculating a minimum required soil volume is to take the projected canopy area of the mature tree, multiplied by a depth of 0.6. The shape of this area can be configured to suit the particular site.

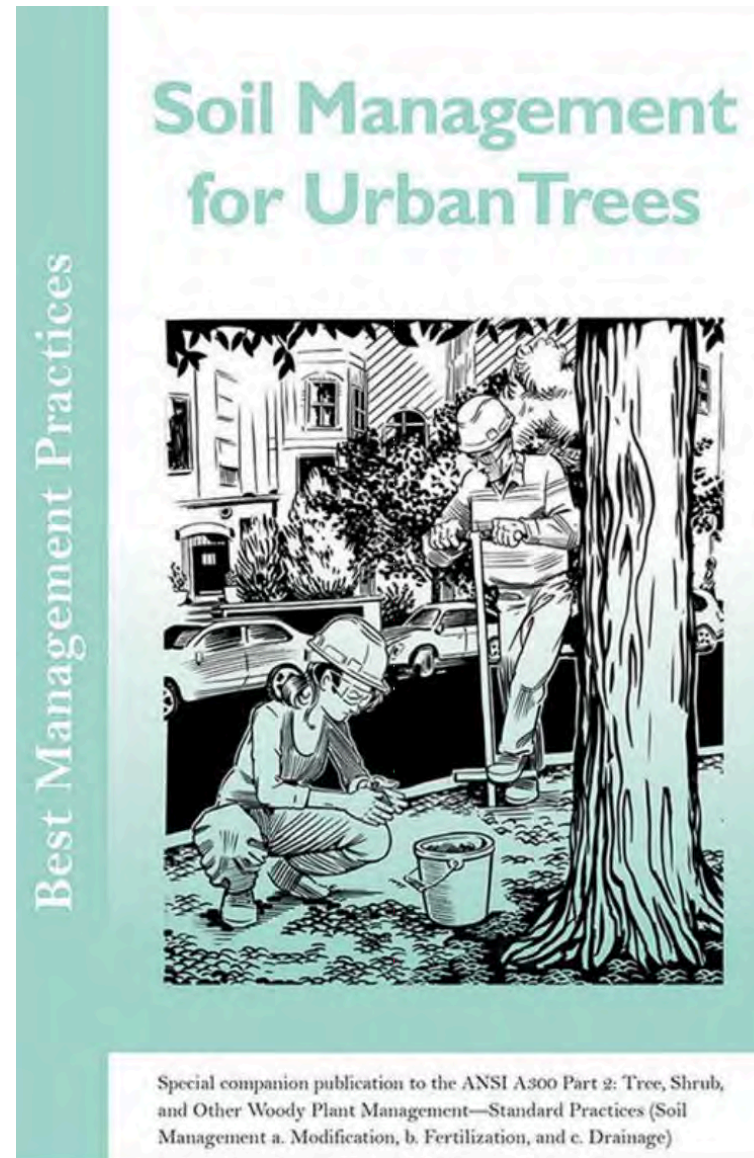
ENTER PROJECTED MATURE CANOPY  
DIAMETER IN FEET OR METERS:

TARGET SOIL VOLUME FOR MY TREE:

<https://www.greenblue.com/na/resources/soil-calculator/>

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Bryant Scharenbroch, E. Thomas Smiley, and Wes Kocher  
<https://www.isa-arbor.com/store/product/863/cid/117/>



## **Historical Accumulation of Nonindigenous Forest Pests in the Continental United States**

BioScience • December 2010 / Vol. 60 No. 11

JULIANN E. AUKEMA, DEBORAH G. McCULLOUGH, BETSY VON HOLLE, ANDREW M. LIEBHOLD,  
KERRY BRITTON, AND SUSAN J. FRANKEL

*Nonindigenous forest insects and pathogens affect a range of ecosystems, industries, and property owners in the United States. Evaluating temporal patterns in the accumulation of these nonindigenous forest pests can inform regulatory and policy decisions. We compiled a comprehensive list to assess the accumulation rates of nonindigenous forest insects and pathogens established in the United States. More than 450 nonindigenous insects and at least 16 pathogens have colonized forest and urban trees since European settlement. Approximately 2.5 established nonindigenous forest insects per year were detected in the United States between 1860 and 2006. At least 14% of these insects and all 16 pathogens have caused notable damage to trees. Although sap feeders and foliage feeders dominated the comprehensive list, phloem- and wood-boring insects and bark beetles were often more damaging than expected. Detections of insects that feed on phloem or wood have increased markedly in recent years.*

# Invasive Pests

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## Don't Help Invasive Species!

Use local firewood.

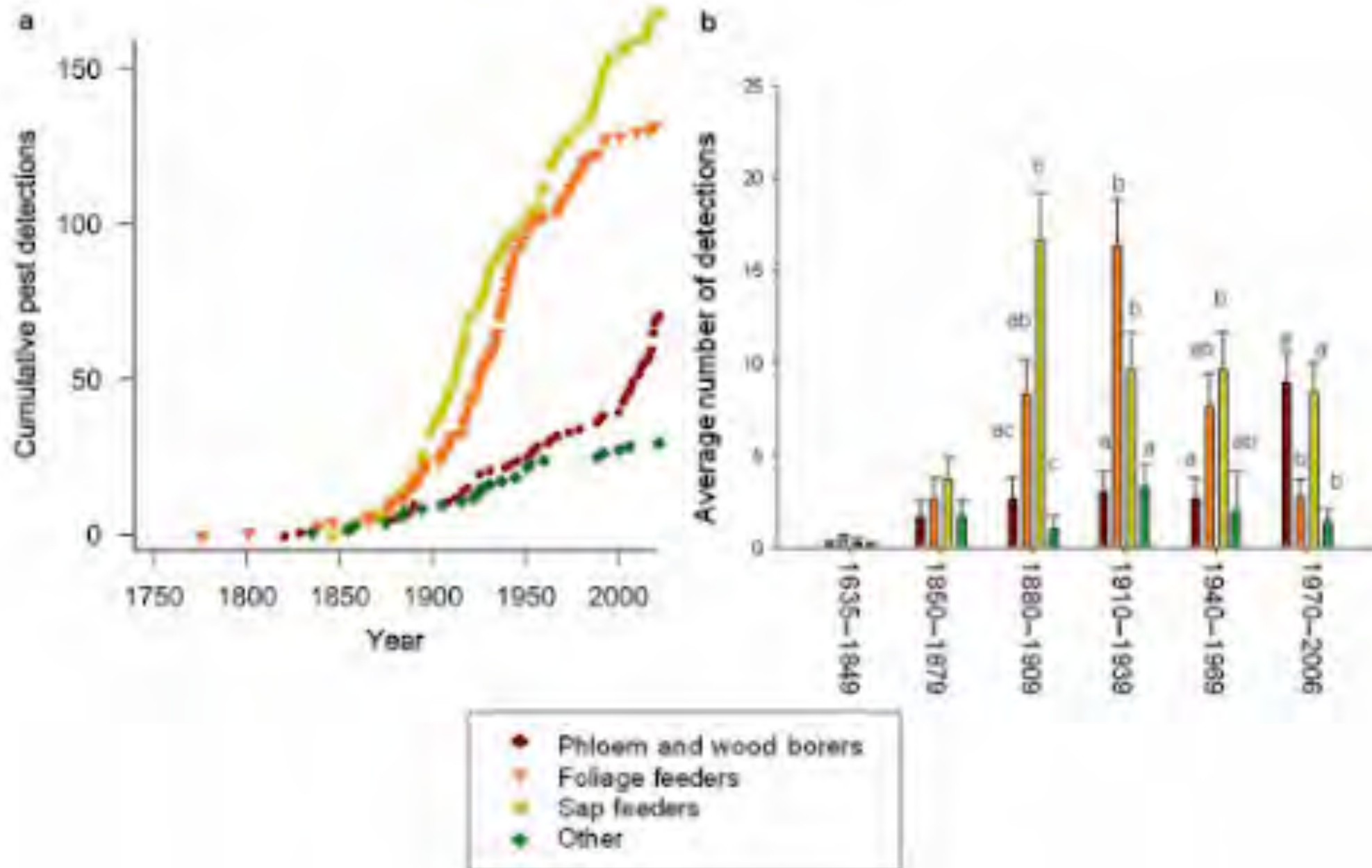
Moving firewood can help to transport invasive species to new and vulnerable areas. Please make sure that you use local or certified wood.





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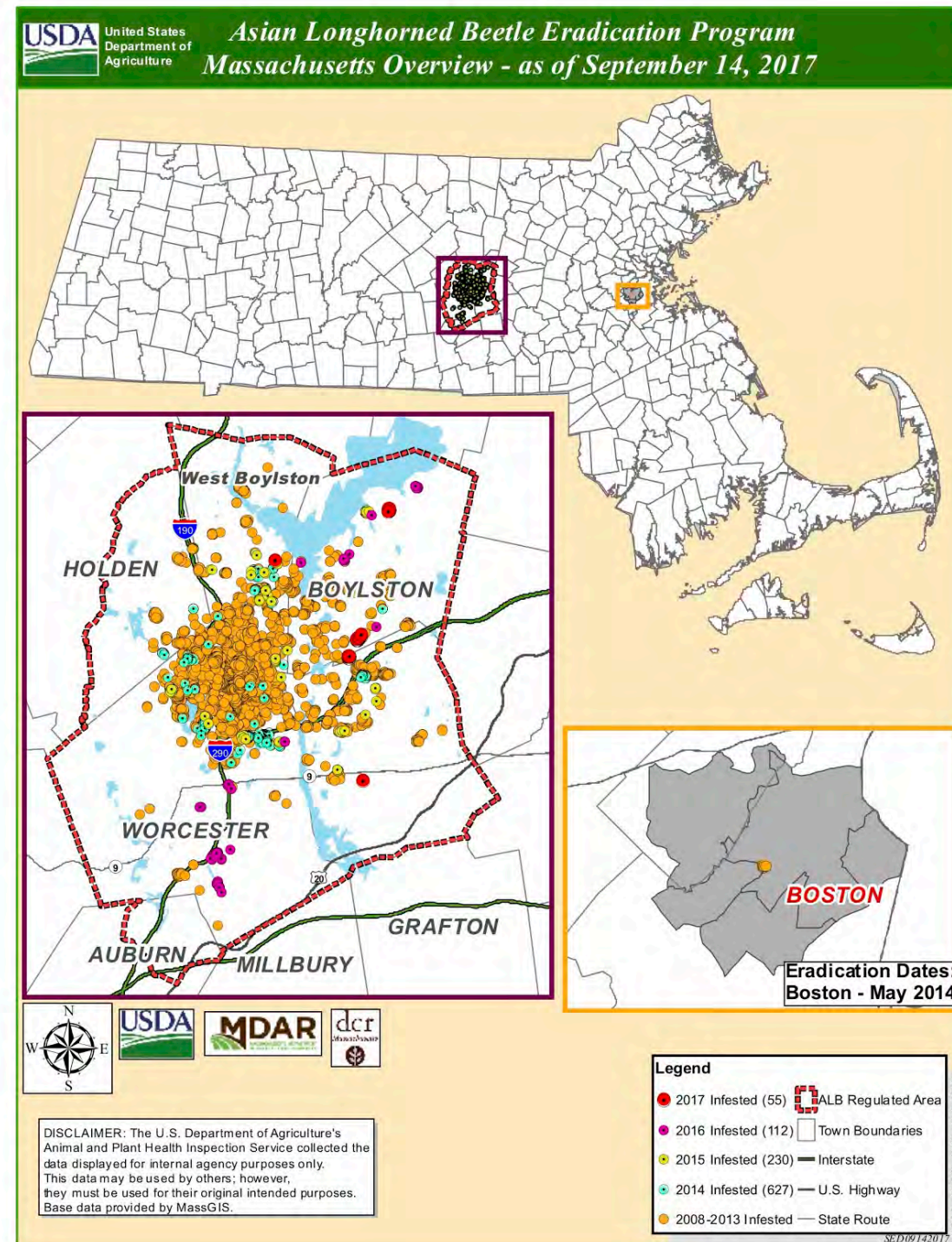
# Invasive Pests

## Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

State	Base case		
	Ash trees (1000s)	Ash trees treated or removed (1000s)	Cost (2009 \$ millions)
Arkansas	3299	492	240
Connecticut	556	11	4
Delaware	42	41	22
Illinois	5474	3497	2120
Indiana	944	527	333
Iowa	1149	611	321
Kentucky	263	228	127
Maine	968	531	255
Maryland	940	883	533
Massachusetts	811	46	18
Michigan	1719	353	230
Minnesota	1842	583	260
Missouri	4449	3111	1680
New Hampshire	518	259	121
New Jersey	1435	630	286
New York	2047	419	203
North Carolina	662	185	84
Ohio	1428	598	376
Pennsylvania	1850	1347	786
South Carolina	85	2	1
Tennessee	4485	811	336
Vermont	101	93	52
Virginia and District of Columbia	1334	1126	641
West Virginia	409	405	237
Wisconsin	1092	988	566
Total	37.902	17.777	9832



# Asian Longhorned Beetle



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## TREES AT RISK

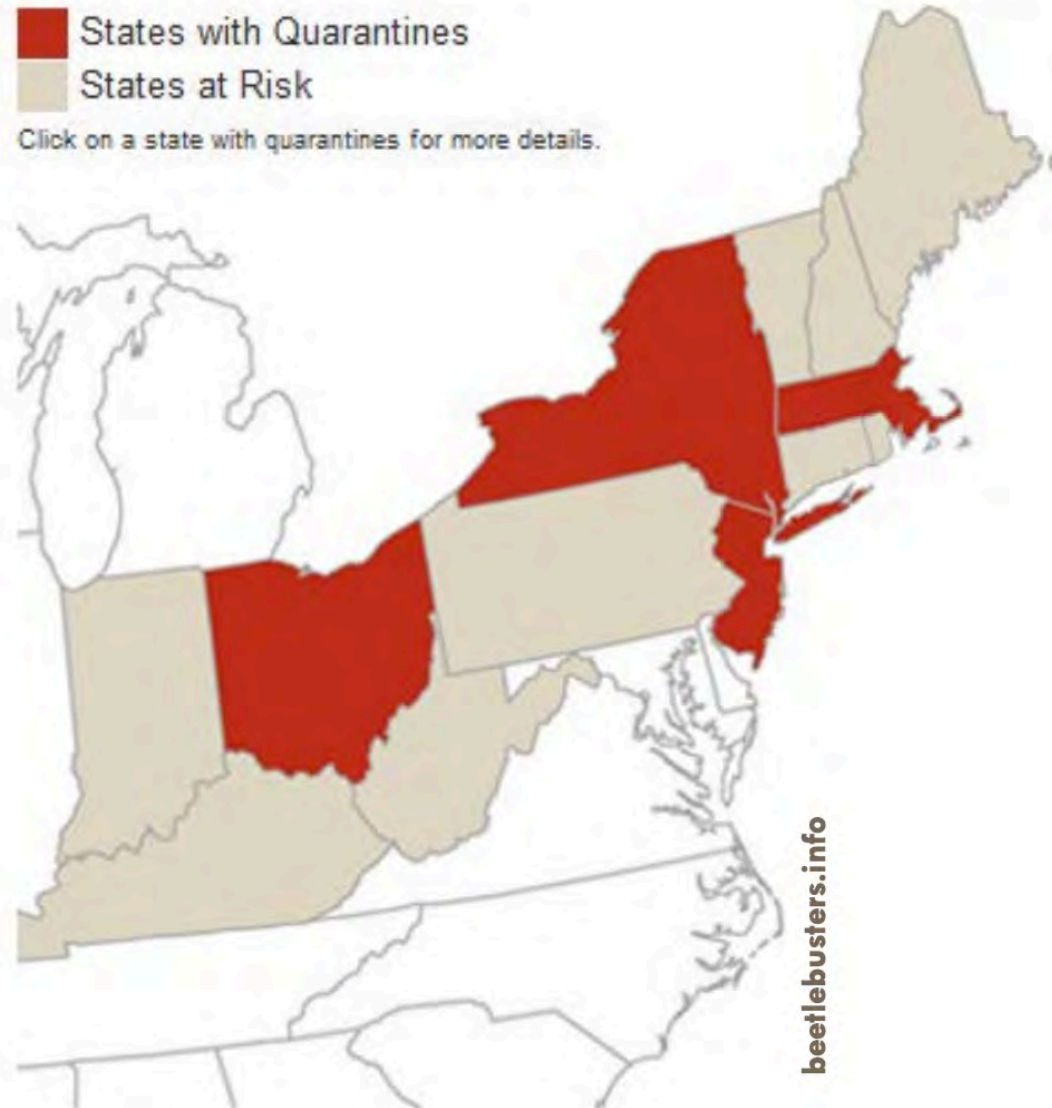
- Ash
- Birch
- Elm
- Goldenrain tree
- Hackberry
- Horsechestnut
- Katsura
- London Planetree
- Maple
- Mimosa
- Mountainash
- Poplar
- Willow

beetlebusters.info

## ARE YOUR TREES AT RISK?

- States with Quarantines
- States at Risk

Click on a state with quarantines for more details.

