

ZOOM WEBINAR

“Insects and Diseases of Rhode Island’s Forests”



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FROM 6 TO 7 PM**

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The mission of the Forest Health Program is to protect the health, vigor, and resiliency of our rural and urban forests. Staff survey and monitor our forests for: circumstances that may pose a risk to forest health, such as insects or diseases, and evidence of harm from abiotic factors such as pollution, fire, drought, ice storms, or damaging winds.

While some threats to our forest are native to the region, there is an increase in serious threats arising from non-native and invasive pests, diseases, and plants. And because our forests did not evolve with these threats, the trees typically have limited or no natural defense mechanisms to enable them to withstand attack, or competition.



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