

**FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
ANNOUNCE DISCOVERY OF ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLES
ON GROUNDS OF BOSTON'S FAULKNER HOSPITAL**

*Six infested trees in Jamaica Plain removed this morning represent first confirmed
Massachusetts presence of ALB outside Worcester County*

To report suspicious tree damage, call the toll-free Asian longhorned beetle hotline at 866-702-9938.

The community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, from 6-8 p.m. in the Franklin Park Clubhouse on Circuit Drive in Franklin Park.

An education session for those involved in the wood and wood products industries will be Thursday, July 8, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Franklin Park Clubhouse on Circuit Drive in Franklin Park.

DCR officials already have declared a regulated area around the site where the infested trees were found. The area extends in a 1.5-mile radius from the site. No wood or wood products are allowed to leave that area. (A map of the area is attached with this press release and also can be viewed at www.mass.gov/dcr.)

These beetles are not harmful to humans, but are harmful to trees. **To report suspicious tree damage, view photographs and videos of tree damage, or read about the Asian longhorned beetle, visit <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/ar/archive/jun00/asian0600.htm> or call the toll-free Asian longhorned beetle hotline at 866-702-9938.**

For property owners clearing limbs or other wood debris from their yards and properties, and anyone else wanting to dispose of wood, a drop-off area will be set up within the regulated area. The location and any additional details will be posted as soon as possible.