

Long Term Recovery  
Lessons from Ohio:  
Restoration Intervention  
vs. Natural Selection

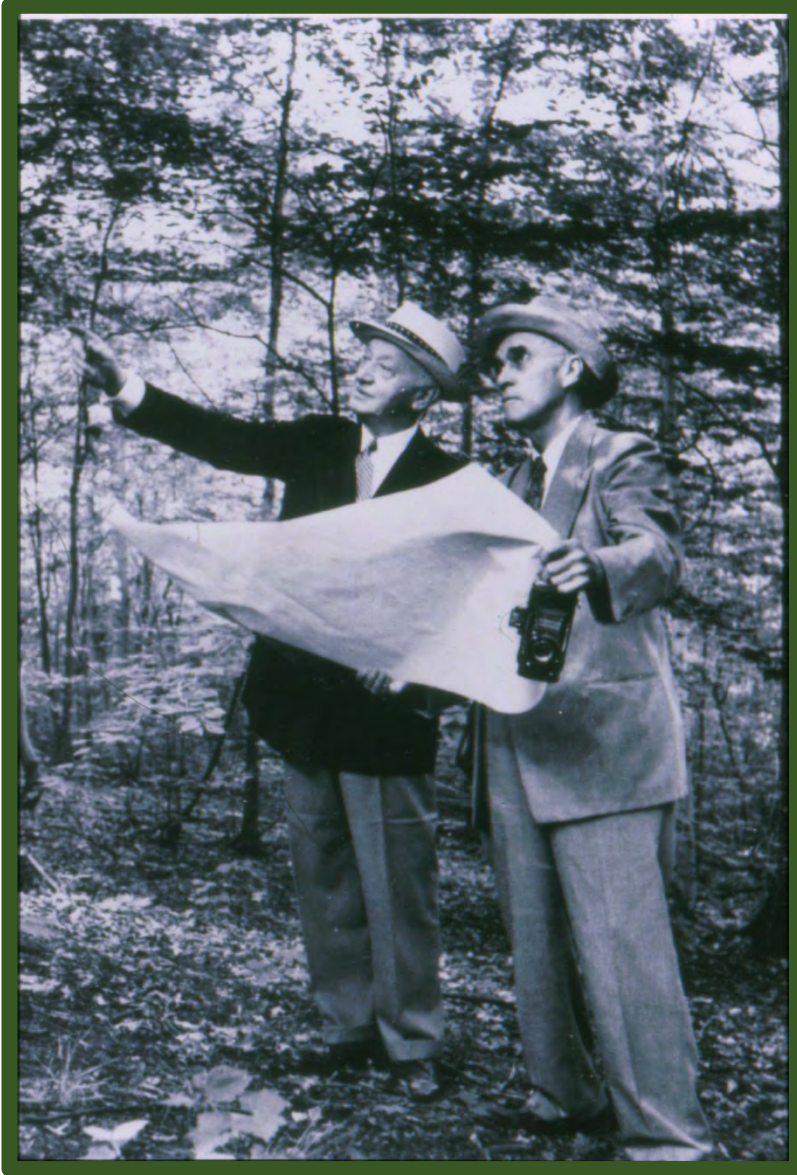
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# Cleveland Metroparks