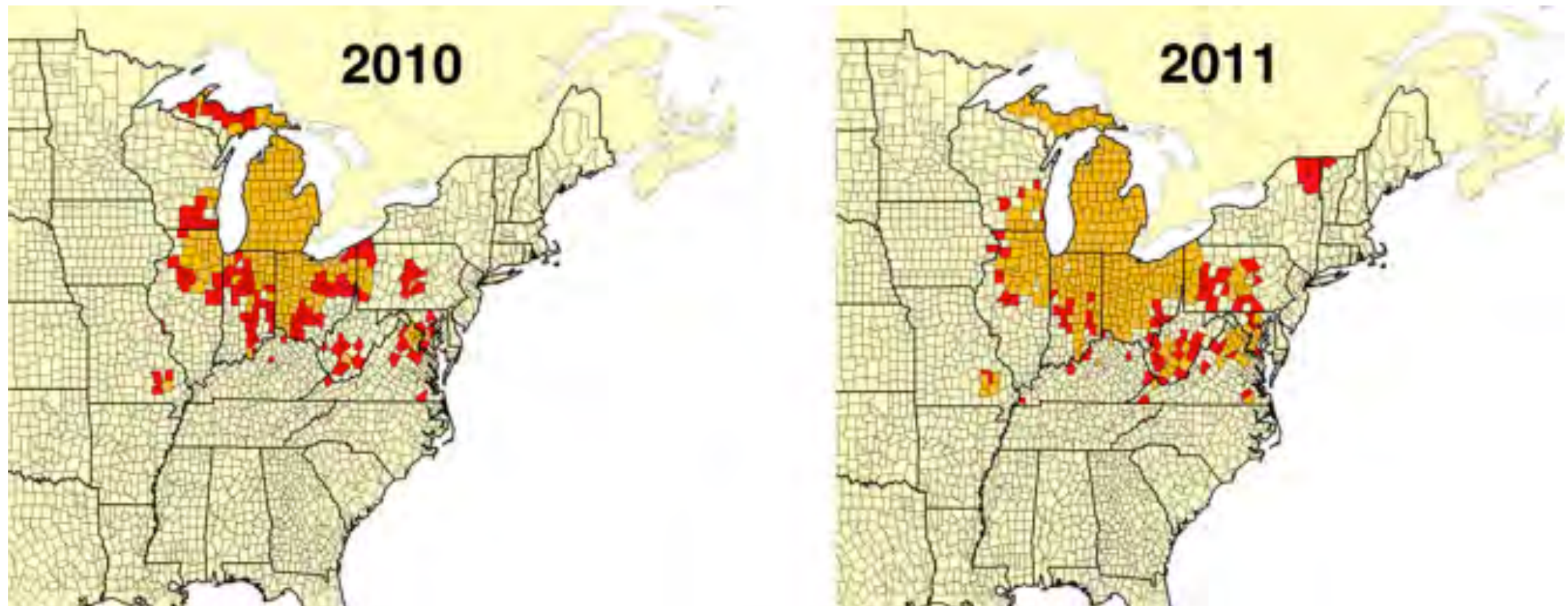


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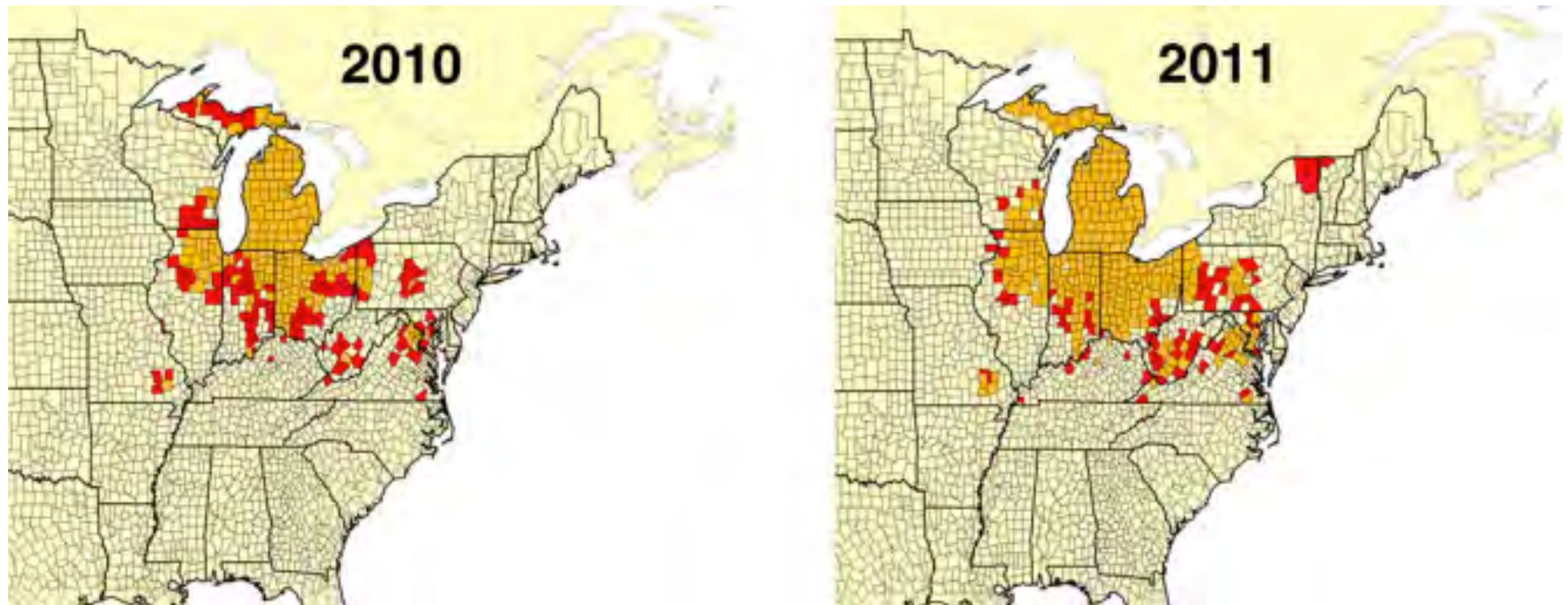
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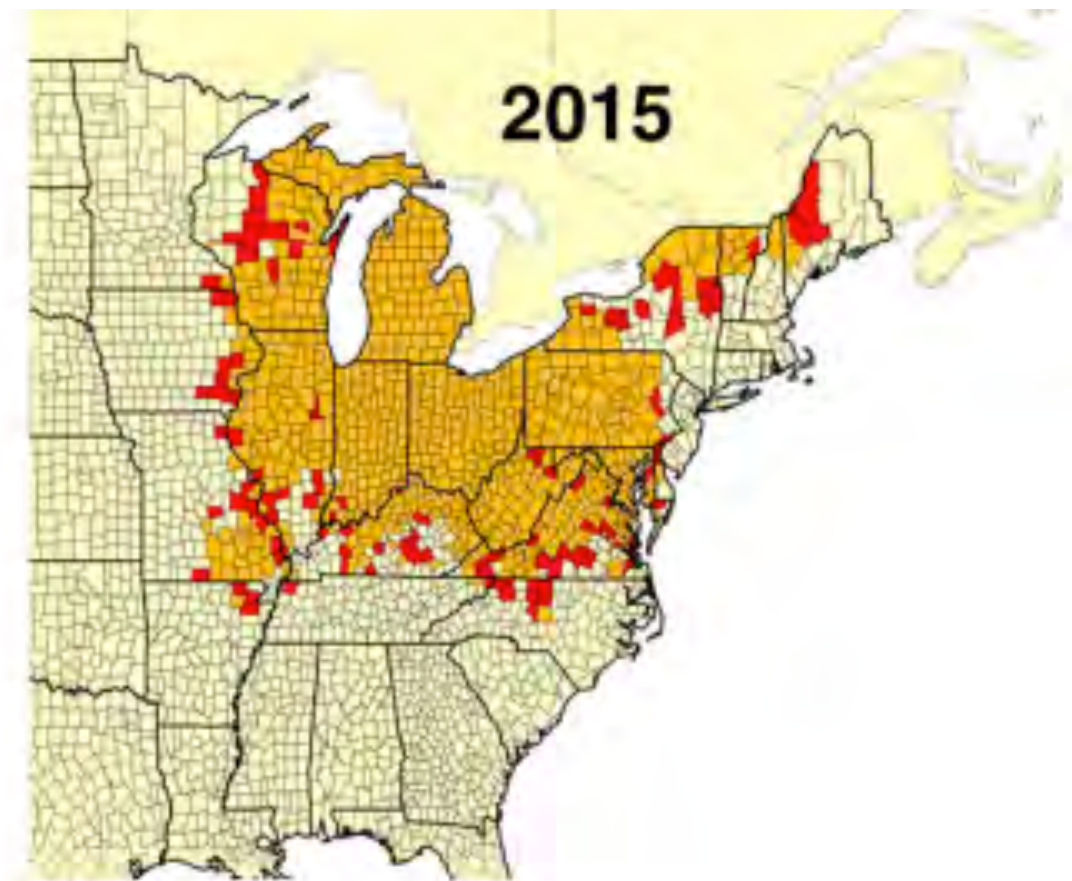
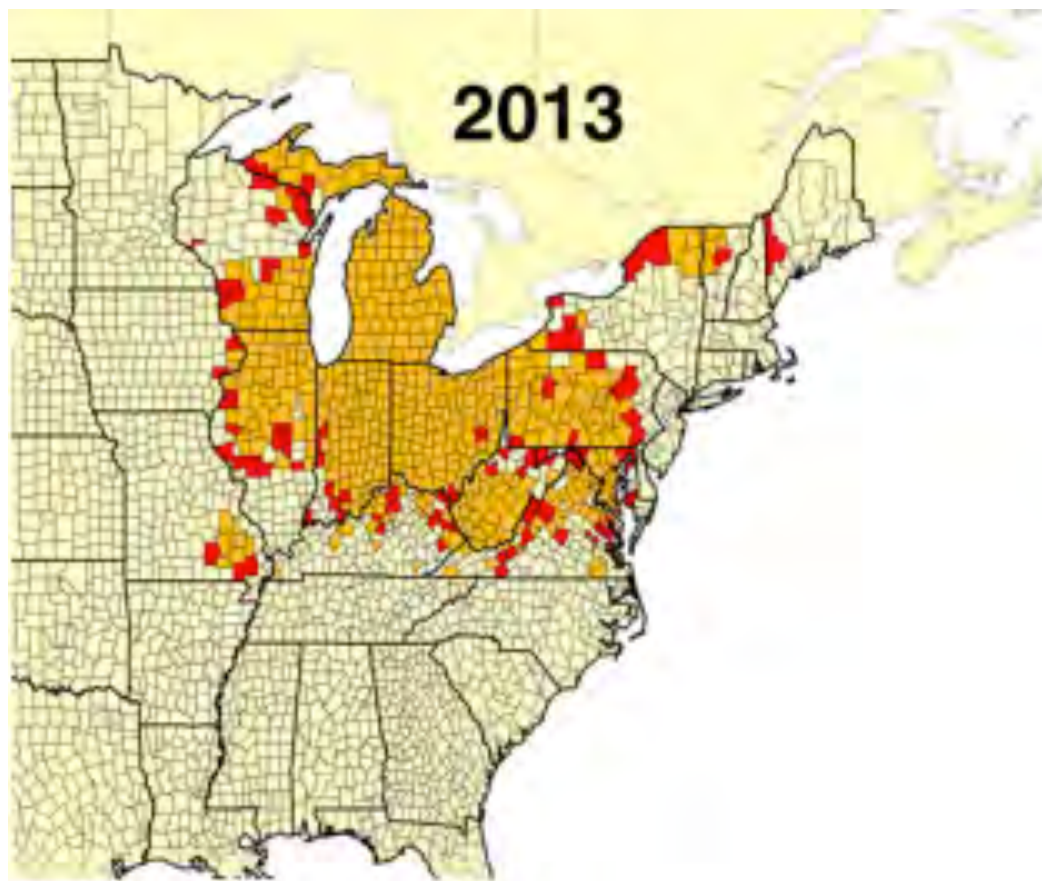
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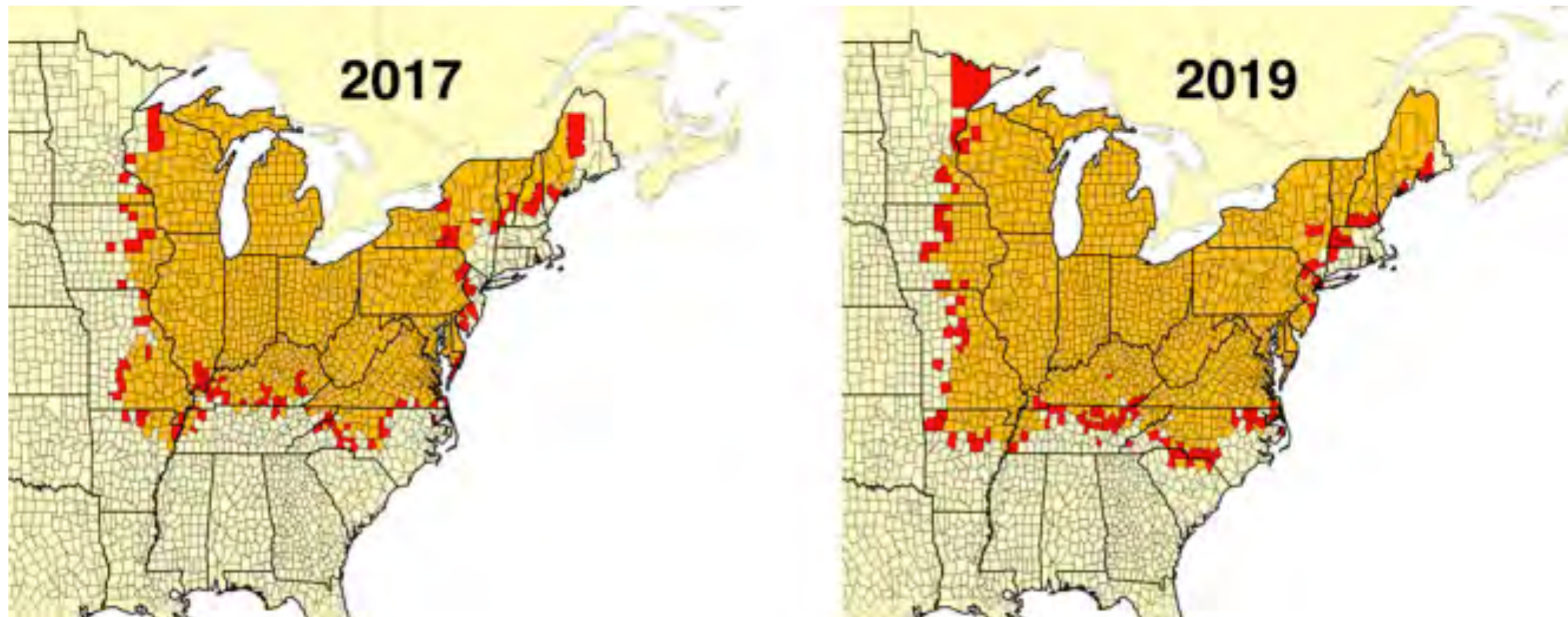
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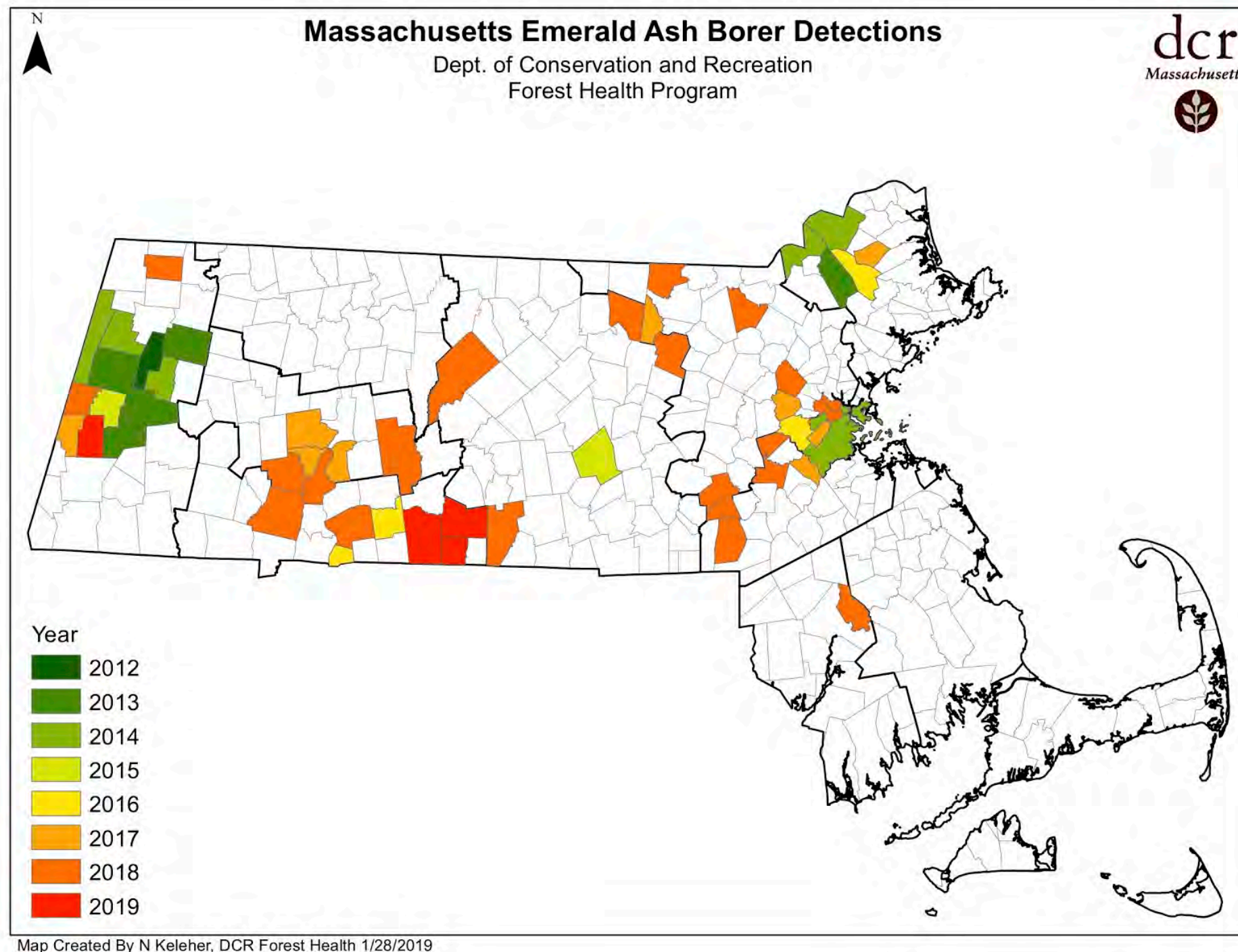
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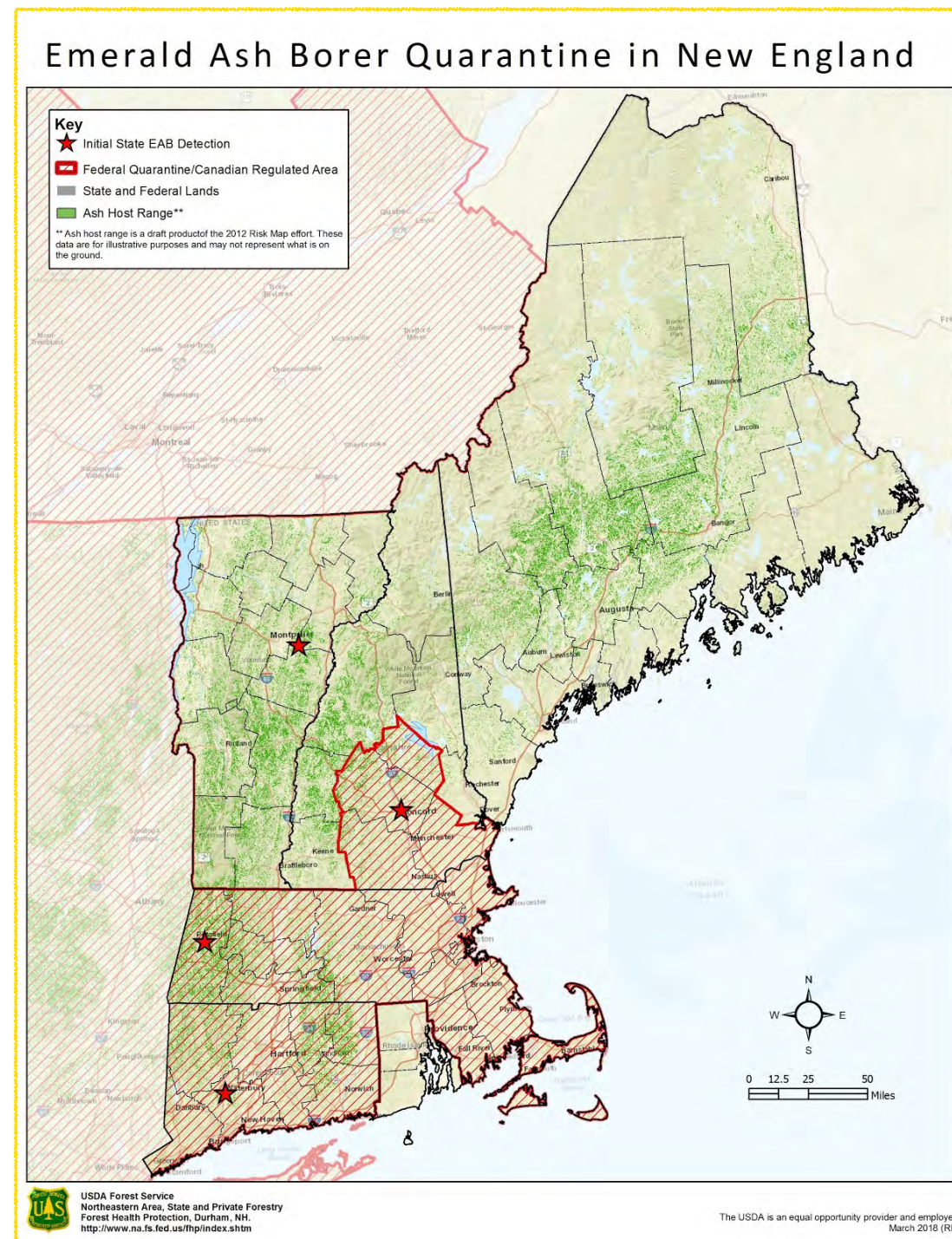




