

Preserving the Future of Ash Trees in New York City's Urban Forests

A Field Tour Hosted by the Sustaining Ash Partners Network (SAP-Ne), New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), and New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks)

October 22nd, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ET

Field Tour Agenda

9:00 a.m.- Begin arriving at Watson Building (Room 315) [40.86687462050716, -73.87802581506756](tel:40.86687462050716,-73.87802581506756)

- Enter through the Mosholu Gate, directly across from the [Botanical Gardens' Metro-North station](#) *Note: This is not the same as the main visitors' gate.
- Coffee and light refreshments provided

9:30 a.m.- Welcome and introductions

10:00 a.m.- NYBG ash stewardship tour of the grounds, forest, and nursery

- Presenters, New York Botanical Garden:
 - John Zeiger, Manager of the Thain Family Forest
 - Melissa Finley, Thain Senior Curator of Woody Plants and Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden Curator

11:45 a.m.- Caravan/carpool to Jerome Wetlands, Van Cortlandt Park, Allen Shandler Parking Lot, [40.892471438488364, -73.88287396093547](tel:40.892471438488364,-73.88287396093547)

12:00 p.m.- NYC Parks pumpkin ash stand field tour

- Presenters, New York City Parks and Recreation Department:
 - Kathryn Mercier, Deputy Director of Queens Forestry
 - John-Paul Catusco, Landscape & Natural Areas Manager of Van Cortland Park

1:00 p.m.- Closing reflections, depart from Van Cortland Park

The New York Botanical Garden as a SAP-Ne Demonstration Site: NYBG's Thain Family Forest and cultivated grounds promote biodiversity, support urban ecology, and provide green spaces for recreation. NYBG has led extensive ash management through their efforts to treat mature ash for protection against the emerald ash borer pest, control invasives to support ash regeneration, collect ash seed, and propagate ash in their nursery. This makes NYBG an ideal partner for SAP-Ne's demonstration site network. These sites are hands-on classrooms where practitioners and stewards can see firsthand the positive outcomes of thoughtful ash management aimed at keeping ash on the landscape. Learn more about SAP-Ne's [demonstration site network here](#).