Original design  
plans

102 years  
18 Reservations  
~24,000 acres







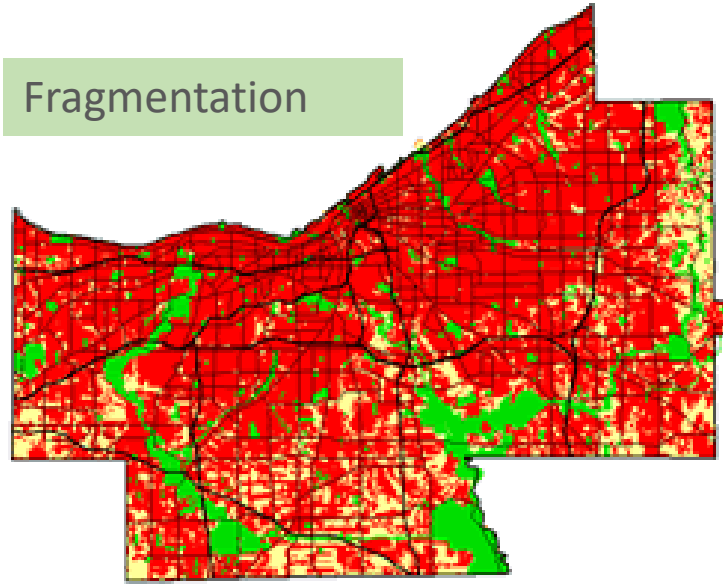


# Stressors



Invasive species

Fragmentation

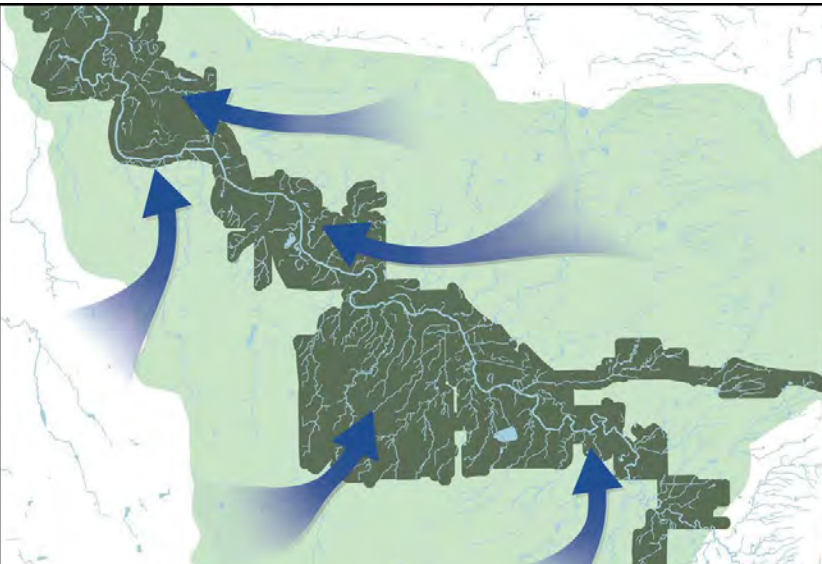


2011

New pests / pathogens



2016



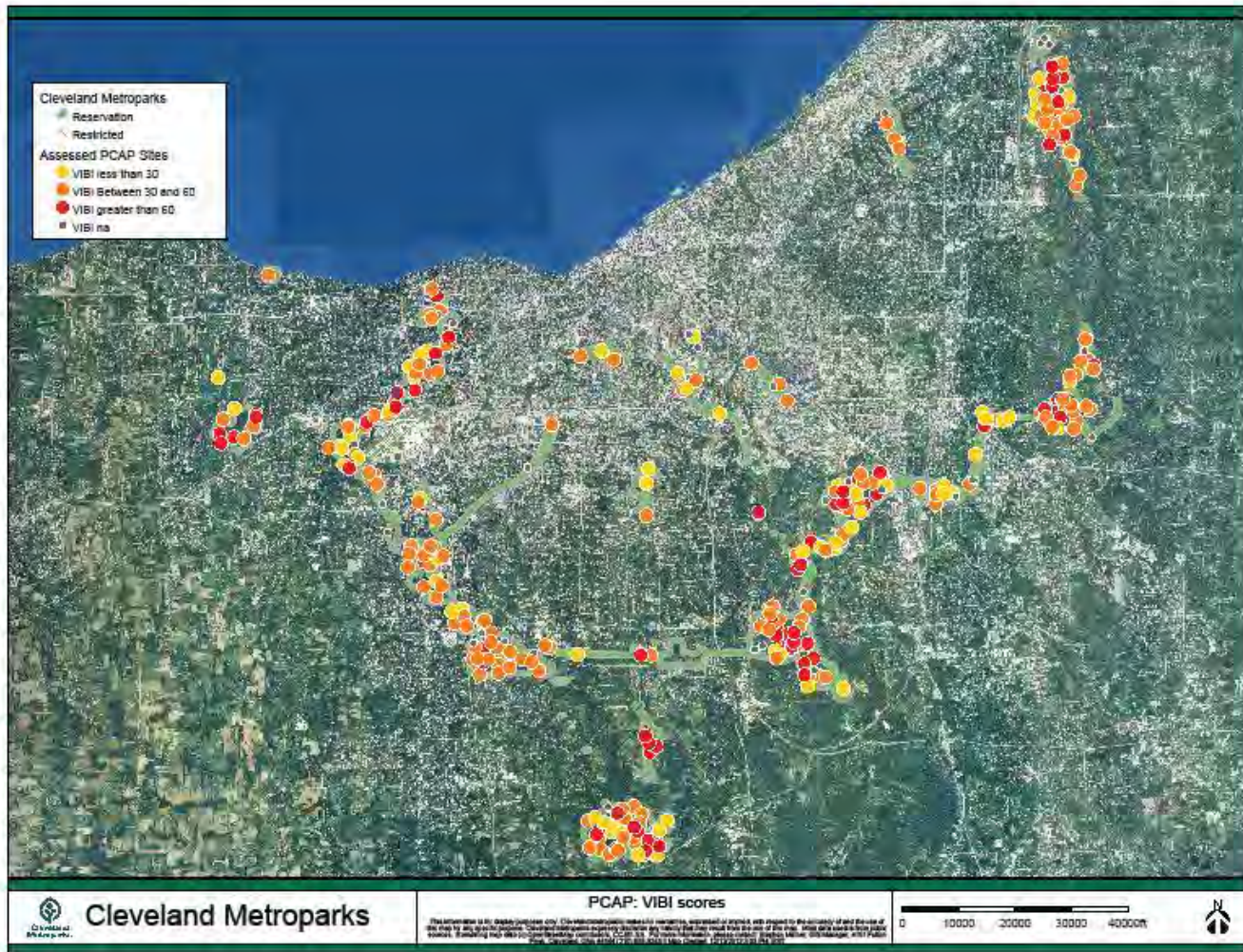
Stormwater



Urban wildlife



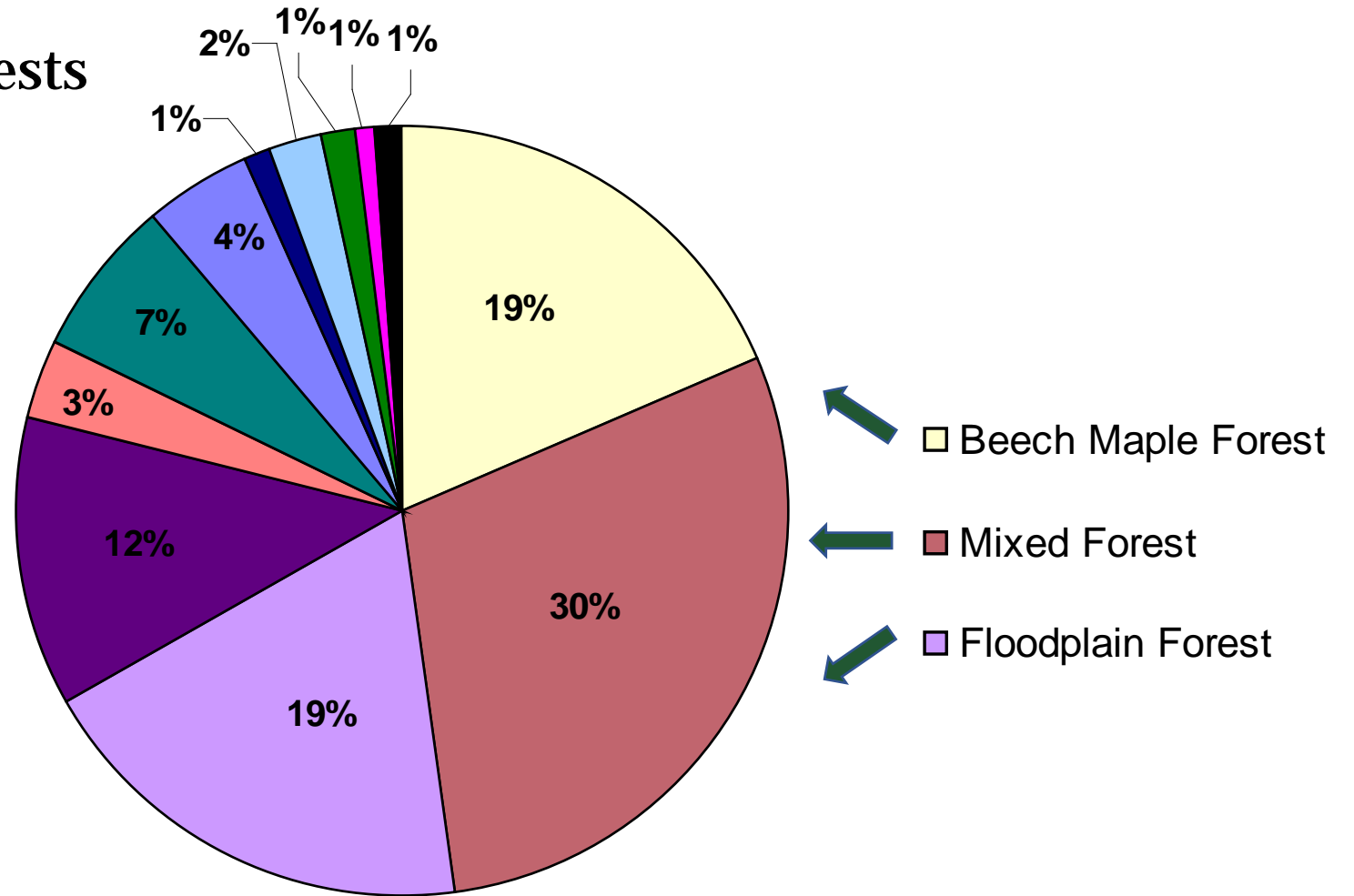
# Restoration Intervention: determined by data



