



Mid-Michigan CISMA hosting Forest Invasive Species Prevention Workshops this Spring

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Michael Bohne, Bugwood.org - Adult Asian Longhorn Beetle



Joseph O'Brien, USDA Forest Service - Wilt pattern in oak leaves

The Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area will be hosting two free workshops in Spring 2019, focusing on preventing invasive species and promoting forest and tree health.

A [Landowner Invasive Species Prevention Workshop](#) will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 am-1:30 pm at the Woodland Acres Bird Hunting Preserve in St. Johns, MI. This free workshop is for anyone looking to learn more about invasive forest pests, how to prevent them, and how to participate in conservation programs to help keep their forest property healthy.

The workshop is a MAEAP Phase 1 event and will also offer 3 MDARD pesticide applicator recertification credits in Priv. or Comm. CORE, Categories 2 or 3B. Please come prepared with proper shoes and attire to walk the property. The workshop will conclude with lunch. Please register in advance by March 27th.

The Mid-Michigan CISMA is pleased to host these guest speakers for the Landowner Invasive Species Prevention Workshop:

- Ben Schram of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, speaking on the benefits of the Qualified Forest Program

- Lindsey Martin of the Clinton Conservation District, speaking on the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Forest, Wetland & Habitat System (MAEAP Phase 1 Event)
- Jason Darling of Darling Forestry, speaking on forestry invasive species considerations and forest management plans
- Georgia Peterson of Michigan State University Extension, speaking on identification of some invasive forest pests and the Eyes on the Forest program, a statewide citizen science monitoring program for forest invasive species. She will also walk participants around the preserve property to show them how to select, enroll, and monitor a sentinel tree for the Michigan Eyes on the Forest program.

A [Municipal/Business Invasive Species Prevention Workshop](#) will be held on Monday, April 8th from 5:15-7:30 pm at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing, MI. This workshop focused on oak wilt, an invasive disease, is geared for municipal/governmental and commercial business staff- city planners, parks and recreation, public works, forestry departments, commercial landscapers, arborists, foresters, interested individuals, and more!

The Mid-Michigan CISMA is pleased to host Julie Stachecki, President of the Arboriculture Society of Michigan. Julie is an ISA Certified Arborist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) & Michigan Oak Wilt Qualified. Julie will speak with workshop participants about the current status, misconceptions, prevention, and treatment of oak wilt, an invasive disease affecting Michigan oak trees. Oak wilt is an important issue for local communities and we can all play a part in its prevention. You won't want to miss the opportunity to learn from her expertise! This workshop has been approved for 2 MDARD seminar credits in Comm. CORE or Categories 2, 3A, or 3B, as well as certification credits from the International Society of Arboriculture. There will also be light refreshments available. Please register for this workshop by April 5th.

Registration and more information for these workshops can be found on the Mid-Michigan CISMA website at www.inghamconservation.com/mm-cisma or the Mid-Michigan CISMA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mmcisma. Questions or registration requests for these workshops can be directed to Mid-Michigan CISMA Coordinator, Erin Pavloski, at erin.jarvie@macd.org or at 517-676-2290 ext. 2. The Mid-Michigan CISMA is funded in part by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (www.michigan.gov/invasives).