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## Emerald Ash Borer Online Course

Developed by: [Eric Wiseman](#), [Sarah Gugercin](#), [Dave Close](#), and Heather Boyd

Funded by: The USDA Forest Service, [Forest Health Protection](#)

The course comprises of six training modules and is hosted on the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) Training Site.

[More information about this module](#)

To take the modules, you must first [create a new account](#) (free) on the NPDN website.

Once you have registered with NPDN, you will be taken to the training module page where you will find the links to the six emerald ash borer modules (or [click here](#)).

If you plan to take this course for Continuing Education Units (CEU's), you must receive a 70% on all 5 post-tests.

Once you have successfully completed the tests, a link to the certificate of completion (.pdf) appears above your module scores.

**You must email or send this certificate to your organization in order to receive CEU's.**

Organizations that have approved this course for 1.5 CEU's:



## Related Links

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### Climate striker Greta Thunberg nominated for Nobel peace prize



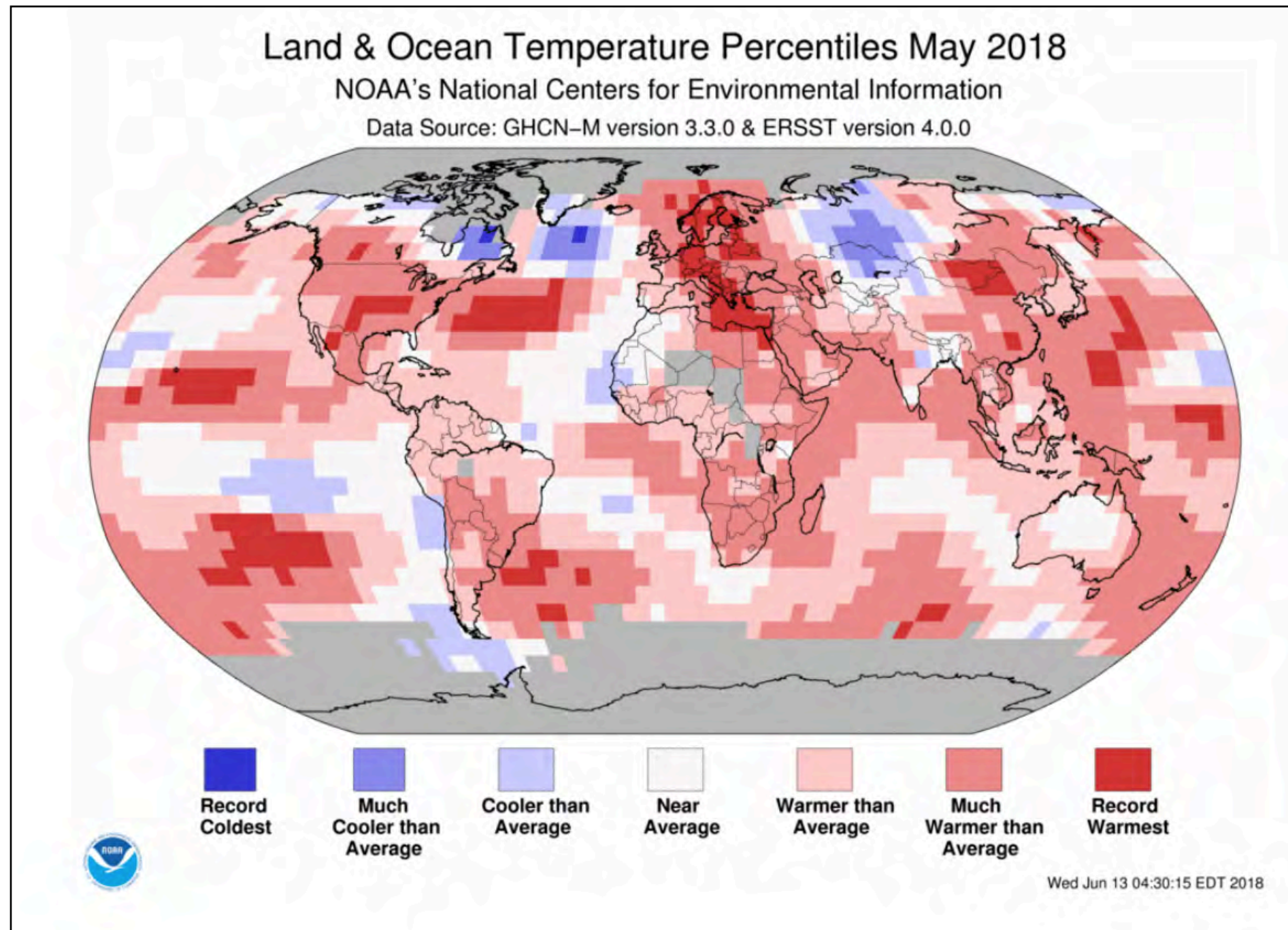
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Greta Thunberg was invited to speak at the World Economic Forum in Davos  
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TORNADO CENTRAL

## Rare January Tornadoes Touch Down in Ohio and Pennsylvania

By Jonathan Erdman · January 09 2019 10:45 AM EDT · weather.com



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### Tornado Victims Face Their Losses

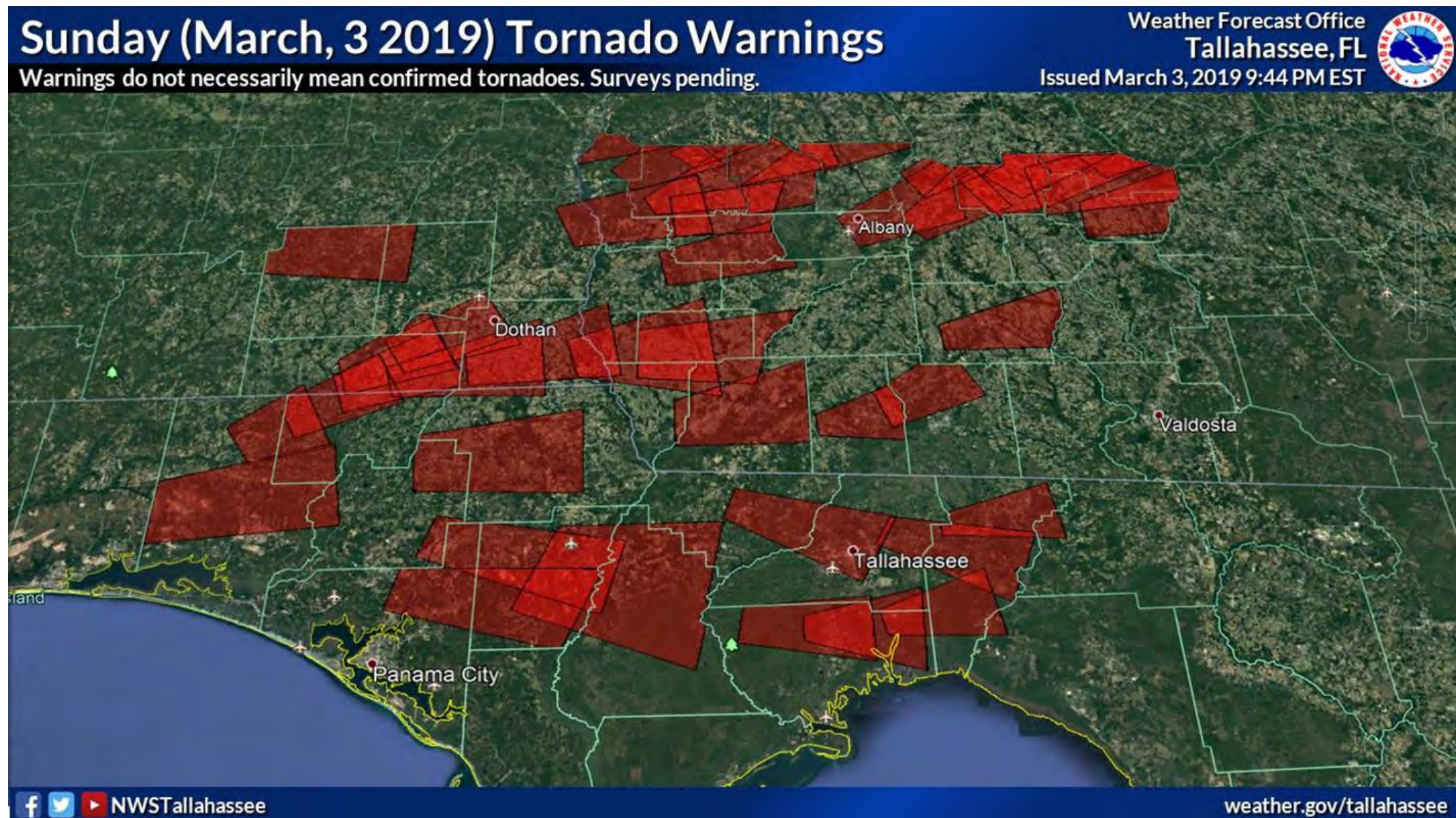
The Weather Channel meteorologist Reynolds Wolf talked to victims of Sunday's deadly tornadoes in Alabama.

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March 3, 2019 - Tallahassee, FL

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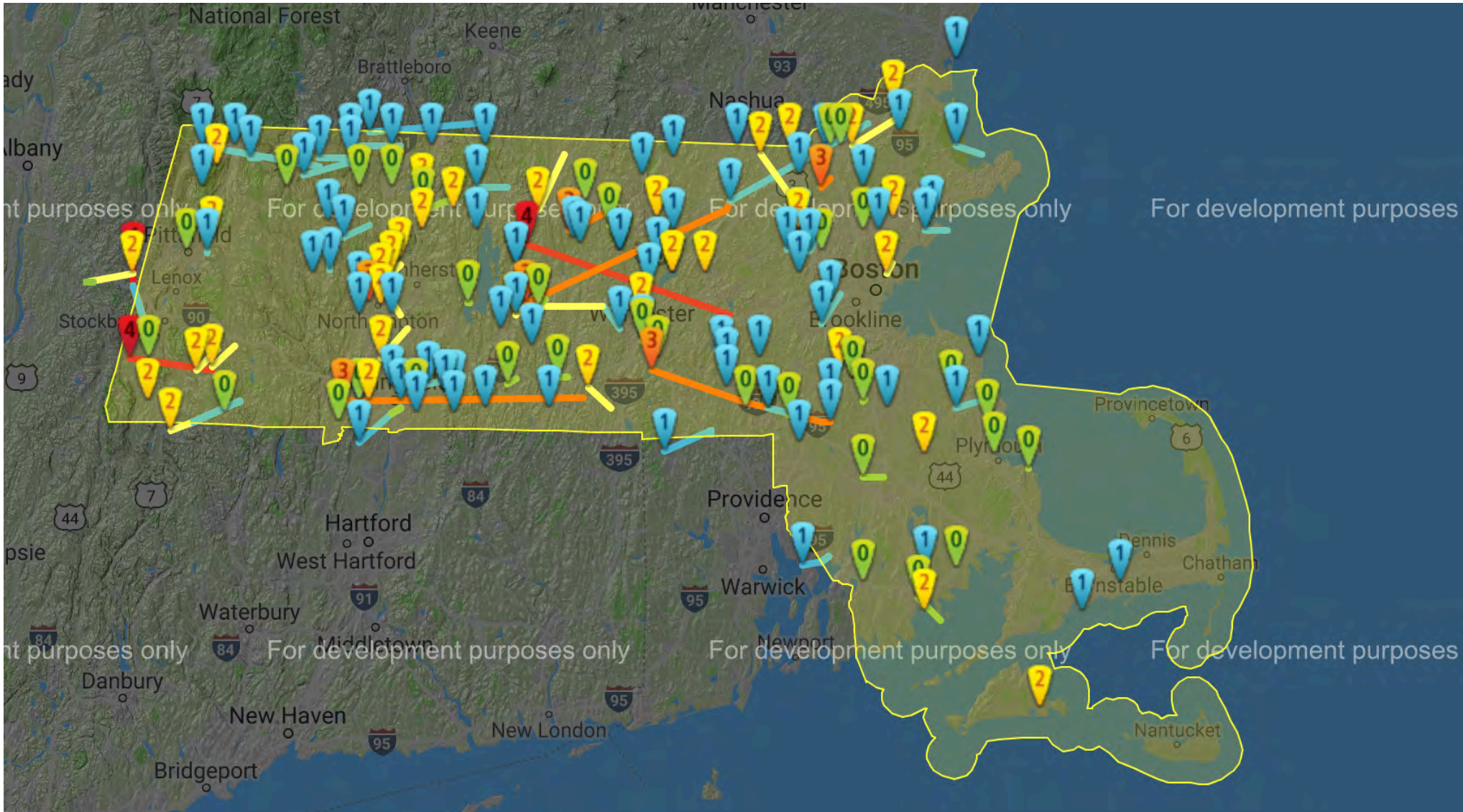
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March 3, 2019 - Lee County, AL

