



SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 19TH AND 20TH 2019

The Fifteenth Meeting of the
Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases

Location: Cleveland, Ohio at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Dates and Times: Nov 18th: Travel day with informal evening social for those arriving early

Nov 19th: Meeting all day (8am – 5pm)

Nov 20th: Meeting and Field Experiences (8am- 5pm), Networking Reception (6-8pm)

Basics: The Dialogue meeting will be held in coordination with the Partners in Community Forestry Conference, hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation. Information about the Dialogue meeting will be posted at

www.continentalforestdialogue.org

Agenda: The Dialogue's speakers will be local partners, educators, federal and state agency representatives, and business professionals. This year's agenda will include two co-sessions with the Partners in Community Forestry Conference, to encourage mutual information sharing and networking. The agenda will be posted to the www.continentalforestdialogue.org site. All are welcome and a diverse range of topics will be covered.



Signs of the beech leaf disease, a newly emerging forest pest threat first discovered near Cleveland, include dark bands evident on leaves. (Image by John Pogacnik, Lake Metroparks)

Planned updates and expert discussions include:

- Panel session topics will include; Looking Ahead to Emerald Ash Borer De-Regulation, New Thinking and Action on Resistant Trees, Federal and State Coordination in 2020 and Beyond.
- Field Experience to include the latest in urban response to the post emerald ash borer landscape and a hands-on experience of beech leaf disease.
- Speakers from local universities and research groups on case studies, nursery industry updates, solid wood packaging regulations, and more.
- Lightning Round featuring updates on spotted lanternfly, Asian longhorned beetle, and other emerging concerns.
- Full agenda will be posted at continentalforestdialogue.org

Field Experiences: The Continental Dialogue will be combining its field trip with the Partners in Community Forestry Field Experiences on Wednesday afternoon. We are currently planning to visit multiple restoration sites that will facilitate discussion on post- emerald ash borer recovery and the most recent developments on beech leaf disease, all in the context of complex urban landscapes.

Registration: Online registration is not yet open. The registration link will be posted to www.continentalforestdialogue.org and arborday.org/pcf sites as soon as it is available. When you register for the full Continental Dialogue meeting this year, you will also be registered for Wednesday's Partners in Community Forestry Conference events, including the general session, one concurrent session, the field experience, and networking reception.

Logistics: Hotel, shuttle, airport, and meeting registration information will be listed at arborday.org/pcf

For more information: For more information about the meeting, please contact Leigh Greenwood at LGreenwood@tnc.org. For more general information about the Dialogue, or to join the Dialogue, please visit: www.continentalforestdialogue.org.