- Plant Community Assessment Program
- 405 total vegetation plots
  - 2010 (2015)
  - 2011 (2016)
  - 2012 (2017)
  - 2013 (2018)

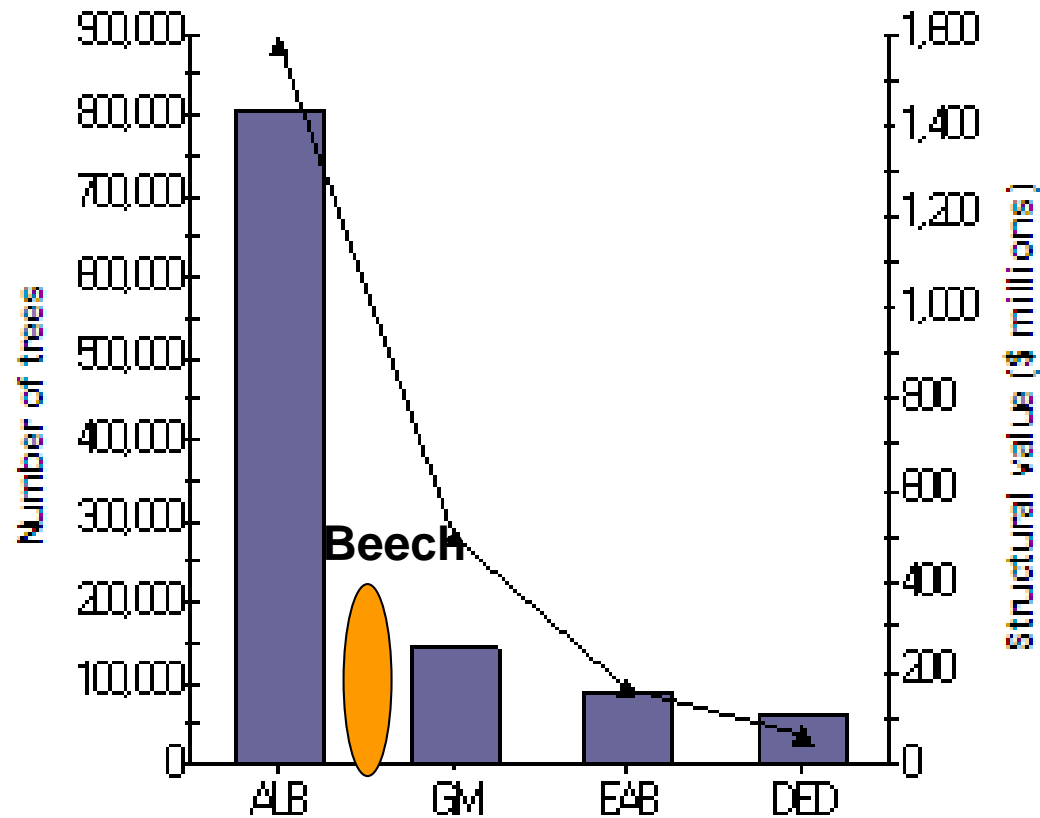
# Forests

77% of our acreage covered by forests





# Forest and Tree Threats (iTree)



Percent

Population

- 38 % Maple species
- 8 % Oak species
- 7 % American Beech
- 7 % Ash species
- 4 % Tulip tree

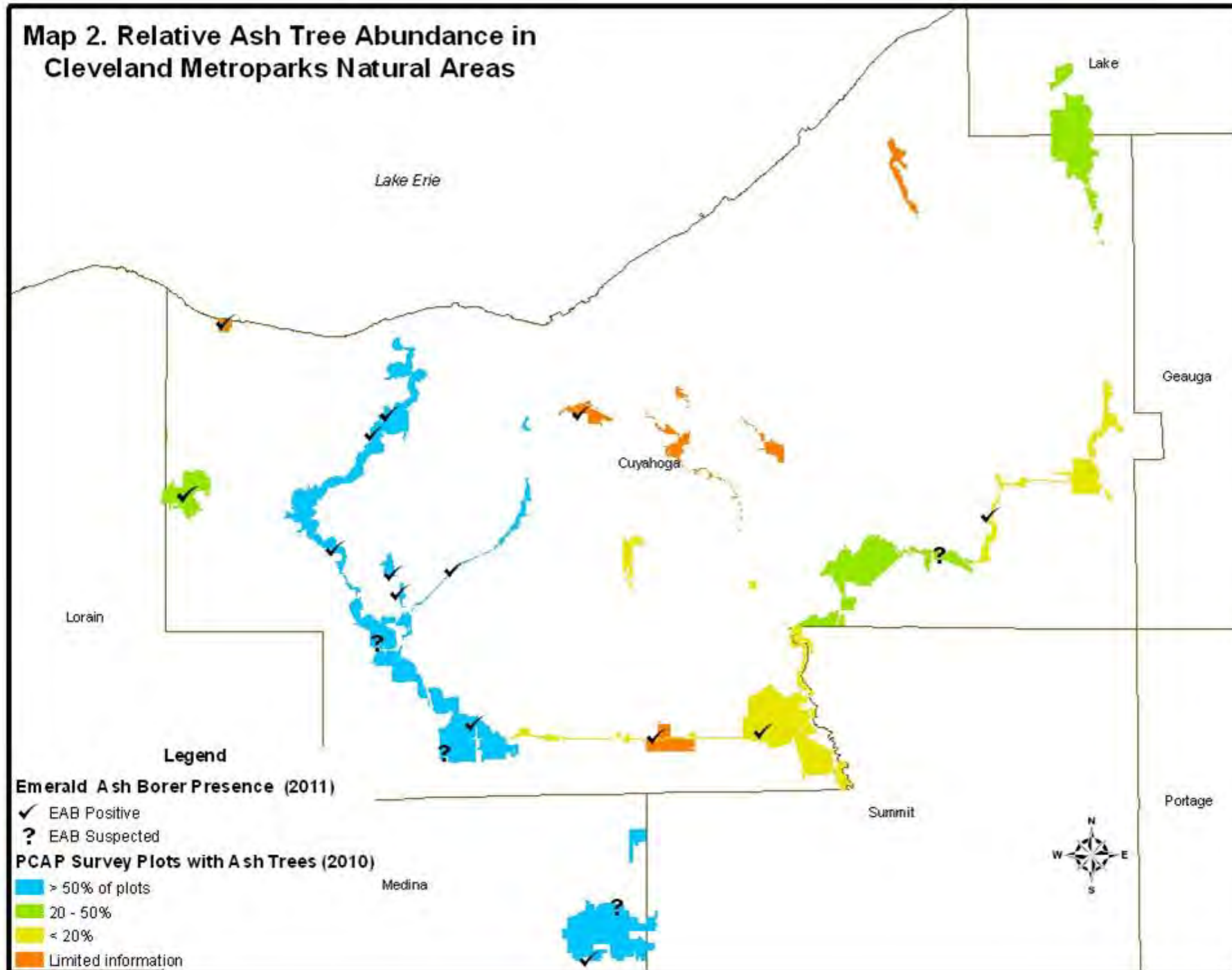
Percent

Leaf area

- 28 %
- 6 %
- 21 %
- 6 %
- 8 %

ALB –Asian longhorned beetle (maples, willows, elm)  
GM – Gypsy moth (oaks, poplars, willows, beech)  
EAB – Emerald ash borer (all ashes)  
DED – Dutch elm disease (American elm)