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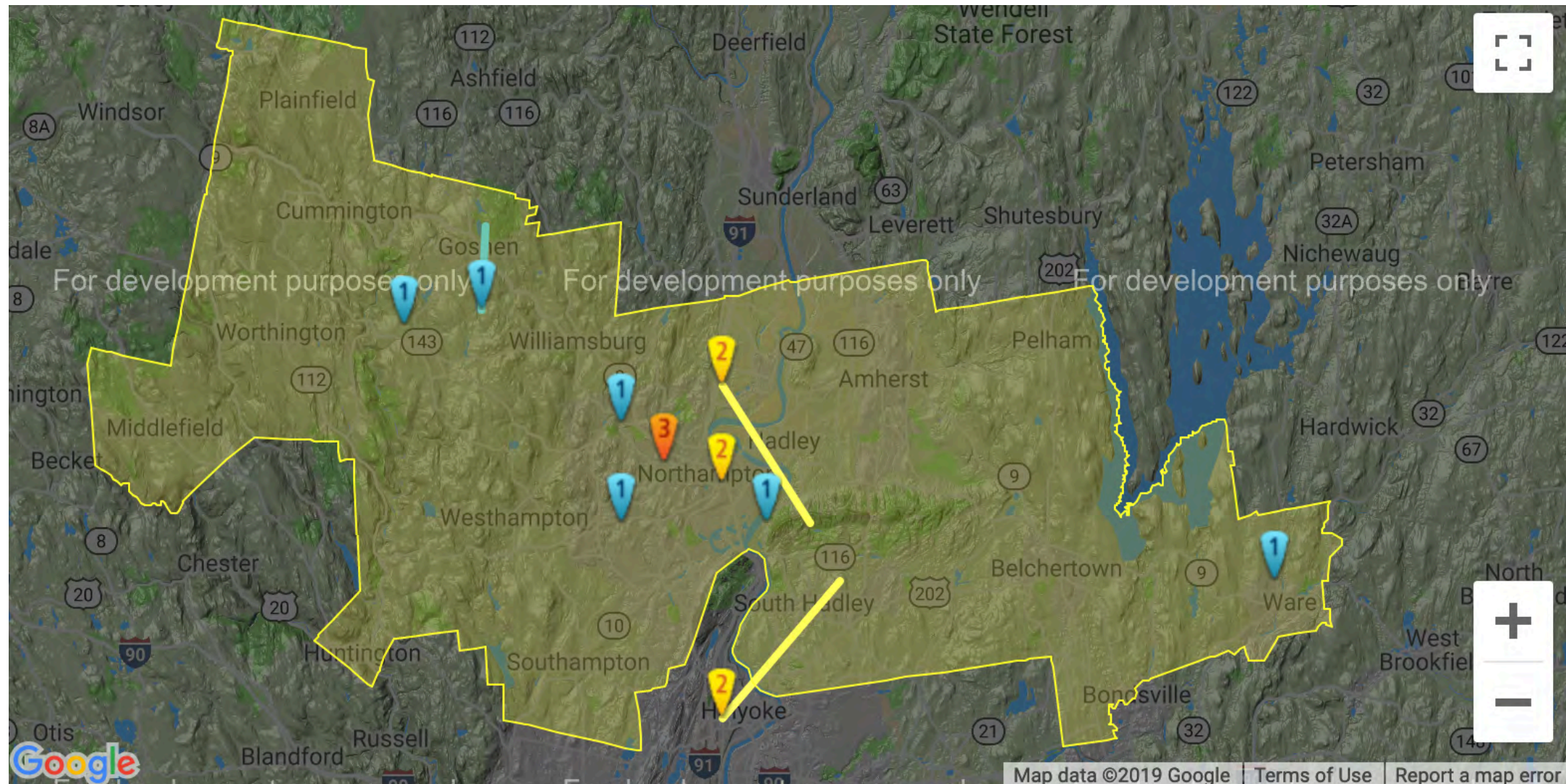


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Hampshire County 1950 - 2019  
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### REPORT TO CLINTON HAS A MIXED VIEW ON MINORITY PLANS

#### A POLITICAL ASSESSMENT

Principle of Affirmative Action is Backed but Some Efforts Are Said to Be Unfair

By ROBERT FEAR

WASHINGTON, May 28 — In a sweeping review of the Government's affirmative action programs, Clinton Administration officials have concluded that racial bias and other preferences based on race or sex are justified in education and employment, but they have problems with some purchase programs that reserve Federal contracts for companies owned by blacks or women.

A confidential report prepared for President Clinton and analyzed by the White House's Office of Management and Enterprise, the report, prepared by Robert F. Fear, a senior adviser to the President, says that the principle of affirmative action is backed but some efforts are said to be unfair.

### Behind 'Patriots,' A Shared Distast

Many people in the right-wing Patriots Movement share an old view of America that government officials are letting constitutional freedoms erode. Many of them have a deep-seated dislike for the Clinton administration.

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### When Young Break the Law, A Town Charges the Parents

By JIMMYE Egan

SILVERTON, Ore., May 28 — Municipal Court in this Williams Valley town of 600 people has a new class of defendants: parents. The court is charging parents with the crimes of their children.

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A riot police officer on a rooftop during an action yesterday that ended with the rioters being evicted from two buildings on East 13th Street in Manhattan. The rioters built barricades of old furniture.

### NO SIGN IN JAPAN OF DEAL ON TRADE

Top Official Says Tokyo Has Run Out of Compromises

By DAVID K. SANGER

TOKYO, May 28 — The Japanese government's managing the trade dispute with the United States has run out of compromises, according to a senior Japanese official.

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### U.S. SET TO OFFER AID TO REINFORCE U.N. BOSNIA TROOPS

#### Serbs Now See Peacekeepers As the Enemy

By ROGER COHEN

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 28 — The Bosnian Serbs rejected today a U.S. offer to reinforce United Nations peacekeepers in Bosnia.

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### HINTS LARGER ROLE

Door Left Open to Send American Soldiers to Help U.N. Regroup

By ALISON MITCHELL

WASHINGTON, May 28 — United States officials and lawmakers said the Clinton Administration was prepared to send American troops to Bosnia.

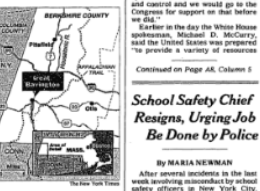
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### Riot Police Remove 31 Squatters From Two East Village Buildings

With a show of force behind a small invasion, the Police Department seized two East Village tenements yesterday, removing 31 squatters who had taken refuge in the buildings.



Riot police officers in riot gear during an action yesterday that ended with the rioters being evicted from two buildings on East 13th Street in Manhattan.



A map of Berkshire County, Mass., showing the location of Great Barrington.

### In Berkshires, Death and Awe

A tornado that struck Great Barrington, Mass., on Monday cut a swath of destruction as wide as 700 yards through the Berkshire Hills.

### INSIDE

#### Looking Like a Contender

A Gates for competitive technology may be built in a profitable area, and may also offer an answer to housing problems.

#### Teachers as Entrepreneurs

Teachers in private practice are a new twist on the idea of a teacher's union.

#### Limit Set on Rail Union Talks

For the first time, the N.T.A. has decided to force mediated mediation with railers' union, which could mean a strike against the Midwest.

#### There's Big, and There's BIG

North's biggest, and there's BIG. North's biggest, and there's BIG.



Alex E. Johnson for The New York Times



### In Berkshires, Death and Awe

A tornado that struck Great Barrington, Mass., on Monday cut a swath of destruction as wide as 700 yards through the Berkshire Hills, killing at least three people.

Great Barrington, MA - May 30, 1995

<http://www.nytimes.com>

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Great Barrington, MA - May 30, 1995

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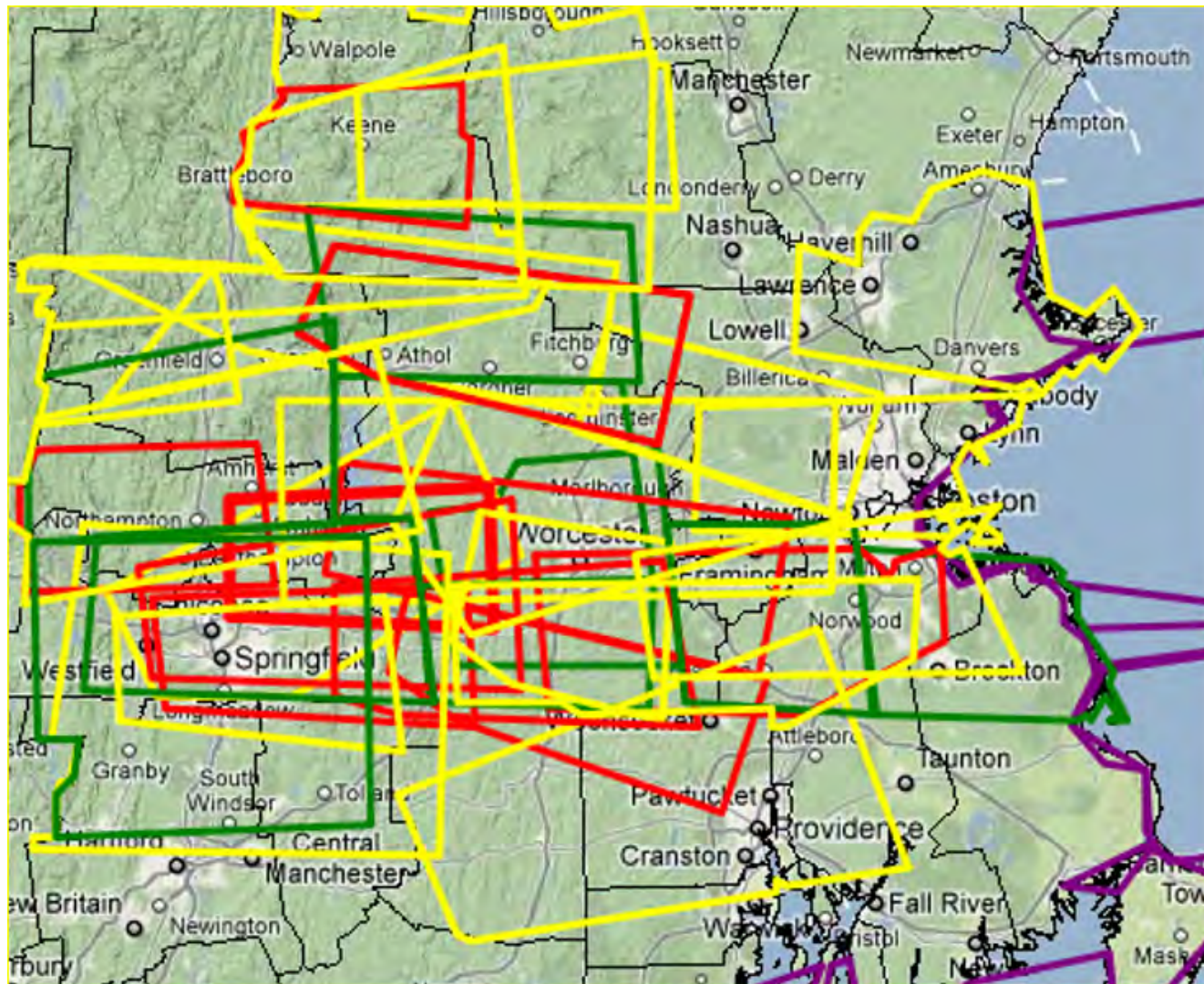
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Tornado Watch

Expires: 06/02/2011 12:00 AM  
Ma . Massachusetts  
Counties Included Are

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Hampden	Hampshire
Middlesex	Norfolk
Suffolk	Worcester

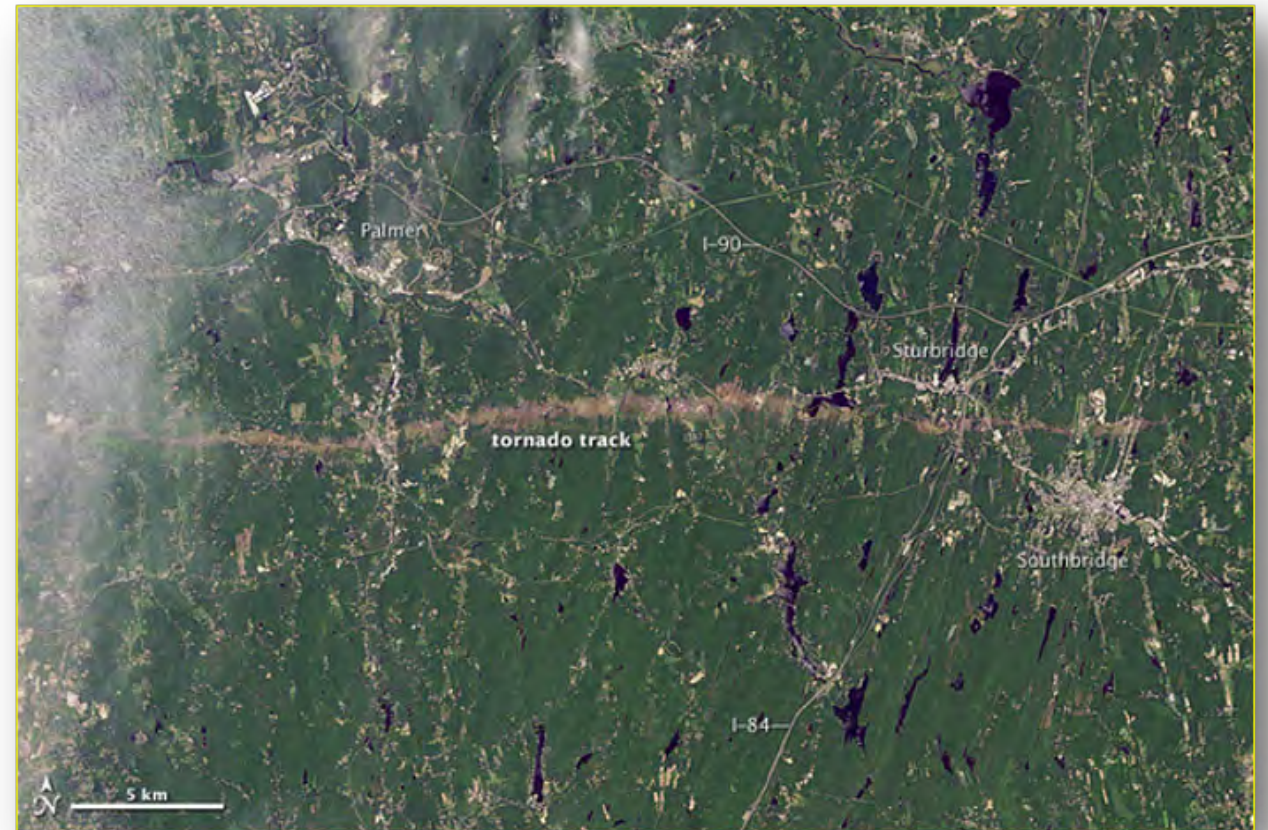
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Springfield, MA - June 1, 2011



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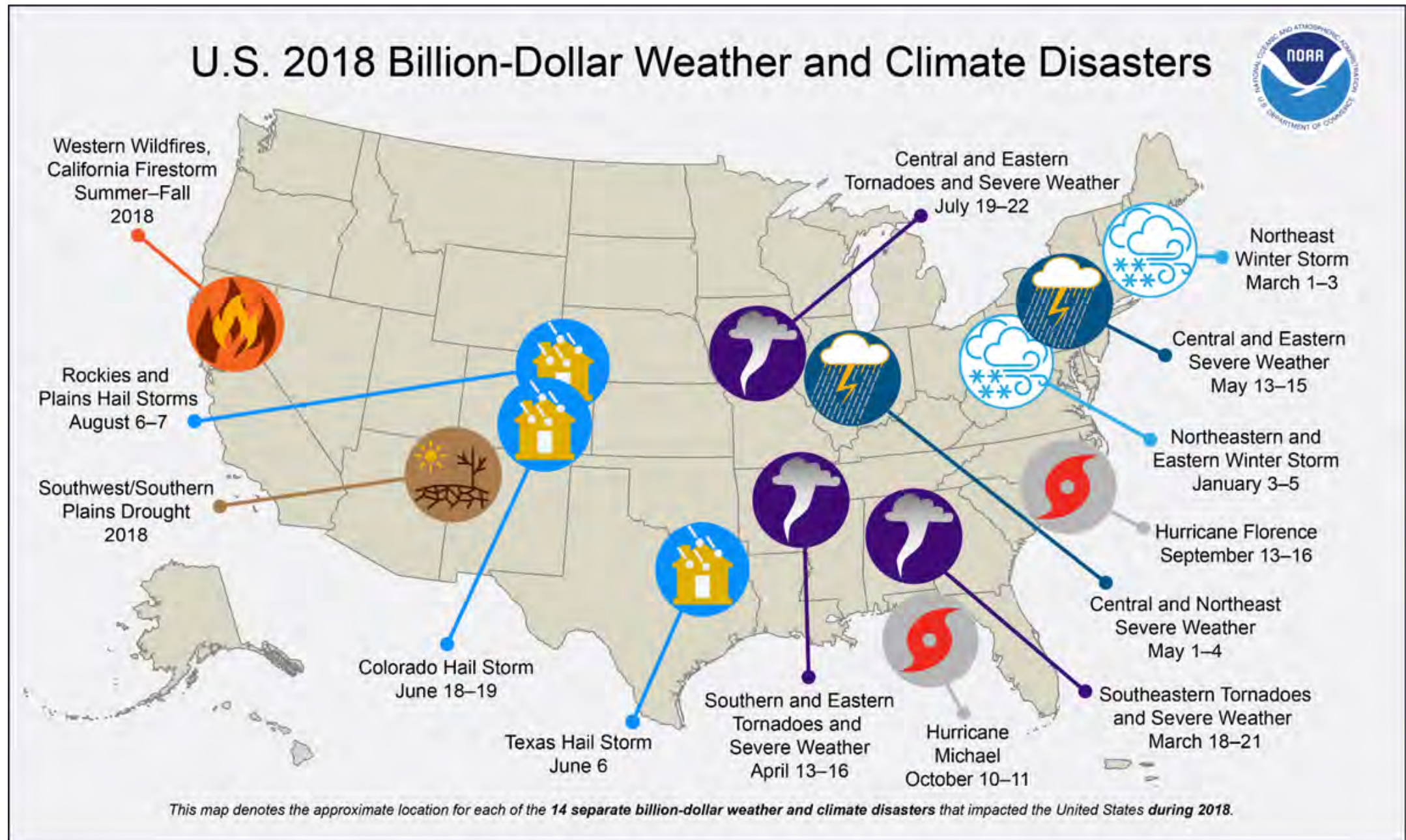


