CVC, Town join forces to stop **Emerald Ash Borer invasion**

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and local environmental and municipal partners are set to host three free public information sessions for rural landowners on the effects of the invasive emerald ash borer. Participants will learn how to combat this destructive insect and manage its effects on our forests.

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle, native to Asia, which arrived in Ontario several years ago. EAB larvae feed beneath the bark of ash trees, disrupting the movement of water and nutrients, killing 99.9 per cent of all trees they come in contact with. Flying from ash tree to ash tree, this small emerald beetle continues to spread throughout Ontario and the Credit River watershed, killing native ash trees. CVC and

its partners are committed to educating lo-

cal landowners about their role in the fight

"Residents are the first line of defence in helping to reduce the impact of EAB on our ronment," says Mike Puddister, envi-

> Director, Restoration and Stewardship for CVC. "Ash trees are an important part of rural landscapes. Knowing how to properly manage forests and planting new trees for the future will ensure that we have

healthy forests and communities for years to come."

An local information sessions will be held at on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m. in the Gordon Alcott Heritage Hall, in Mold-Masters SportsPlex, 221 Guelph St.

Visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/eab to register for a free information session. Find out more about identifying the signs of EAB and managing ash trees.

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