Map 2. Relative Ash Tree Abundance in Cleveland Metroparks Natural Areas



Spatial  
distribution  
of ash



## Mapping Ash in High Public Use Areas – A Citizen Science Approach

Cleveland Metroparks Technical Report 2012/NR-



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# 1) Size of ash trees (3 DBH categories)

Ruler: 4-12"

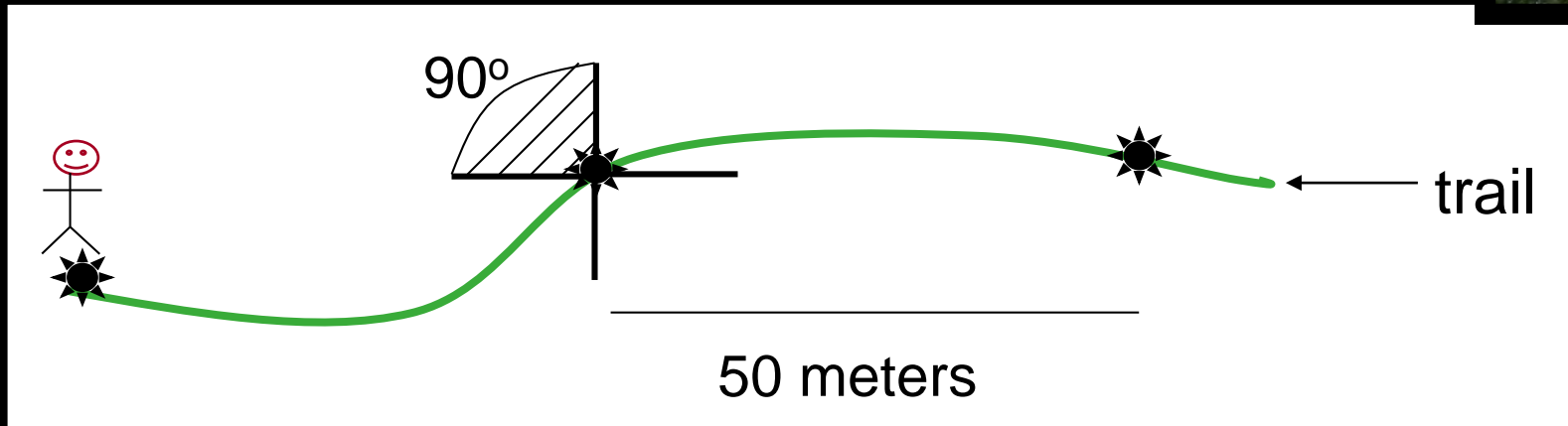
Hugger: 13-20"

Tower: >20"