After centuries of reclaiming land, paving wetlands and building on floodplains, the Greater New York metro area was returned to its natural footprint, at least temporarily, by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

New York photo: Cameron Davidson/Corbis; New York map: G. Schlegel courtesy of wardmaps llc; Hurricane Sandy: NASA Earth Observatory/Robert Simmon/NASA/NOAA/GOES Project Science. Illustration by Dan Bishop/discover



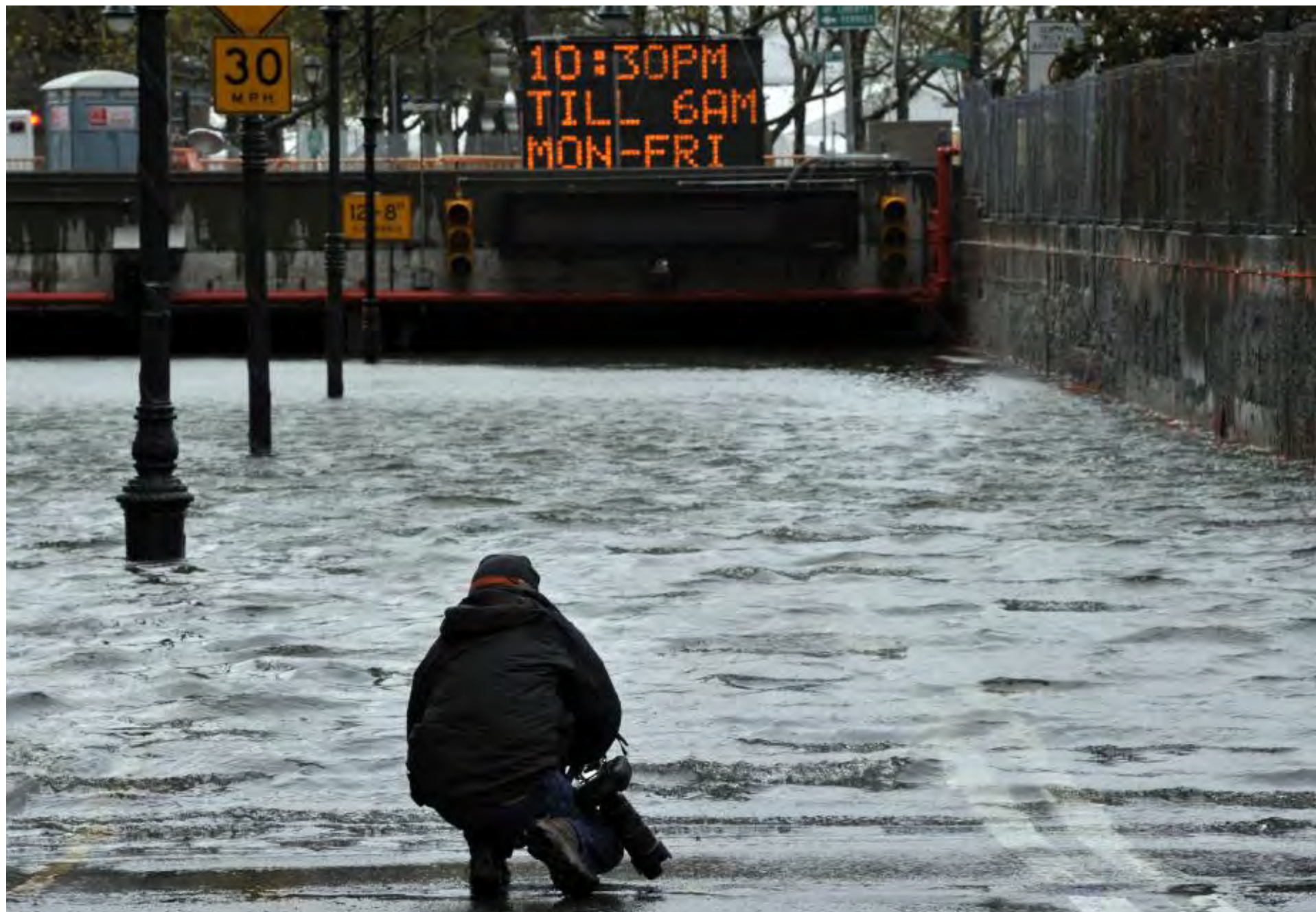
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New York City, October 30, 2012



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## **Deluge causes flooding, shuts road in Berkshires**



**The Green River rages on Friday at the bend by Mount Hope Park in Williamstown. Massive breaks of ice dammed along the shores as the raging waters swept tree trunks, ice chunks and other debris downstream.**

JENN SMITH - THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

Berkshire Eagle, January 12, 2018



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New York City, October 30, 2012

<http://www.nytimes.com>



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## Adams Declares State of Emergency to Deal With Flood Damage

By Jack Guerino

*iBerkshires Staff*

03:49AM / Friday, October 05, 2018

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ADAMS, Mass. — The Selectmen declared a state of emergency to allow for deficit spending to mitigate damage caused by mid-September rainstorms.

The board unanimously voted the declaration at Wednesday's meeting with hopes that it would also pave the way for possible state funding needed to address the near \$2 million in damages.

"It is a document and whether we use it to its fullest or not it opens the door for state aid," Emergency Management Director Richard Kleiner said. "It's a heads-up precautionary thing and some people may say it is like crying wolf, but I rather cry wolf and be prepared."

On Sept. 12 and 18, the town was hit by severe storms that left substantial flooding damage on Lime, Davis, North Summer, and Charles streets, among others.



Emergency Management Director Richard Kleiner tells the board he'd rather 'cry wolf' with the emergency declaration than miss it out potential state funding.



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### Irene's Floods Prove Deadly as Water Continues to Rise

*By Jerry A. DiColo, Cameron McWhirter and Emily Steel*

August 30, 2011

Hurricane Irene never packed the catastrophic winds of more famous tropical storms, but by the time its remnants finally blew into Canada Monday, it had proved to be a slow killer, leaving behind a vast swath of shattered communities and dozens of fatalities.

After churning up the Eastern seaboard and then pounding the suburbs of New York City, where the storm made landfall as a weakening hurricane Sunday morning, Irene unleashed torrential rains in Vermont. Rivers overflowed their banks, washed out roads and bridges

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#### RELATED VIDEO



#### Adding Up the Cost of Hurricane Irene

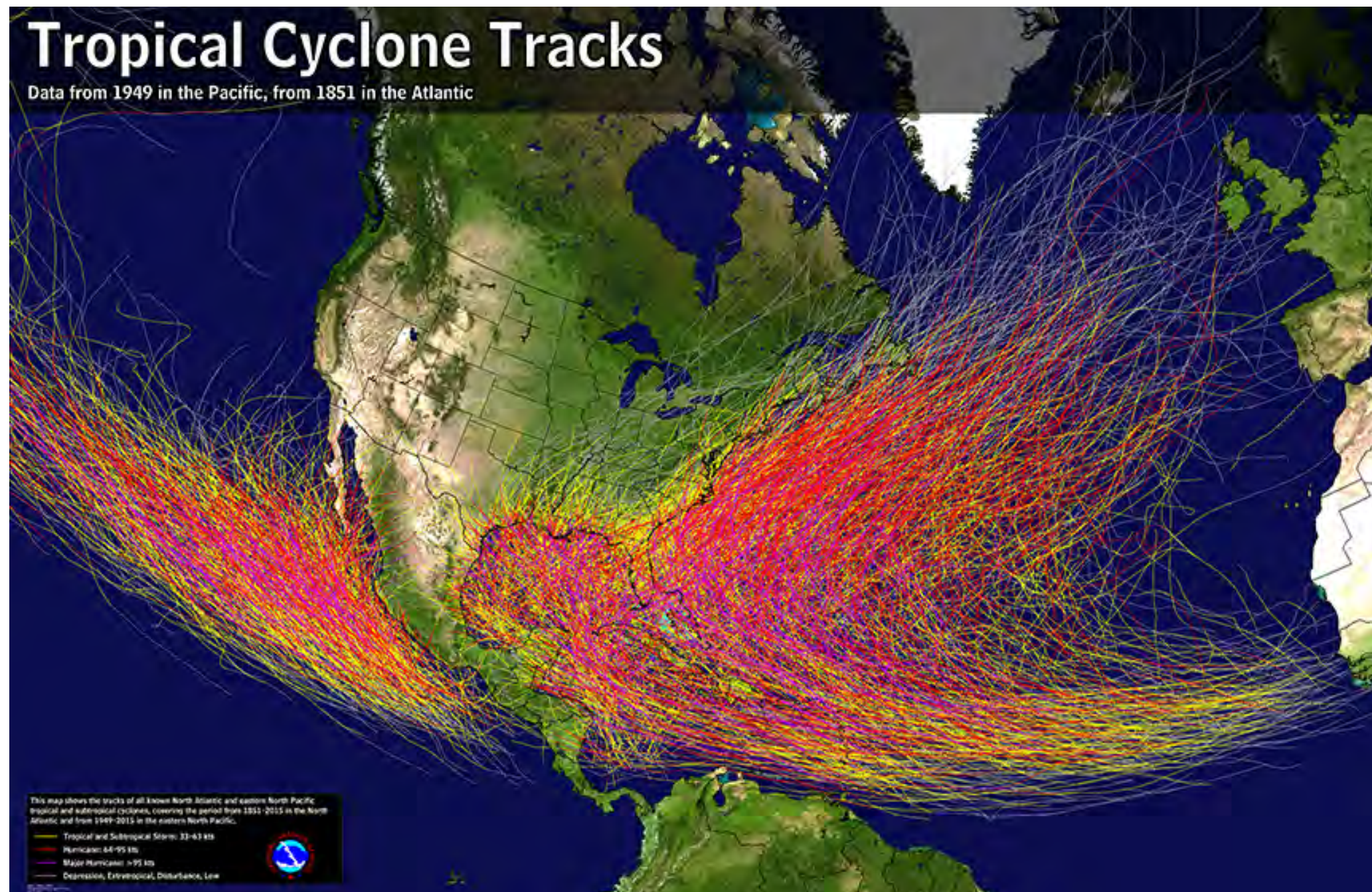
Early estimates suggest Hurricane Irene caused somewhere around \$8 billion in damages and business interruptions, and some economists believe the overall economic toll could reach \$16 billion. Conor Dougherty has the last on The News Hub.

WSJ, August 30, 2011



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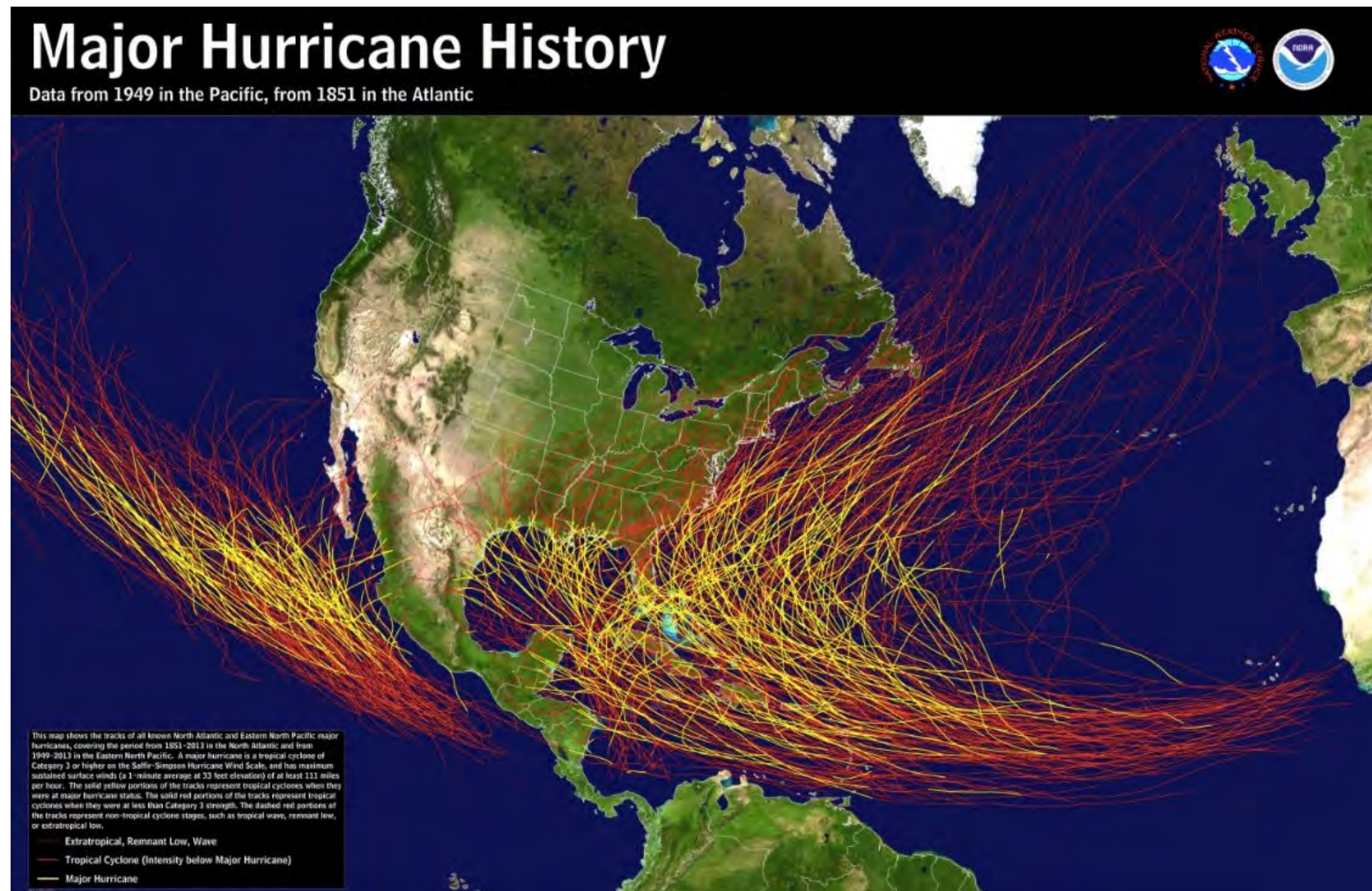
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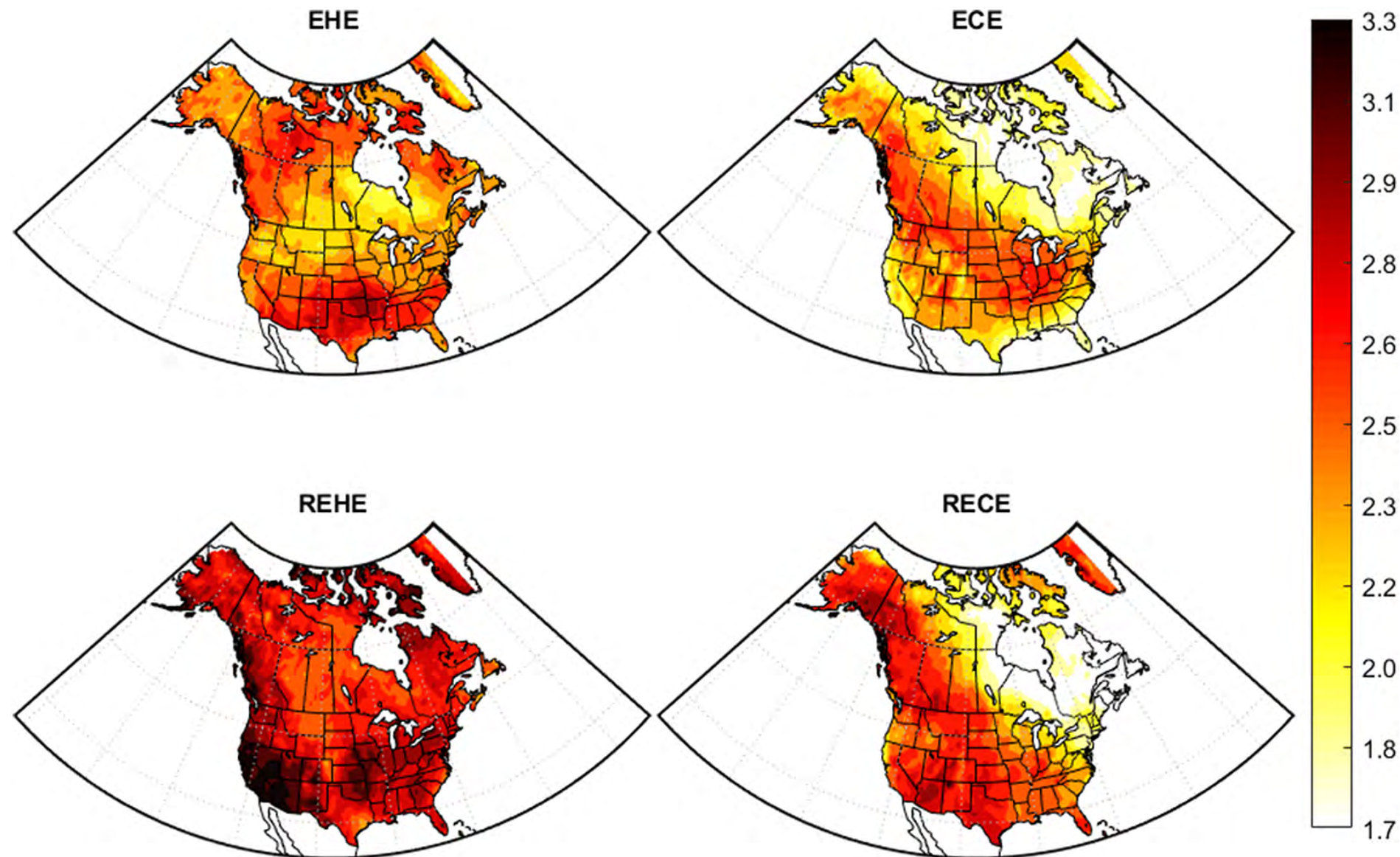
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Mean number of extreme temperature events in days per year.

