

**Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation**

One additional infested tree was found in the City of Linden on September 27 by NJDA climber Kevin Freeman. The box elder, a variety of maple, contained approximately 30 fresh egg sites, but no exit holes. The tree is located in a park near 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Clinton Avenue, close to Rosehill Cemetery, the site of several earlier infested tree finds.

Survey work is ongoing to determine how many trees around the new find will have to be taken down as a precautionary measure.

A total of 157 high-risk host trees in residential areas already needed to be removed from the City of Linden as the result of five new infested trees found in late-July and early-August. In addition, 33 more high-risk host trees will be removed from the Rosehill Cemetery.

On September 27, Madeline Flahive, Agricultural Agent from Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension in Union County, participated in a health fair at Lucent Technologies in Murray Hill, NJ. The Rahway Office ALB exhibit was displayed and information material was distributed to approximately 300 attendees.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Rosa Yoo, NJ Forest Service Community Forester and PPQ Officer Elisandra Sánchez participated in the Fall Forestry Festival at the Forest Resource Education Center at Jackson, NJ. Both were available to answer questions and hand out ALB outreach materials. Approximately 250 persons attended the event.