# 2) # of ash trees

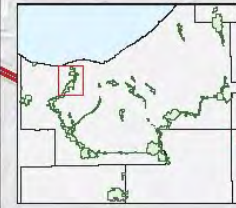
# 3) Damage/EAB activity

Woodpecker  
Damage

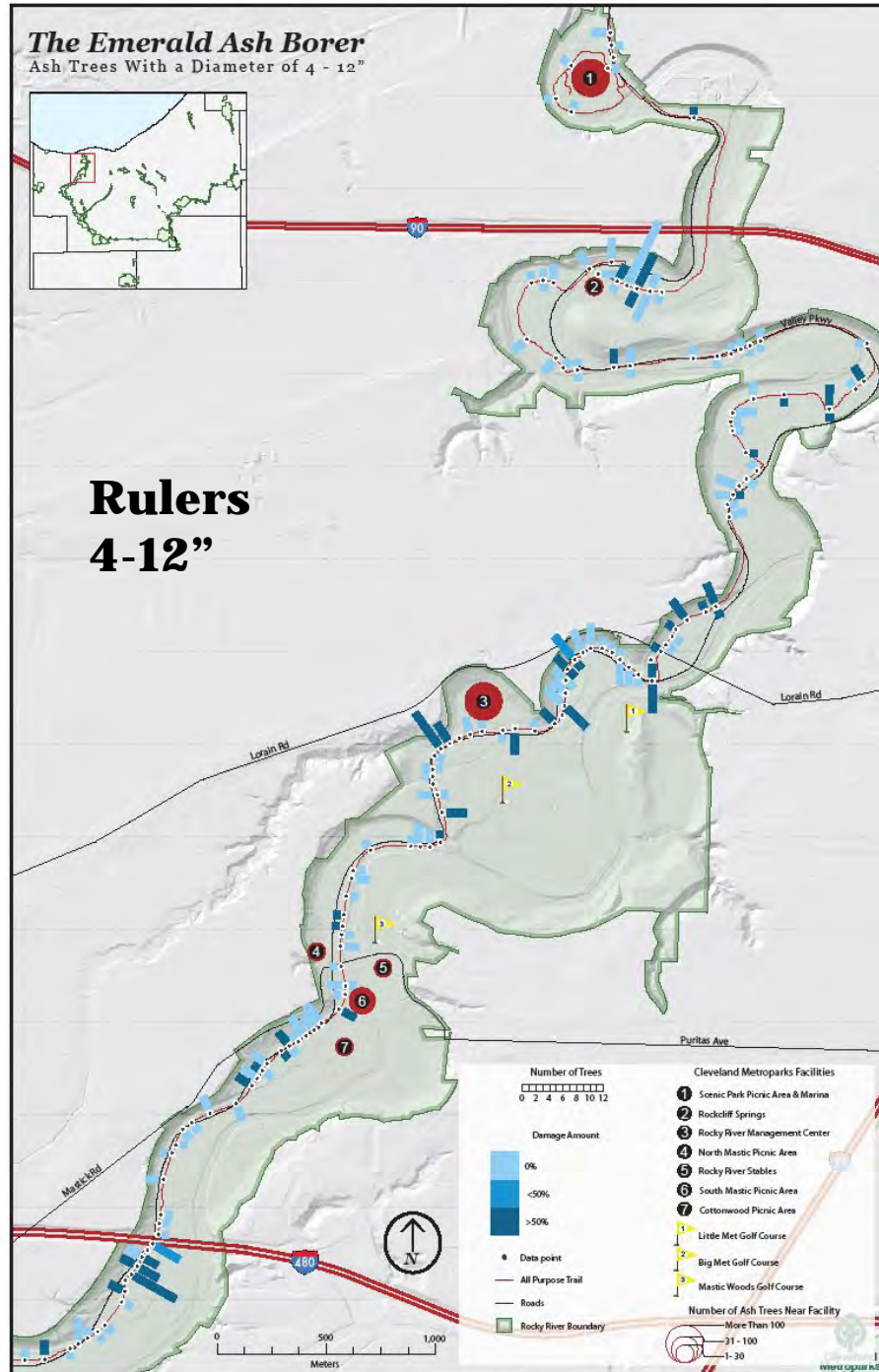




# **The Emerald Ash Borer** Ash Trees With a Diameter of 4 - 12"



**Rulers**  
**4-12"**

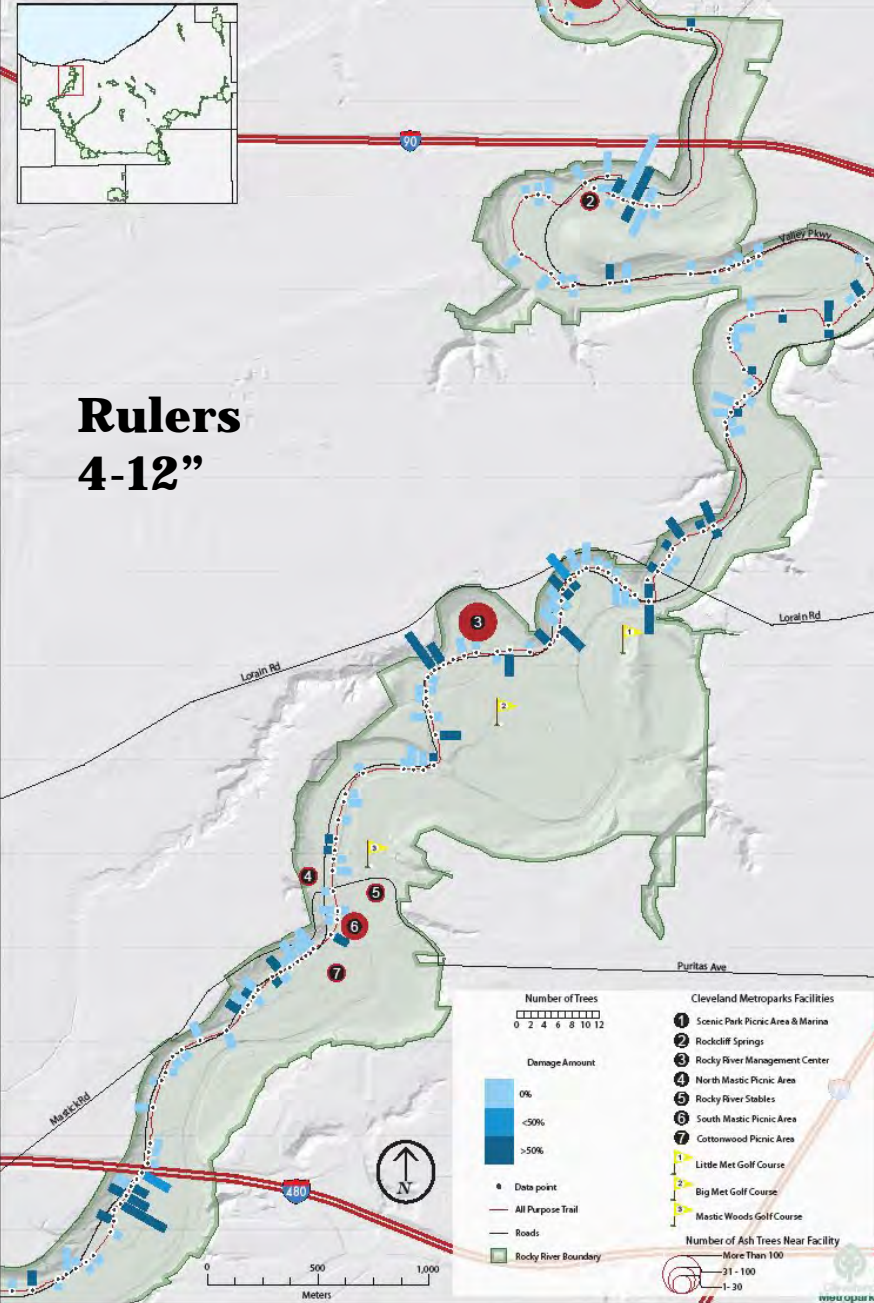


**Bar length = # trees**

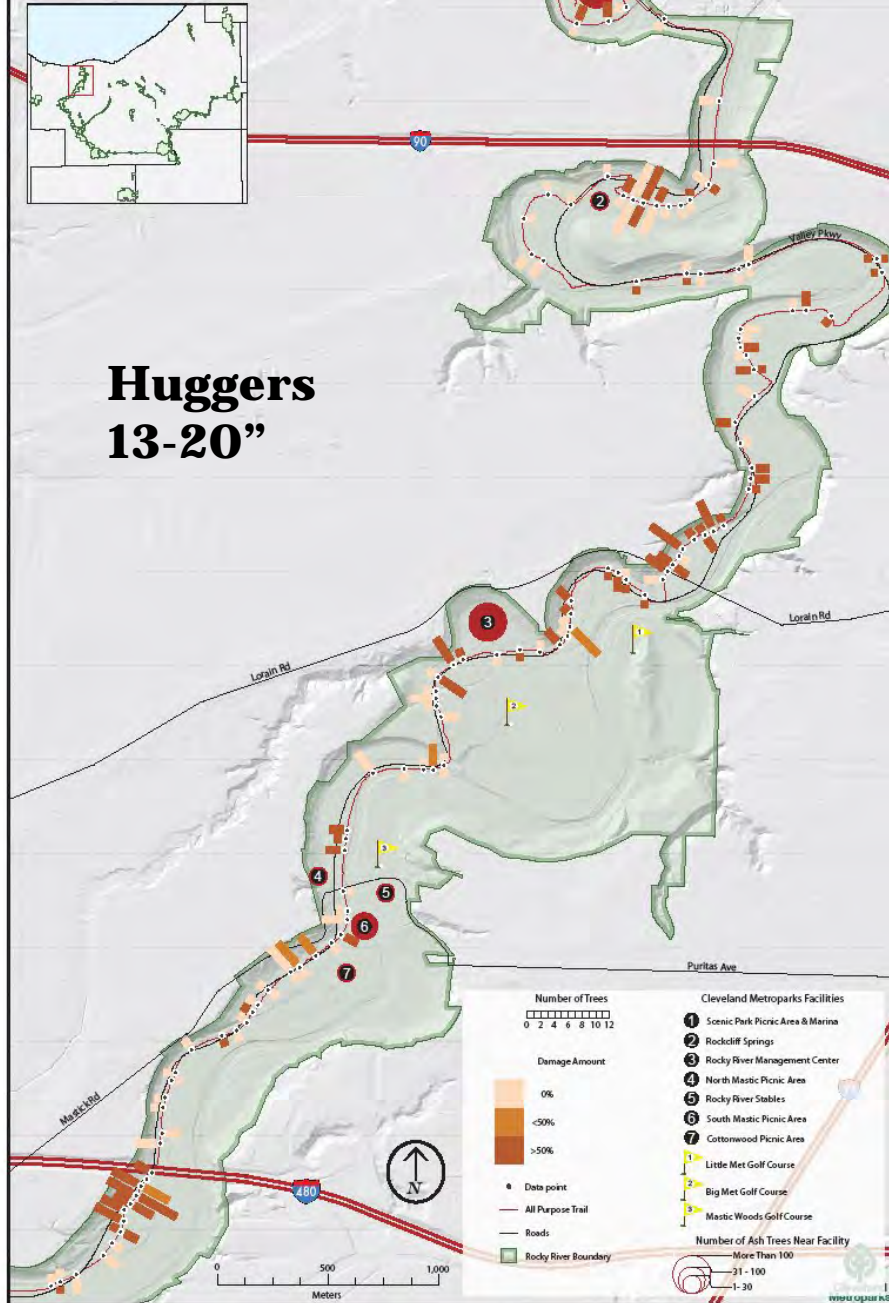
**Bar color = damage**  
**(light, med, dark)**