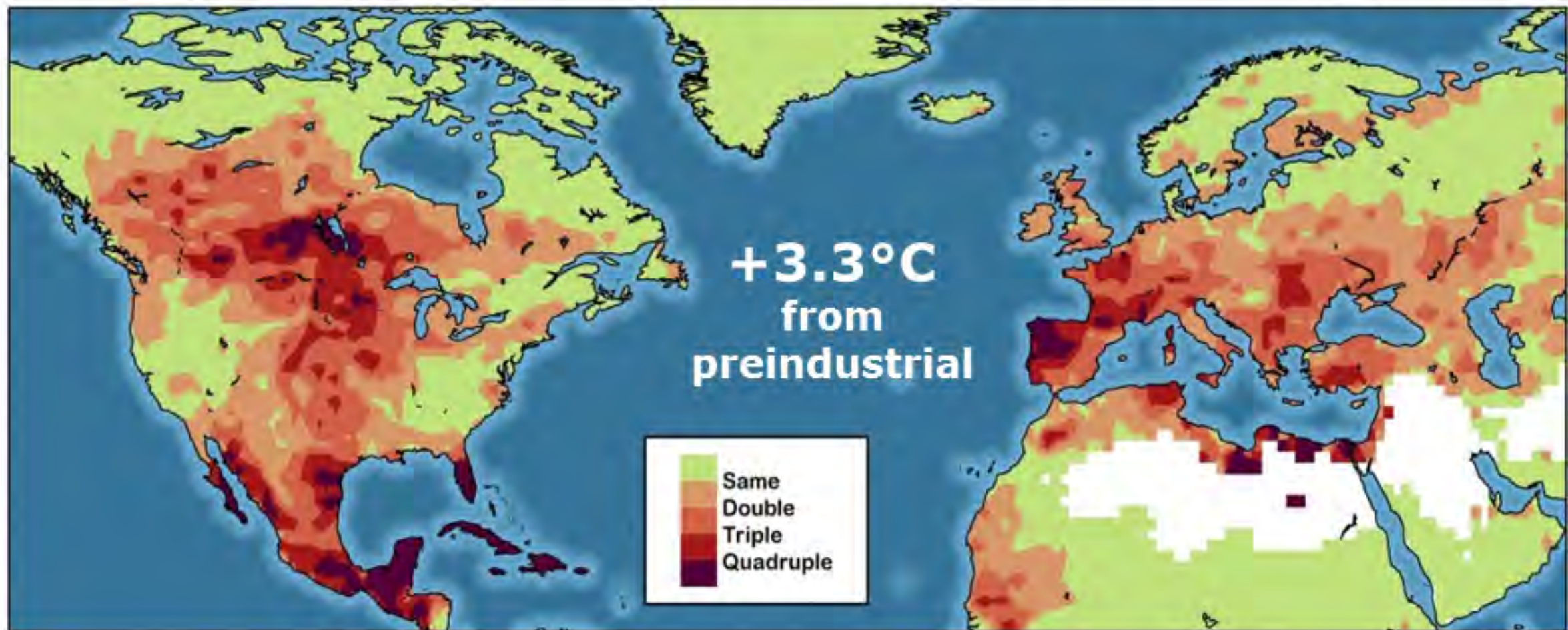


**EHE** = excess heat event;  
**ECE** = excess cold event;  
**REHE** = relative excess heat event;  
**RECE** = relative excess cold event.



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*Change in the likelihood of summer season drought (defined as a once in ten years event for the late 20th century) by the end of the 21st century, according to multi-decade simulations with the operational model of the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) based on the A1b scenario of the IPCC.*



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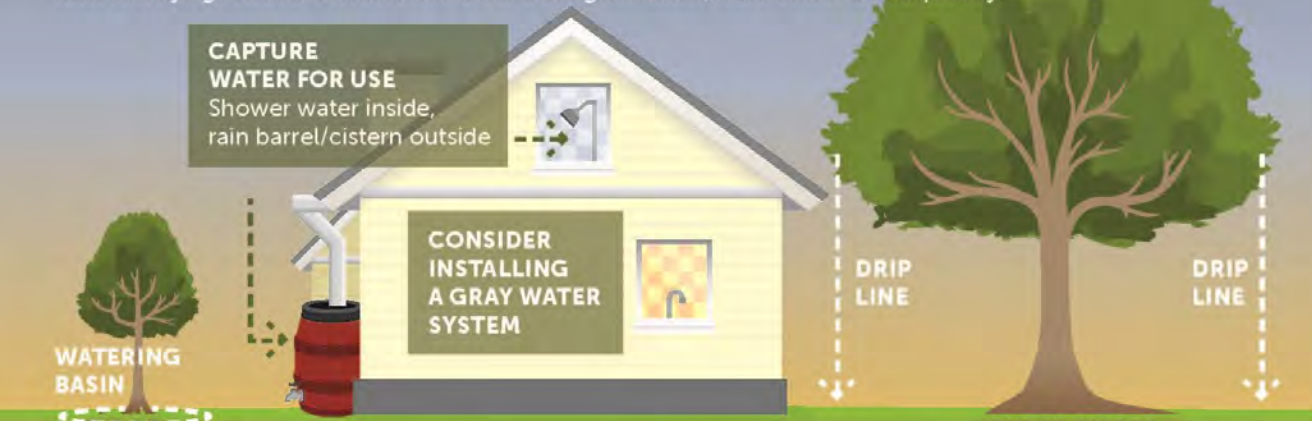
# Climate Change and Drought



www.treepeople.org

## HOW TO KEEP TREES ALIVE IN THE DROUGHT

In times of drought, our city's trees need our help. When we cut down on watering our landscapes, our trees suffer. A tree may look healthy, but without regular watering it can become stressed and die. Look around your neighborhood. Stressed trees are everywhere: dry and sparse leaf coverage, dead and dying branches. When it comes to sharing our water, trees should be our priority!



**WATERING BASIN**

**DRIP LINE**

**FEEDER ROOTS**

### WATERING YOUNG TREES

**How often:** About once a week.

**How much:** About 15-20 gallons of water (3 or 4 5-gallon buckets).

**How to do it:** Create a 3-4 foot wide basin around the tree to hold the water. Use a bucket to deliver water slowly into the basin.

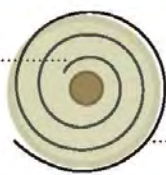
### WATERING MATURE TREES

**How often:** About once or twice a month.

**How much:** Water needs to soak down at least 18". Measure using a "soil probe" available at home improvement stores. The size of the tree and kind of soil will determine how much water is needed.

**How to do it:** If you can, use "in-line emitter tubing hose" found at home improvement stores. Start about 9" from the trunk. Spiral it outward, forming concentric circles out to the drip line. Consult the store specialist for how to connect to your water source. Run it until the water depth is at least 18" (this could take 1 or more hours).

**Start 9" from the tree**



**End at edge of outer branches**

### CHECK FIRST!

Dig your finger down into the soil at least four inches and check for moisture. If the soil below ground is still wet, don't water. If it is dry, give the tree water.

### USE CAPTURED WATER!

Collect excess water from indoor use – put a bucket in the shower while it warms up! Or install a series of rain barrels or a cistern to collect rain water.

### MULCH!

Add a four inch layer of mulch or wood chips covering the soil around the tree. If used, cover the in-line emitter hose as well.

### WHAT ELSE?

Visit [www.TreePeople.org](http://www.TreePeople.org) for more resources including workshops, tours, project toolkits, volunteering opportunities and more!



# Climate Change and Future Habitats

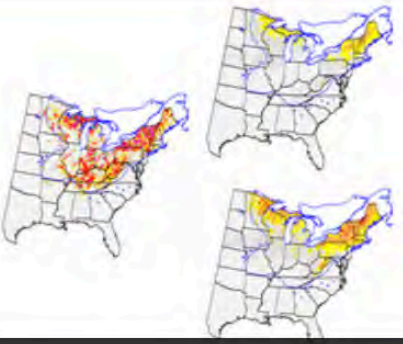
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## Climate Change Atlas

### Explore the Climate Change Tree Atlas



Explore the potential habitat shifts for 134 tree species


#### Search for Trees & Birds:

Enter a common or scientific name  
[List of Trees](#) | [List of Birds](#)

#### About the Climate Change Atlas

The Climate Change Atlas documents the current and possible future distribution of **134 tree species** and **147 bird species** in the Eastern United States and gives detailed information on environmental characteristics defining these distributions. Please be sure to read the **warnings, cautions and questions**. You can also **browse and view the previous version of the Tree Atlas**.

#### Featured Research



**Central Appalachians forest ecosystem vulnerability assessment and synthesis: a report from the Central Appalachians Climate Change Response Framework project**

#### Combined Species Outputs



**Potential Changes by Region, State, Forest Type or National Forest and Parks**

#### Climate Change Atlas Resources

[Hands-on Guide to Atlas](#) (pdf)

##### Videos

- [Quick Start Guide](#)
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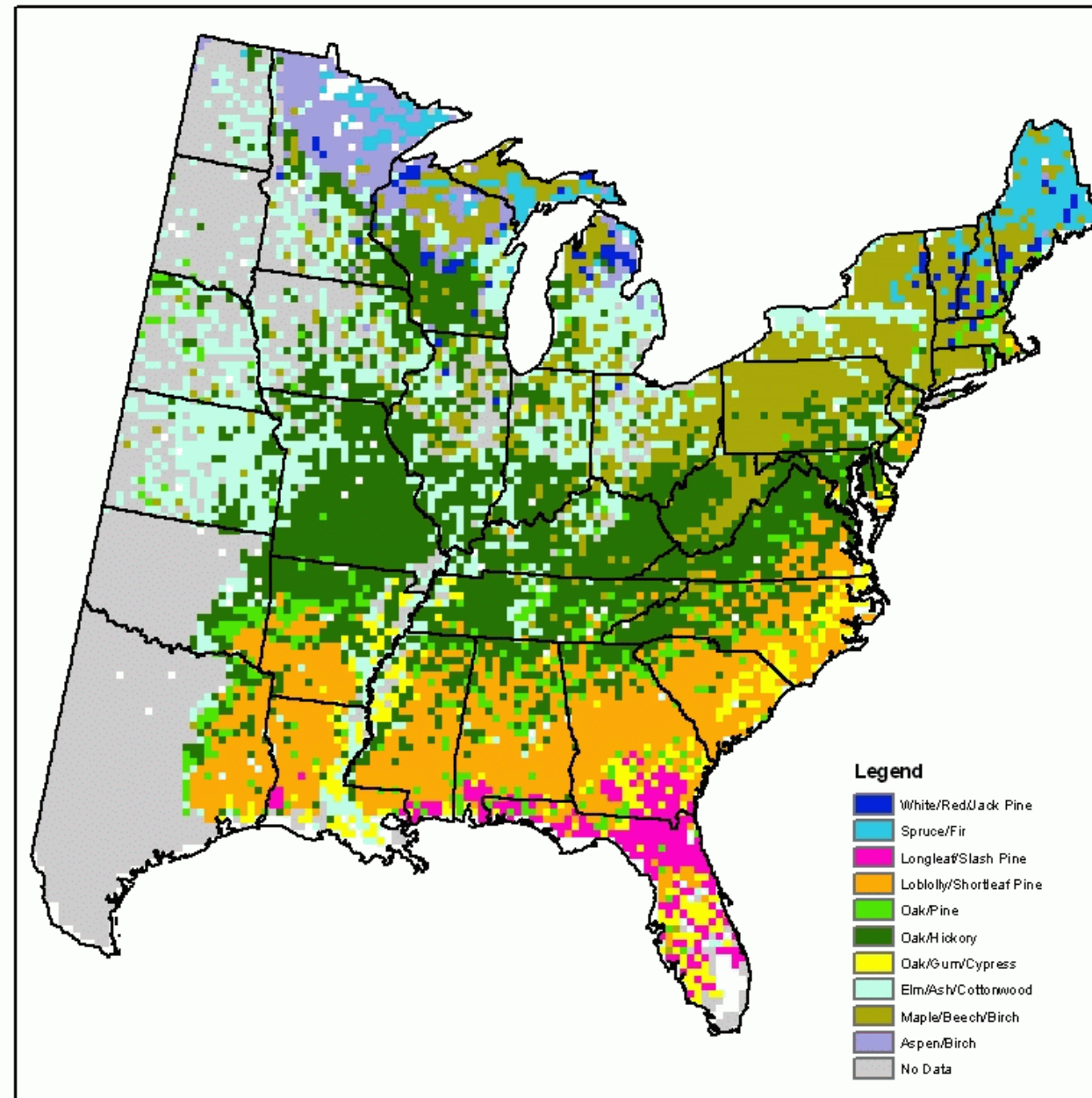
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Current FIA (Actual)

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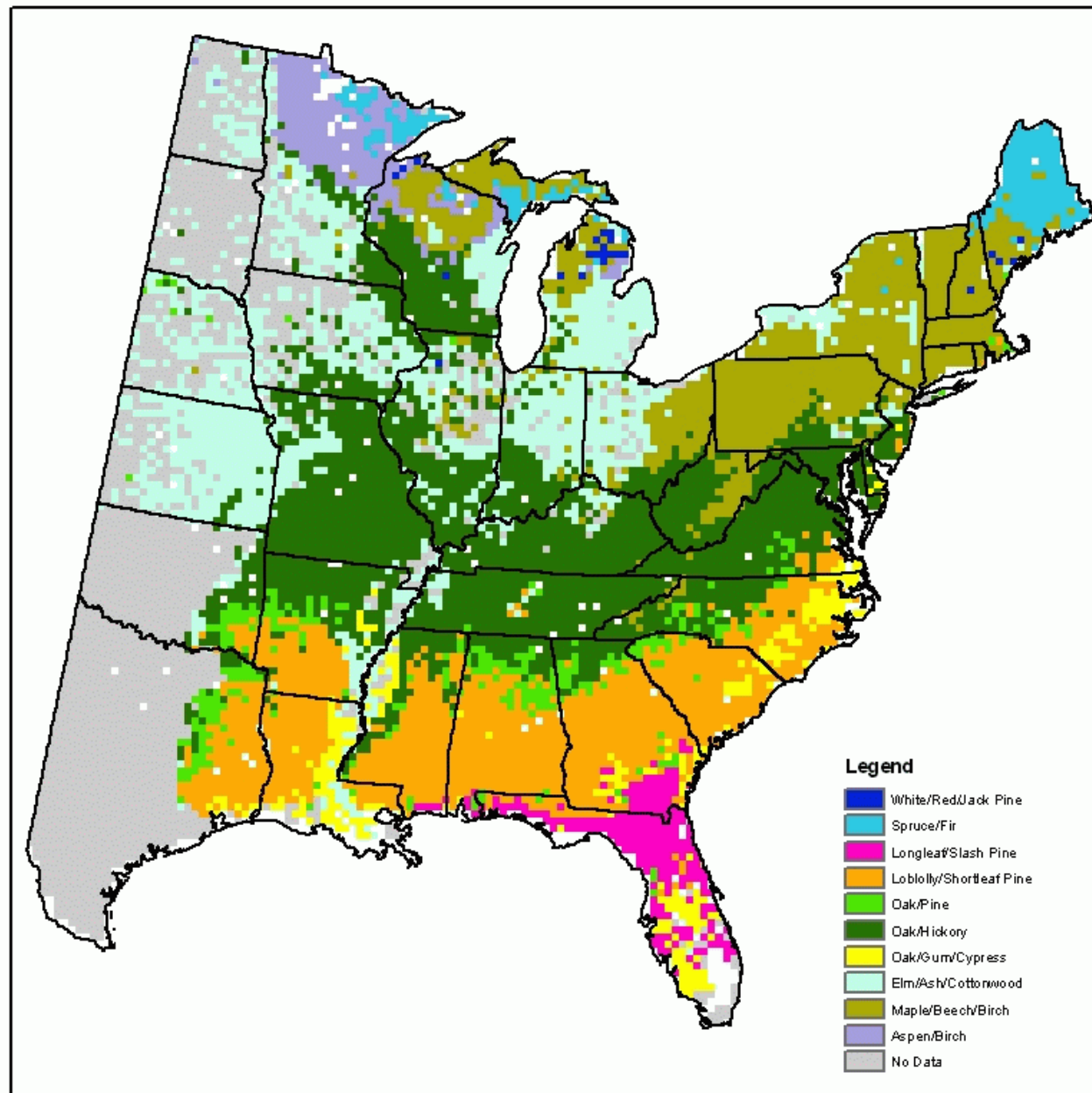
## Potential changes in area-weighted Importance Values

