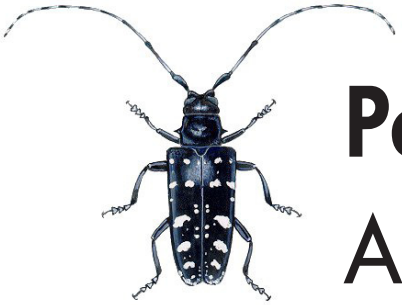


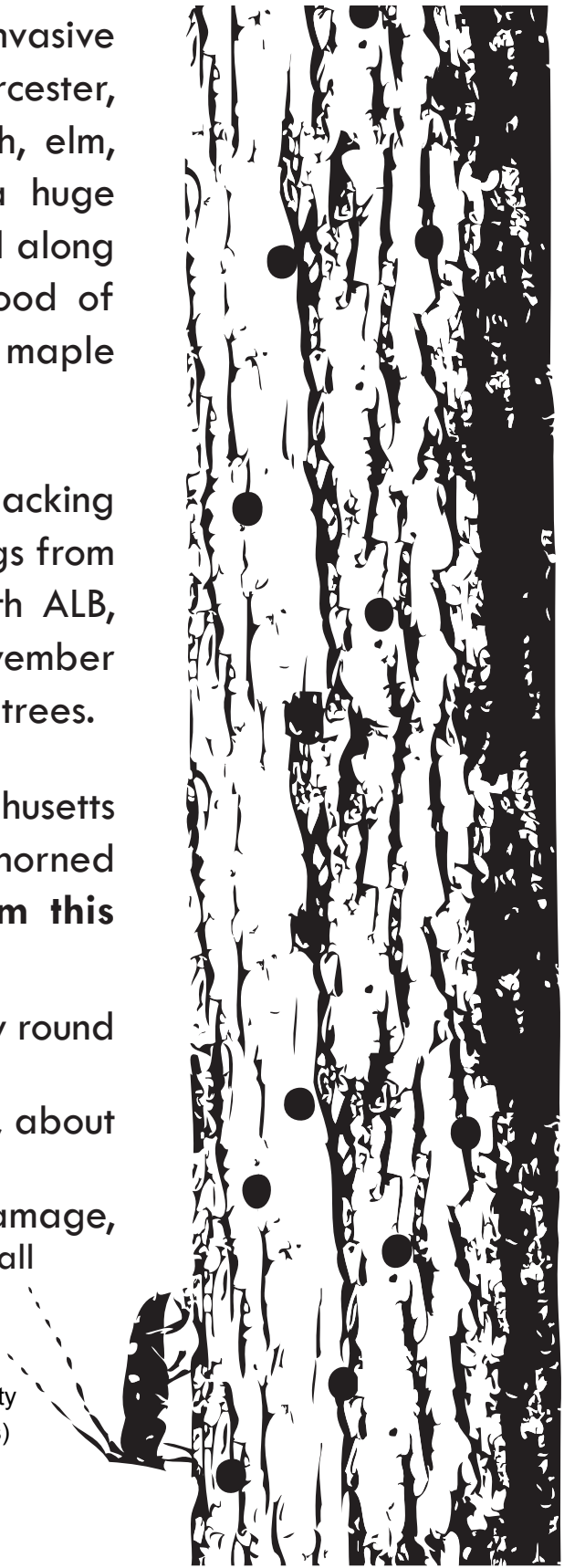
Pest Alert:
Asian Longhorned Beetle

Asian Longhorned Beetle ("ALB") is an invasive wood-boring pest that was discovered in Worcester, MA in August 2008. It attacks maple, birch, elm, willow and other hardwoods, making it a huge threat to the trees that grow in our parks and along every street. This pest also puts the livelihood of our state's forests as well as our nursery and maple syrup industries at risk.

ALB spreads through contaminated wood-packing material and the transport of firewood or logs from infested areas. Once a tree is infested with ALB, there is no cure - it must be cut down. As of November 2009, Worcester has lost more than 25,000 trees.

Volunteers have been enlisted all over Massachusetts to survey trees for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle. **Help protect your community from this invasive pest:**

- Check trees for exit holes that are perfectly round and smooth, about ½ inch in diameter
- In the summer, look for shiny black beetles, about 1 inch long, with bright white dots
- If you think you see ALB or ALB tree damage, report it at http://massnrc.org/pests/alb or call toll-free: 1-866-702-9938



State DCR is monitoring the west end of the City (Boundary, Robin Hill, Millham and Elm Streets) as well as Route 85 with pheromone traps on both City and State properties. There is no beetle activity at this time.

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