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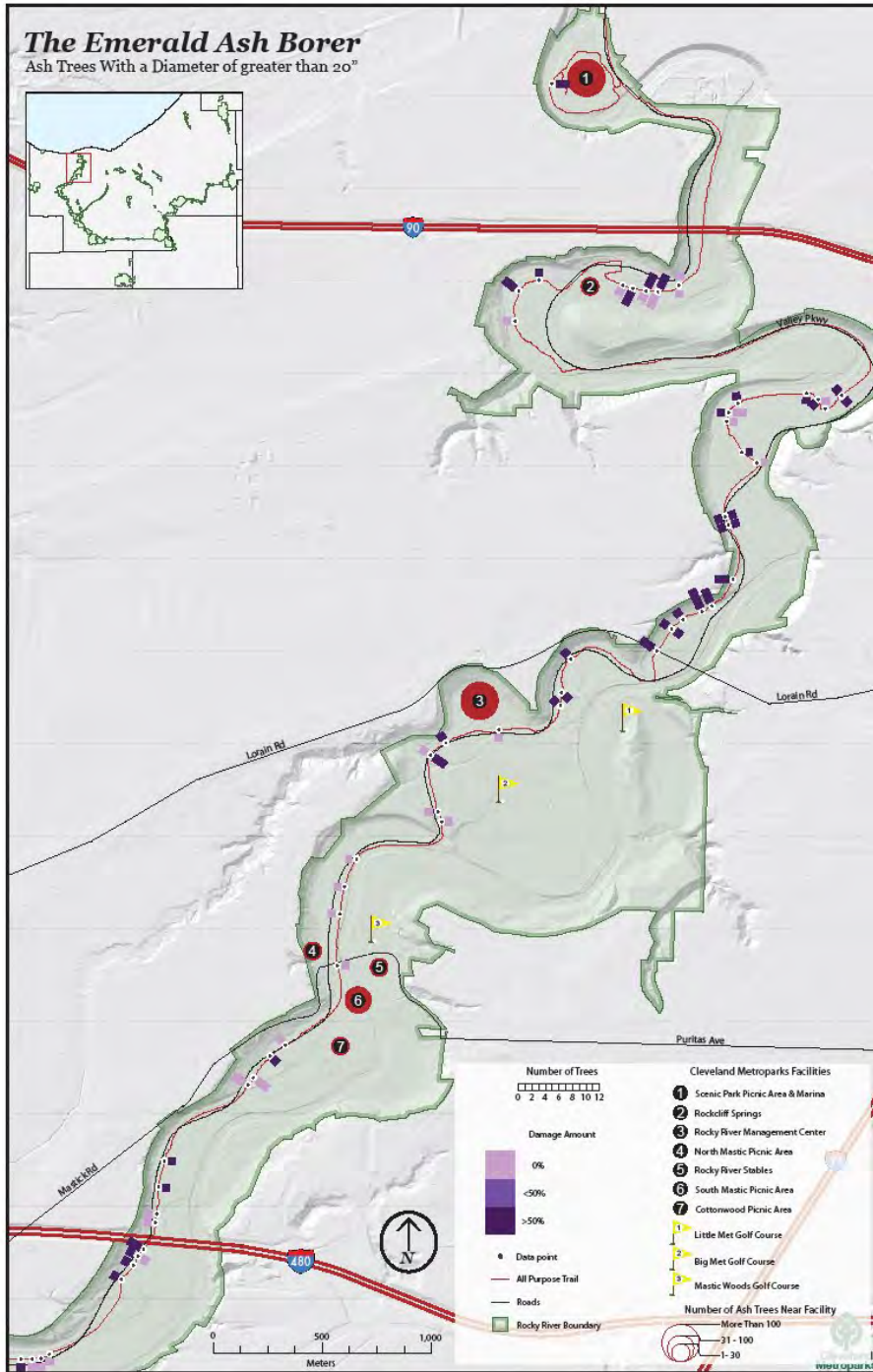
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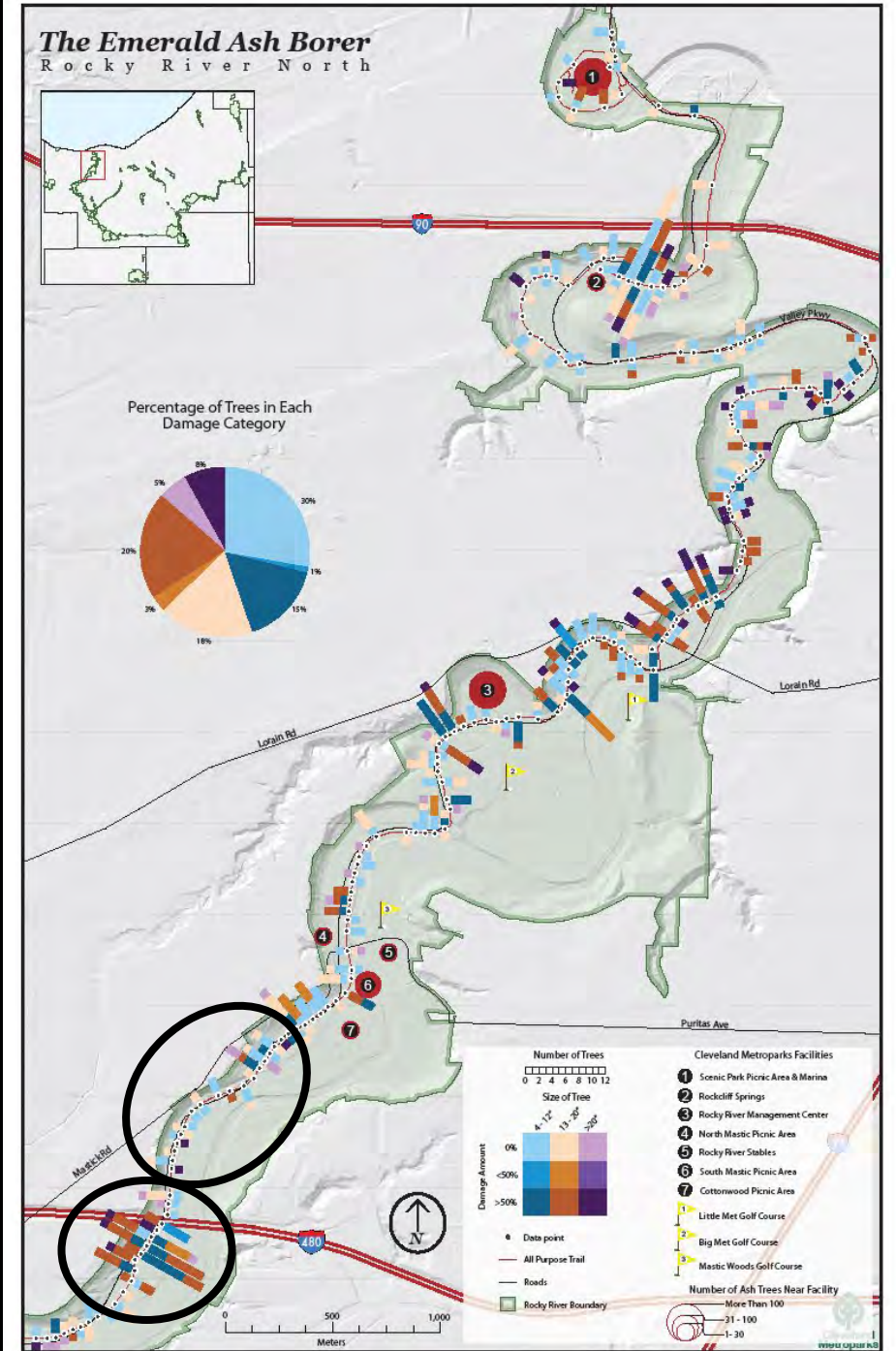
Ash Trees With a Diameter of greater than 20"