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318	sugar maple	Acer saccharum	11967	-1557	-2369	-3998	-2562	-3685	-6356	-7974	-6219
541	white ash	Fraxinus americana	8392	-665	-1143	-2569	-1447	-2265	-3208	-4110	-3581
531	American beech	Fagus grandifolia	8389	-2059	-2676	-3571	-2872	-3636	-4642	-5252	-4752
762	black cherry	Prunus serotina	7744	-1060	-2219	-3232	-2110	-2622	-3681	-4621	-4108
129	eastern white pine	Pinus strobus	6079	-1293	-1362	-2298	-1718	-1873	-2752	-3729	-2963
833	northern red oak	Quercus rubra	6063	492	617	137	408	199	-389	-1119	-352
12	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	5830	-3178	-3722	-4378	-3881	-4453	-4632	-4719	-4683
261	eastern hemlock	Tsuga canadensis	5409	-651	-977	-1816	-1203	-1961	-2321	-2741	-2508
802	white oak	Quercus alba	3910	1840	3372	3657	3038	3553	4306	4071	4536
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371	yellow birch	Betula alleghaniensis	3348	-975	-1439	-1801	-1474	-2029	-2222	-2213	-2224
97	red spruce	Picea rubens	2999	-1544	-1725	-1893	-1769	-1923	-1887	-1901	-1949
837	black oak	Quercus velutina	2995	1347	2989	2884	2622	2563	5010	4761	4912
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746	quaking aspen	Populus tremuloides	2571	-1140	-1206	-1614	-1377	-1815	-1946	-2277	-2104
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403	pignut hickory	Carya glabra	1624	841	900	1150	1015	1392	1218	1093	1196
68	eastern redcedar	Juniperus virginiana	837	1822	3393	4184	3119	3543	6693	6325	5807
602	black walnut	Juglans nigra	697	738	1092	1131	1006	1109	1192	1112	1180
611	sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	697	840	1179	2170	1305	1482	3102	4151	2945
317	silver maple	Acer saccharinum	599	329	1745	623	879	374	2896	2790	2243
131	loblolly pine	Pinus taeda	577	858	843	2974	1268	1883	3850	6623	3705
521	common persimmon	Diospyros virginiana	341	468	1382	1442	1053	1122	2751	3784	3265
462	hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	176	390	1445	898	870	590	2570	2808	2302
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682	red mulberry	Morus rubra	70	330	1570	1053	772	604	3728	3946	2710
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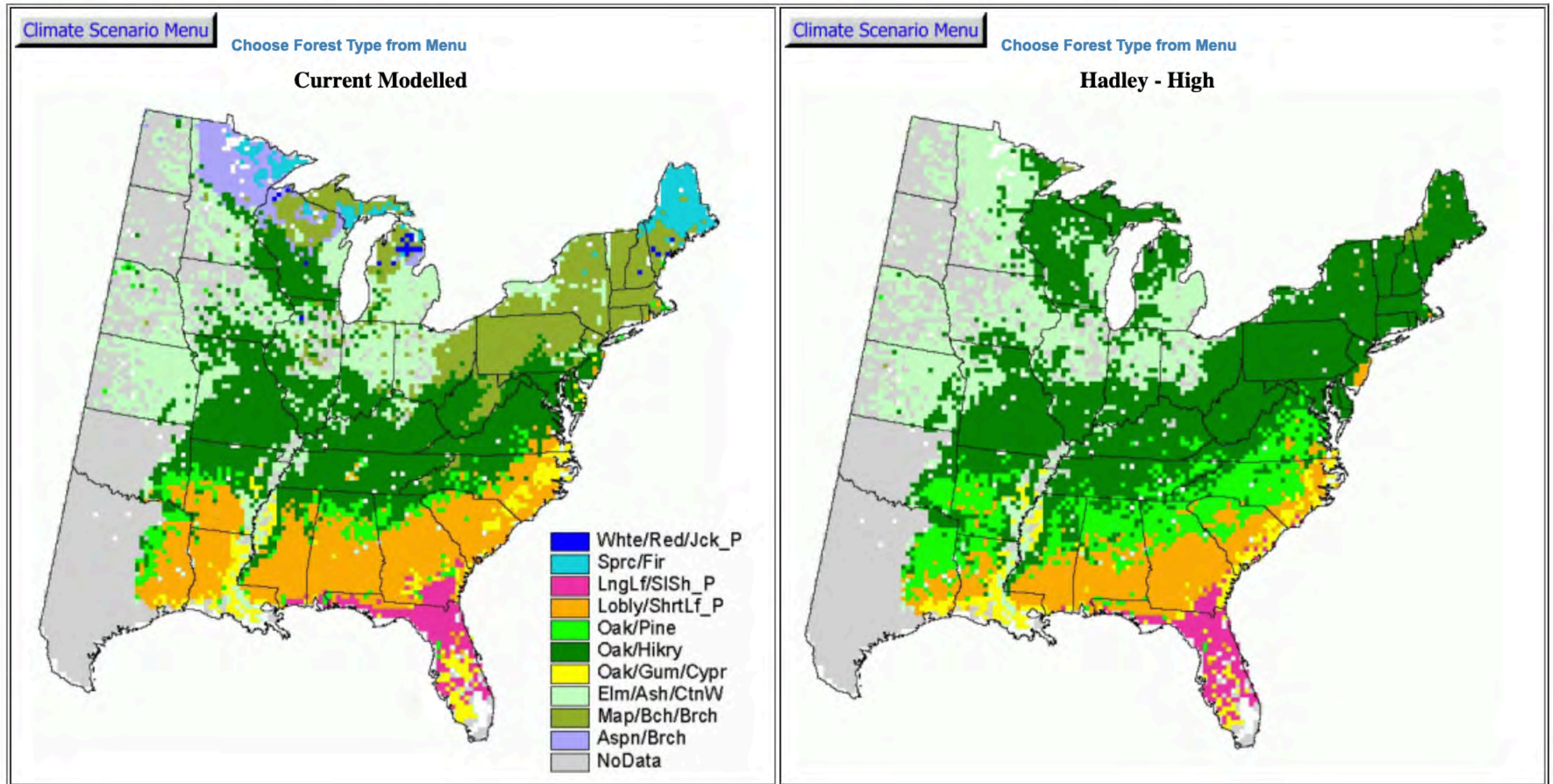


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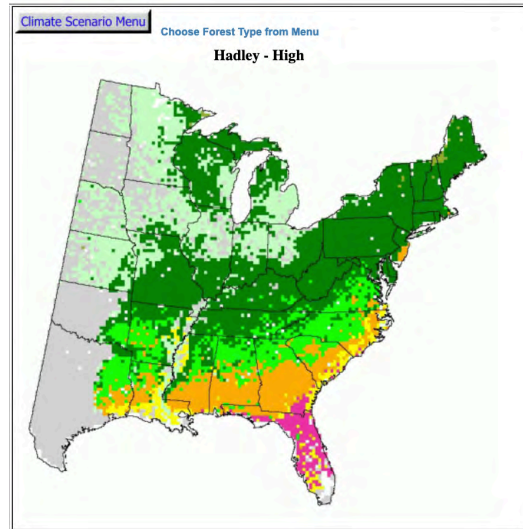
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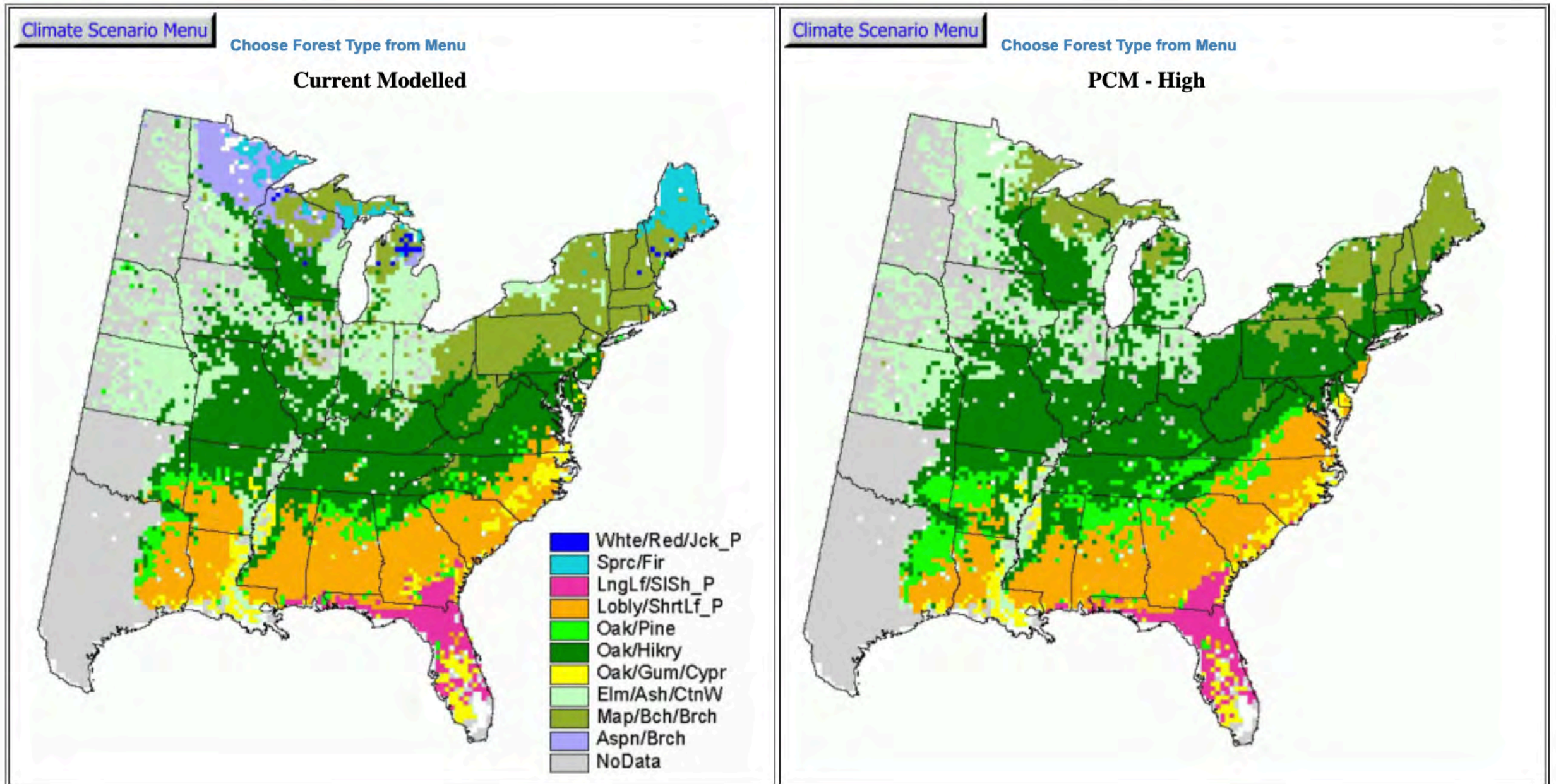


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black hickory (408)  
common persimmon (521)  
black walnut (602)  
sweetgum (611)  
yellow-poplar (621)  
white oak (802)  
swamp white oak (804)  
scarlet oak (806)  
northern pin oak (809)  
southern red oak (812)  
cherrybark oak (813)

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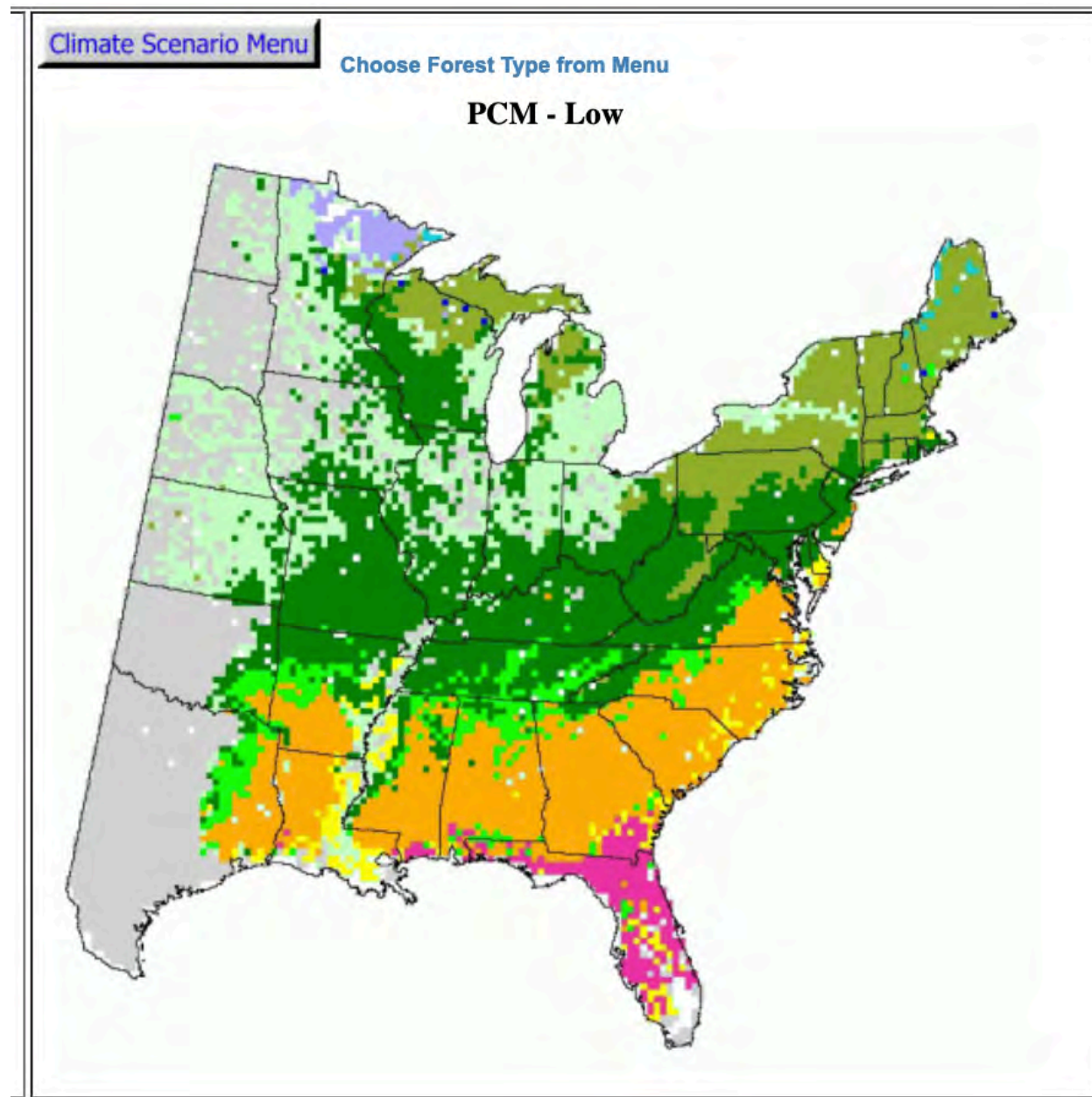
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## Massachusetts Urban & Community Forestry Program

### SELECTING TREES FOR YOUR URBAN AND COMMUNITY FOREST

#### Trees and Community Character

Trees say so much about the character of a community. The choices we make in selecting trees for public landscapes and streetscapes will determine the nuances of that character. Appropriate tree choices can also minimize future maintenance needs and increase the likelihood that trees will reach their mature potential. "Tougher" trees should be matched to less hospitable sites, and large-scale, native, and less abundant species should be used to diversify your community's urban forest.

#### Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place!

This is the most important concept to understand whenever you are considering planting trees. Basically, every tree has certain needs and characteristics (mature size, growth habit, light requirements, soil needs, etc.), and every planting site has characteristics (growing space, obstructions, soils, light patterns, topography, etc.). Before planting any tree, you should do your best to make sure the tree is compatible with the site. Remember to consider the size of the tree at maturity. Visit a local arboretum to see a variety of trees at their mature sizes. You should also visit your local nursery personally and hand-pick the best trees for your community.

#### Get to Know the Nuances of Your Community Forest

A street tree inventory or survey can help you identify what currently exists in your community forest, what species may already be over-planted, and what is lacking. Get to know how street trees grow in your community by observing them in a landscape over different seasons. Make note of attractive mature specimens thriving in town or in a neighboring community, in parks, cemeteries, on golf courses, or in an arboretum. Communities should consider developing their own list of recommended streetscape trees based on the needs and character of the community, the existing environmental conditions, and the capacity for maintenance. There are a host of resources to aid selecting appropriate tree species. Consult some of the publications below. Finally, browse local nursery catalogs to determine availability and visit them early to find the very best tree for your community.

#### Additional Resources:

- Dirr, Michael. *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics, Culture, Propagation and Uses*. Stipes Publishing, 2009.
- Dirr, Michael. *Hardy Trees and Shrubs: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*. Timber Press, 1997.
- Planting Trees in Designed and Built Community Landscapes. [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/uf/plant\\_trees/planting\\_trees.htm](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/uf/plant_trees/planting_trees.htm)
- Street Tree Fact Sheets. Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences. 1993.
- International Society of Arboriculture. [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org).

#### SOME SUGGESTED STREETSCAPE TREES FOR MASSACHUSETTS

##### Park Trees: (For areas with ample space away from pedestrian and motorized traffic)

Paperbark maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>	Black walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i> (n)
Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Dawn redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>
Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Eastern white pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i> (n)
Shagbark hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i> (n)	Japanese black pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>
Chinese chestnut	<i>Castanea mollissima</i>	American sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> (n)
American beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> (n)	White oak	<i>Quercus alba</i> (n)
Carolina silverbell	<i>Halesia tetraptera</i> (syn. <i>H. carolina</i> )	Bur oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> (n)
Butternut	<i>Juglans cinerea</i> (n)	Japanese stewartia	<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>



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**Large Trees: Consider these only in areas with adequate rooting space and without any overhead wires or other obstructions**

Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i> (*,n,w)
Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i> (s,n)
Red horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i> (s)
River birch	<i>Betula nigra</i> (s,n)
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> (*,n)
Katsura	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>
Turkish filbert	<i>Corylus colurna</i>
Ginkgo (male only)	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> (*)
Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> (*) (thornless, fruitless)
Kentucky coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> (m)
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> (m)
Tulip tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
Cucumbertree	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>
Black gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> (n)
London planetree	<i>Plantanus x acerifolia</i> (w)
Sawtooth oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>
Scarlet oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i> (n)
Pin oak	<i>Quercus palustris</i> (n)
Red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i> (n)
English oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Japanese pagoda tree	<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i> (*)
Korean mountain ash	<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>
Bald cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
Silver linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>
Little-leaf linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i> (*)
American elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i> (n, m)
Cultivars include 'Homestead', 'Princeton', 'Valley Forge'	

**Medium Trees: (Plant near power lines or other obstructions WITH CAUTION)**

Amur maackia	<i>Maackia amurensis</i>
American hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> (n)
Yellowwood	<i>Cladastris kentuckea</i> (syn. <i>C. lutea</i> )
Goldenrain tree	<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i>
American hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> (n)

Accolade cherry  
Sargent cherry  
Kwanzan cherry  
Higan cherry

*Prunus sargentii* 'Accolade'  
*Prunus sargentii*  
*Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan' (l)  
*Prunus subhirtella*

**Small Trees: (Appropriate for planting near power lines or small spaces)**

Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i> (*)
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> sp. (n)
Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
Kousa dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>
Cornelian cherry	<i>Cornus mas</i>
Washington hawthorn	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> (*)
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i> sp. (*)
Sweet bay magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>

**You might also consider planting additional fruit and nut species in open areas or park areas.**

**Invasive Trees (DO NOT PLANT) Illegal to import, propagate, or sell in Massachusetts. (Authorized under General Laws Chapter 128)**

Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Amur corktree	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>
Black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>



**Trees that have shown invasive tendencies**  
(Plant with caution. Not recommended for planting where they may spread into natural areas)

Amur maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i> prohibited in CT and VT
Japanese tree lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i> * instances of naturalization in riparian areas in MA, NY, WI, and VT or escape from cultivation MN, NH

(Notes: *m*-maintenance issues, *i*-invasive, *s*-requires ample space, *w*-already widely planted, *l*-short longevity, *n*-native to Massachusetts, *\**-hardy in stressed sites)

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## ***Recommended Urban Trees: Site Assessment and Tree Selection for Stress Tolerance***

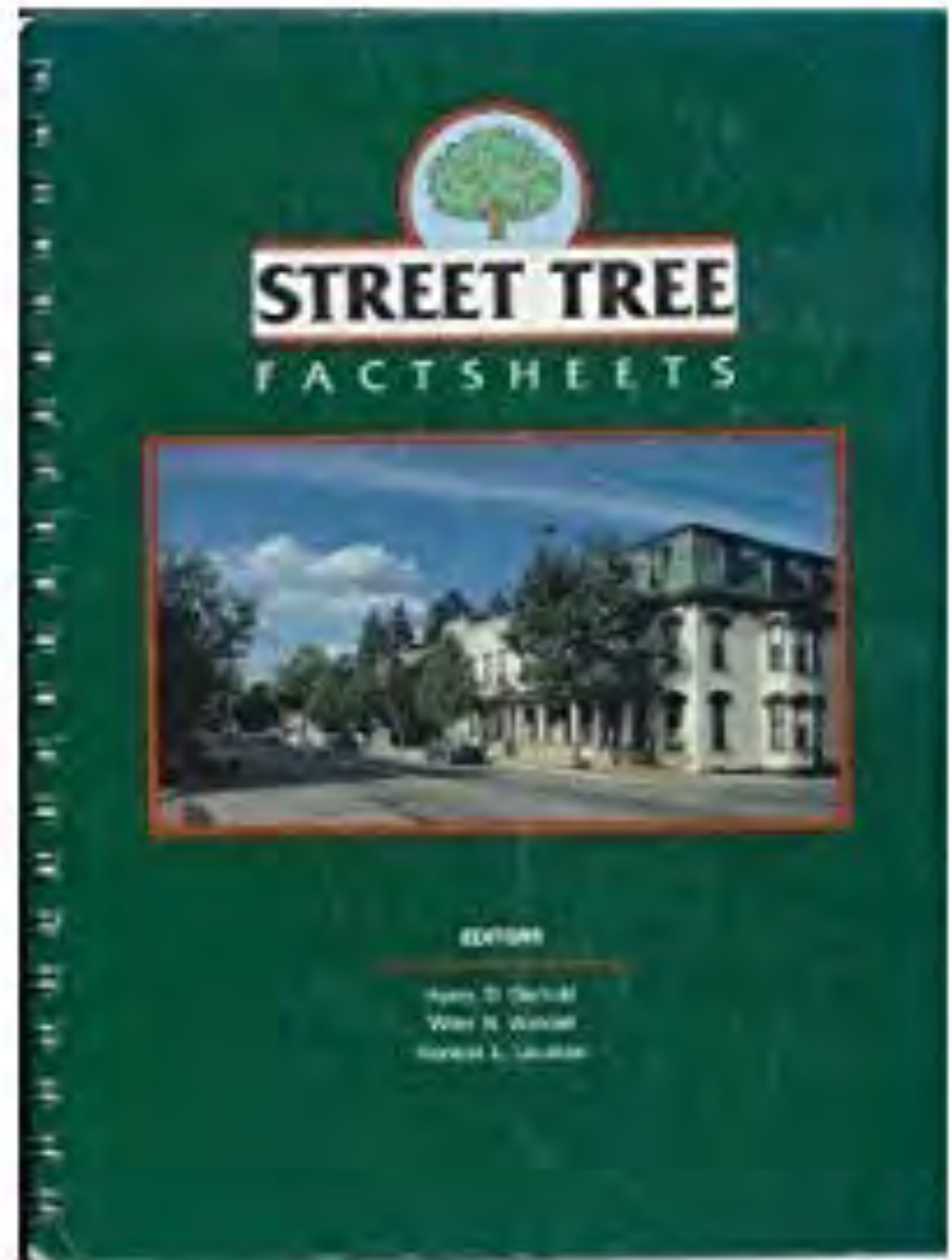
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## URBAN FORESTRY

### Mulching (if done right) Benefits Trees and Shrubs!

BY JERRY VAN SAMBEEK | *Research Tree Physiologist, Northern Research Station*

Mulch, as it naturally occurs in forests, has been described as a nutrient rich, moisture absorbent bed of decaying forest leaves, twig, and branches, teeming with fungal, microbial, and insect life. Trees and shrubs grow faster when mulched with organic mulches such as pine needles, shredded leaves, chipped landscape waste, bark, and grass clippings than when the area under the canopy is kept free of vegetation through tillage or herbicides. Studies have shown that growth of walnut and other fine hardwoods is increased on average 26 to 29 percent over that for hardwoods with bare ground beneath them. Increased tree growth can be nearly double that of trees growing in grasses or weedy vegetation (89% for walnut and 78% for other fine hardwoods).

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1. Choose the right mulch. To save water in the yard and garden, use organic mulch because it breaks down and conditions the soil. Mulching is one of the most effective ways to conserve water to support tree growth--and it's also the easiest. Pine needles (sold as "pine straw") gave a good bang for your buck because they retain the most moisture and suppress weeds better than any other mulch. In addition, they don't need to be replenished as often, are attractive on the landscape, create a favorable nutrient balance and are least likely to alter soil pH. Other forest fiber with a good balance of carbon to nitrogen, such as shredded leaves and hardwood bark, also work well. Fine textured mulches such as grass clippings should be mixed with other mulches to keep them from

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3. Apply mulch. For most plants and garden beds, apply 2-3 inches of mulch--not so deep as to inhibit soil aeration but still thick enough to block sunlight and minimize emergence of germinating weed seeds. If you have sandy soil, apply an additional inch of mulch. If you're mulching shallow-rooted plants, such as hydrangeas, boxwoods, or azaleas, apply a bit less.

4. Use mulch to mimic the "wild" or the natural condition found in forests. Fitzgerald says cover the plant's entire drip zone, which is as far as the leaves grow out from the trunk or stem, to "mimic the wild." Doing so mimics the forest condition and allows plants to thrive. When mulching trees, the larger the mulching, the greater the benefit to the tree. However, when it comes to tree growth, recent research suggests that maintaining the area along one side of a tree free of grass competition using herbicides or mulch may be as effective as maintaining the entire area under the tree canopy grass free. For newly planted hardwood seedlings, mulching a circle 4" in diameter (12 ft<sup>2</sup>) or 4 square (16 ft<sup>2</sup>) is recommended.

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A freshly mulched pine straw flower bed



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## Salt Damage in Landscape Plants

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**Table 2.** *Landscape Plants with Reported Salt Tolerance*

When selecting plants for residential, city, or highway plantings, keep salt tolerance in mind. This table provides the reported salt tolerances of selected trees, shrubs, and vines. The tolerances are for resistance to salt spray, soilborne salt, and salt from other sources (including uncommon or rare sources such as naturally saline water and salts from home plumbing).

Choose your plants carefully, and remember that the degree of injury your plants could suffer depends on many variables. Salt tolerance can vary within the same species, so the information provided here is a relative judgment — there are even

conflicting reports about many species. Also, data recorded from different climates or soil types may have questionable application in other areas.

### Key

T = tolerant

M = intermediate

S = sensitive

— = No information available

\* = invasive, not recommended in Indiana

Plant Name	Salt Spray	Soil-Borne Salt	Other Salt Source
<i>Abies balsamea</i> Balsam Fir	M	S	M, S
<i>Abies concolor</i> White Fir	T	—	—
<i>Acer campestre</i> Hedge Maple	T, M	—	—
<i>Acer ginnala</i> Amur Maple	M, S	—	M
<i>Acer negundo</i> Box-elder	M, S	M	M, S
<i>Acer palmatum</i> Japanese Maple	S	—	—
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> Sycamore Maple	T	S	S
<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	M, S	S	S



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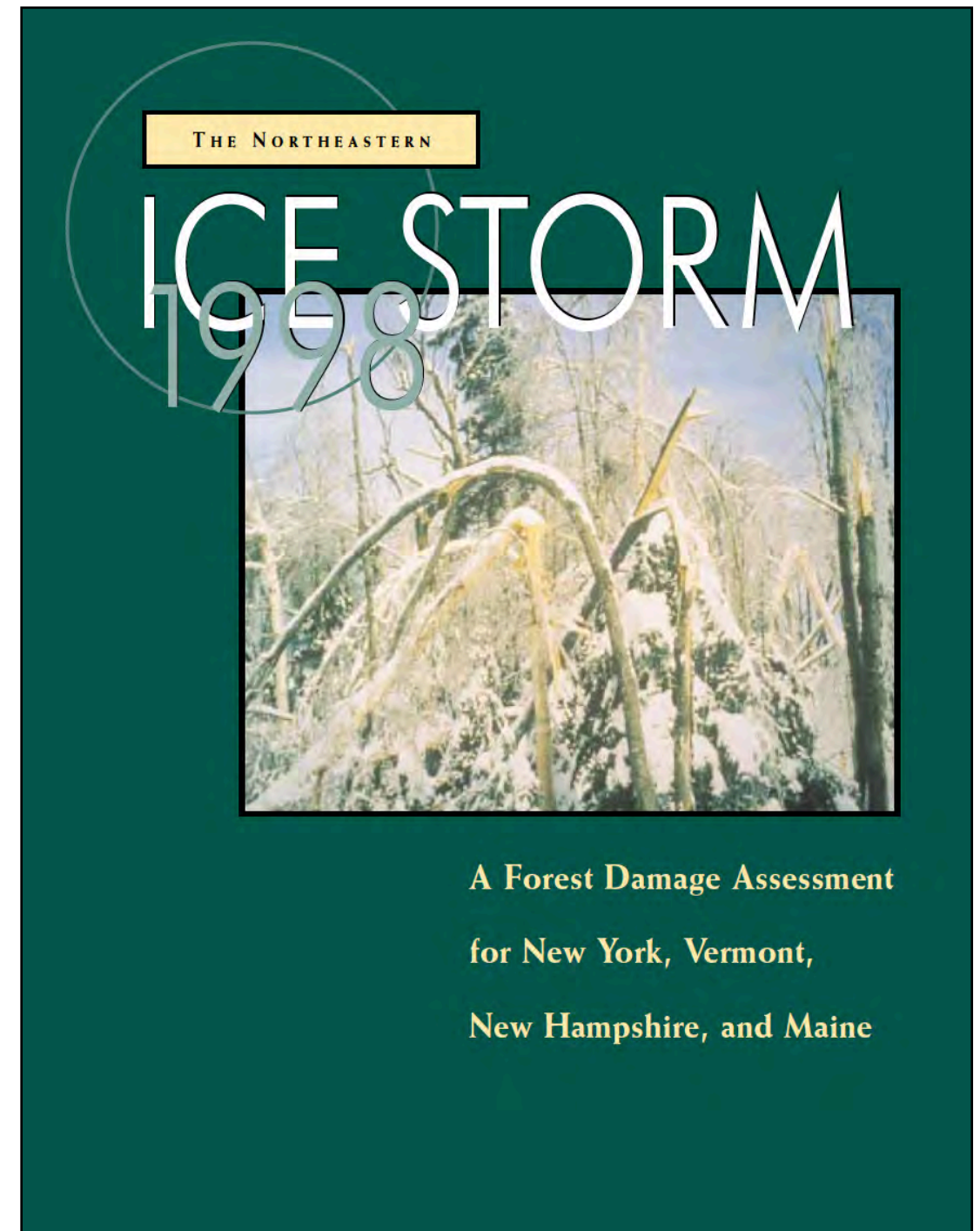


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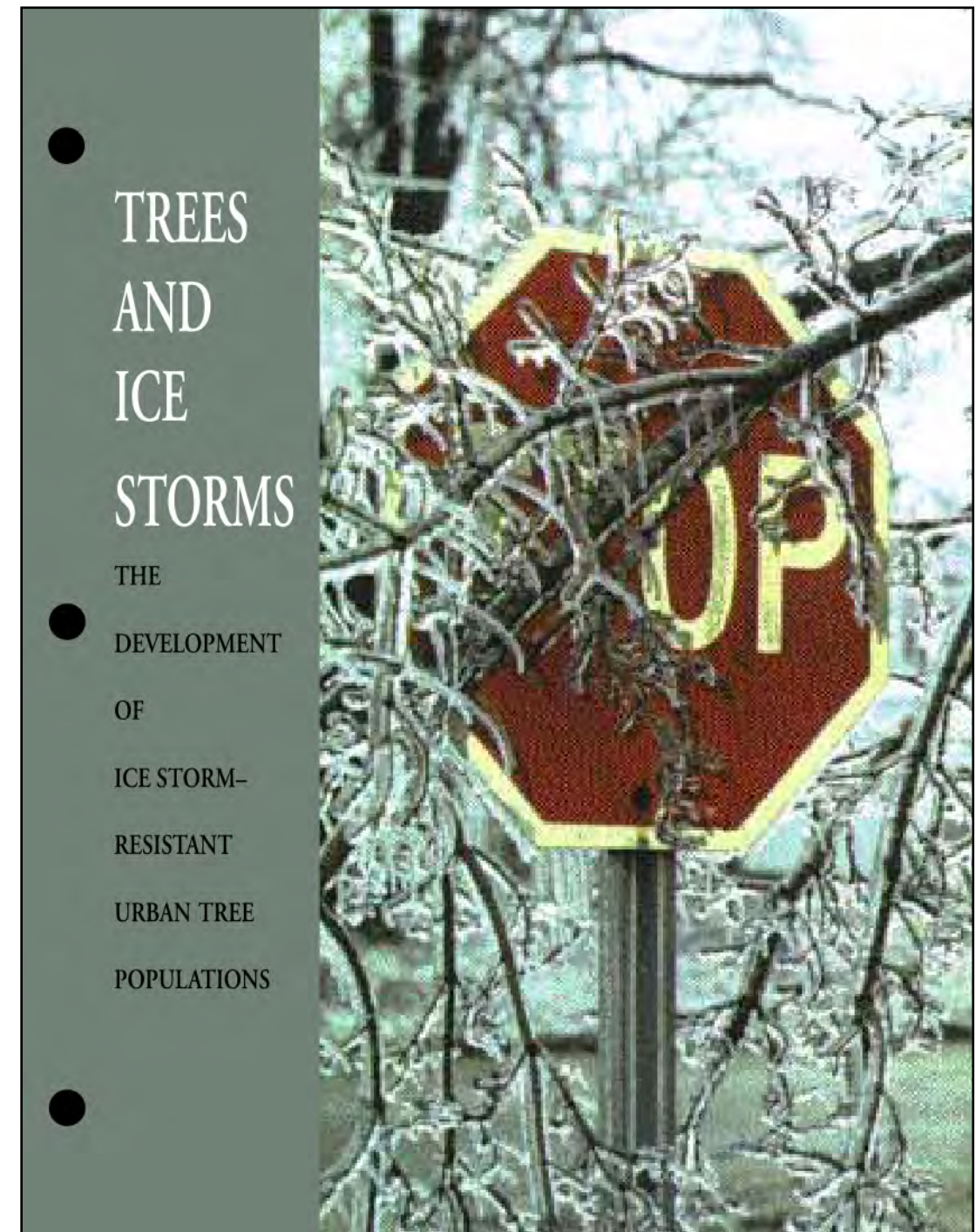
**Percent of trees sampled with diameter  $\geq 5''$  in each crown loss category**

<b>Crown loss</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Vermont</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>Maine</b>	<b>Region</b>
No damage (0%)	44.7	59.5	49.5	54.2	51.0
Light/moderate (1–49%)	28.4	24.5	27.2	28.8	27.7
Heavy (50–79%)	11.4	7.6	9.3	8.4	9.5
Severe (80–100%)	15.5	8.4	13.5	8.6	11.8



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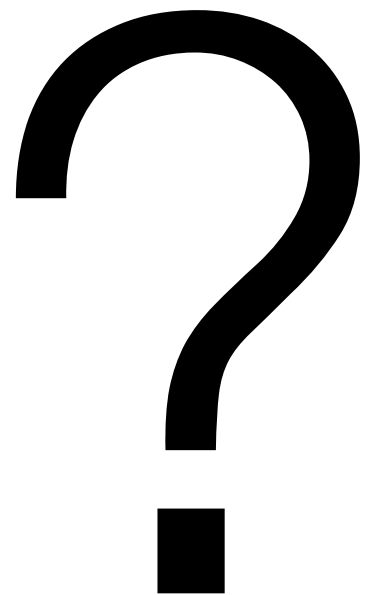
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# Threats to street trees

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- Poor Species Selection
- Physical Damage
- Compacted Soils
- Root Damage
- Road Salt
- Utility Pruning
- Diseases & Insects
- Invasive Pests
- Economics
- Climate Change





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