All 3  
size  
classes

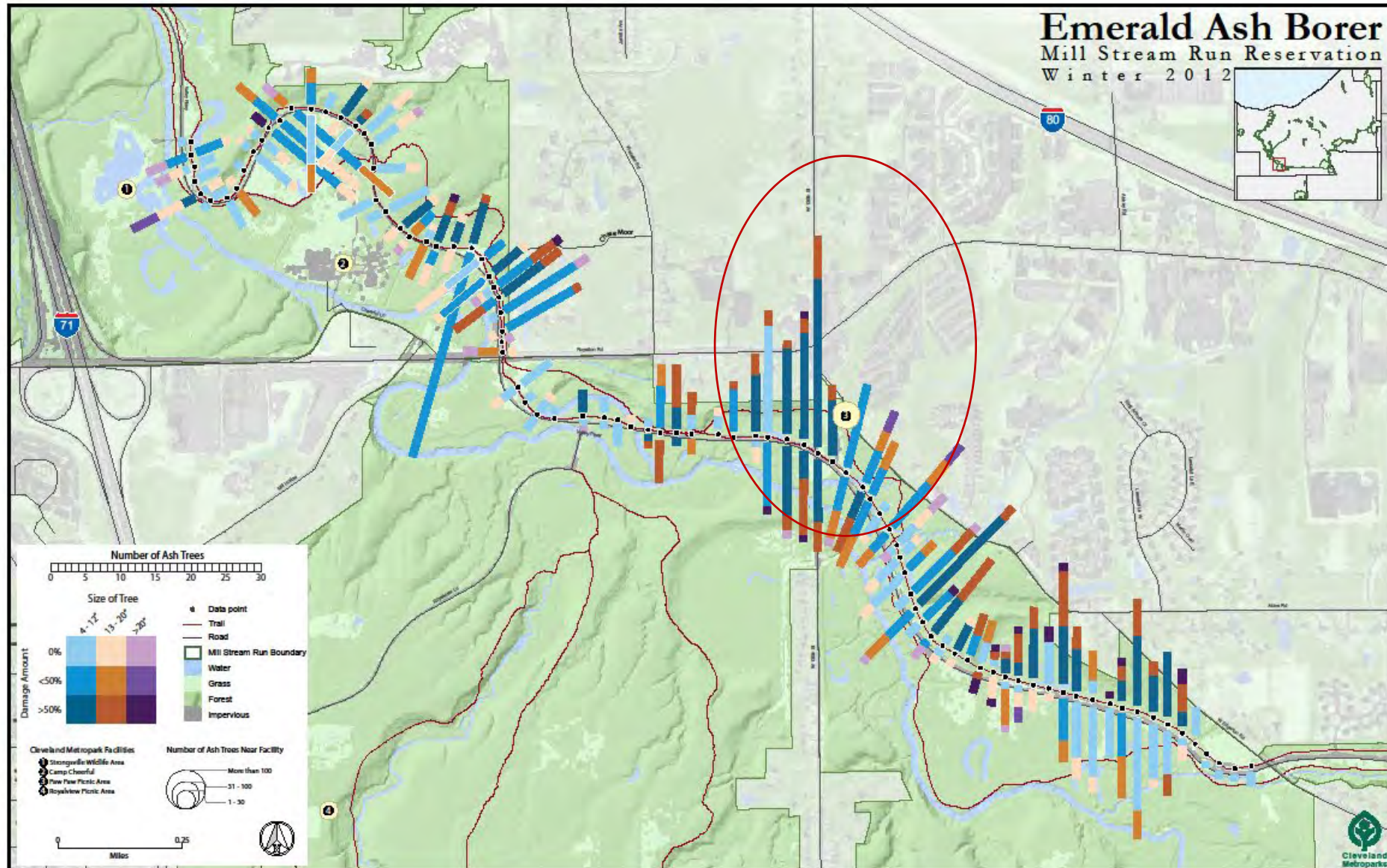
## The Emerald Ash Borer

Rocky River North



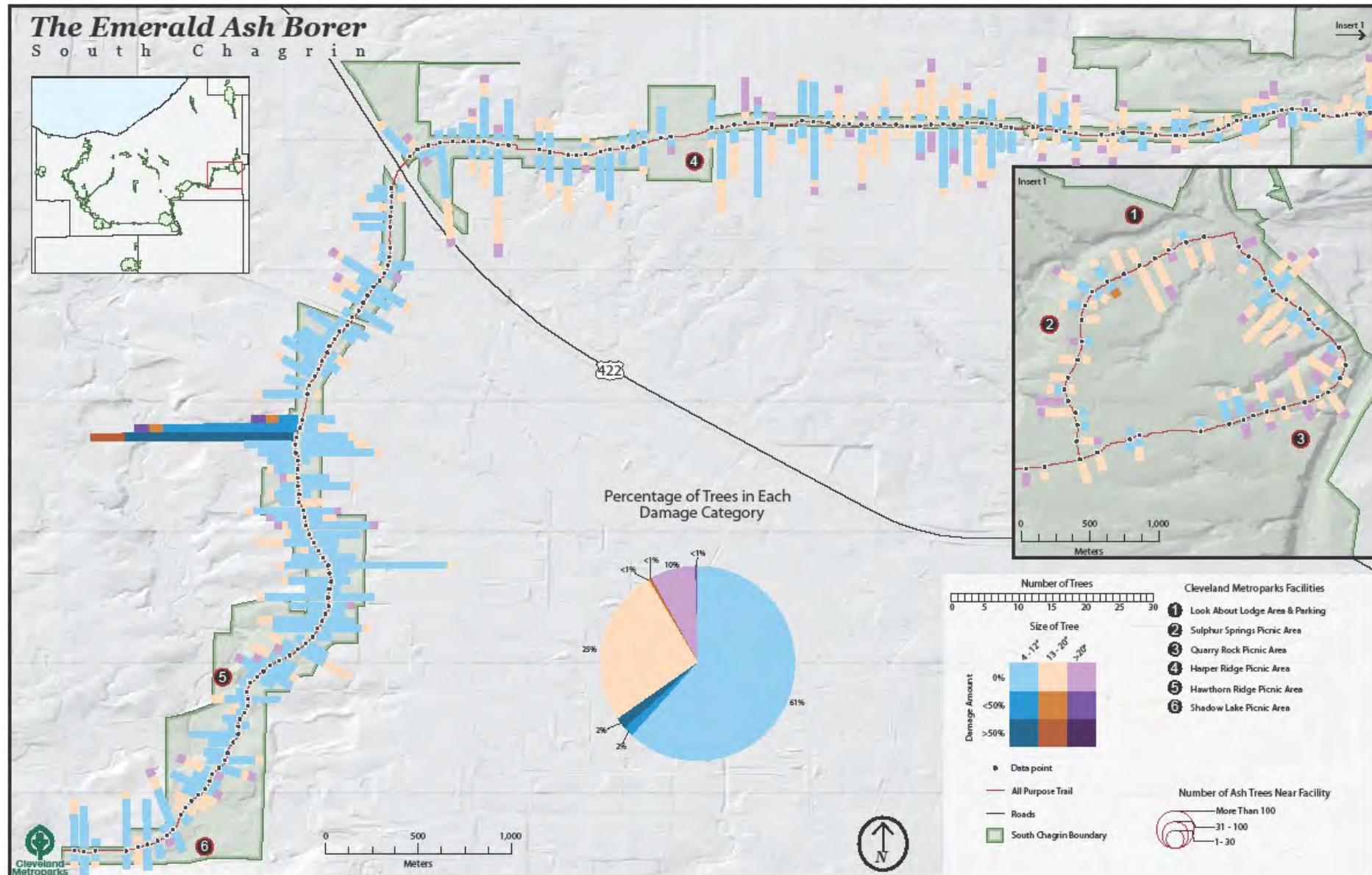


# West Side: Mill Stream Run

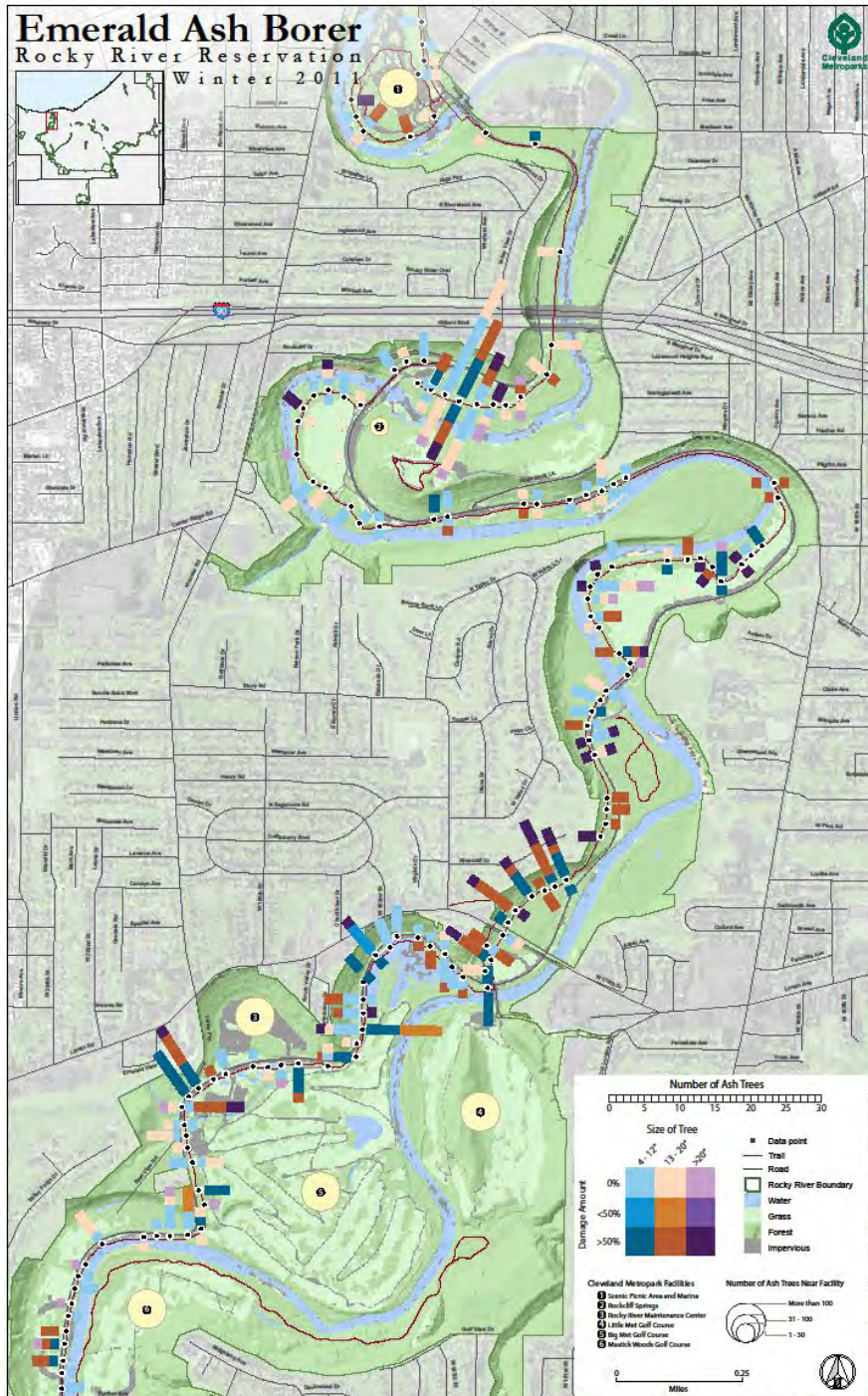




# East Side: South Chagrin







# US Forest Service State and Private Forestry Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation)

## •Priorities

- Public Areas
- Natural Habitats

invasive species control  
plant light gaps  
create young forest  
expand forested buffers  
stabilize stream corridors





- Large caliper (UTC)
- Small caliper (young forest establishment)
- Volunteer vs. Contractor





# **Forest Rehabilitation – Reforestation - Stream Restoration Ash Utilization**







Stream restoration using  
dead ash logs as grade  
control structures

Stream Bank Stabilization:  
Live stake installation







Forest Rehabilitation: invasive shrub control  
Reforestation: tree plantings

“Planted” dead ash snags: raptor/bird perch





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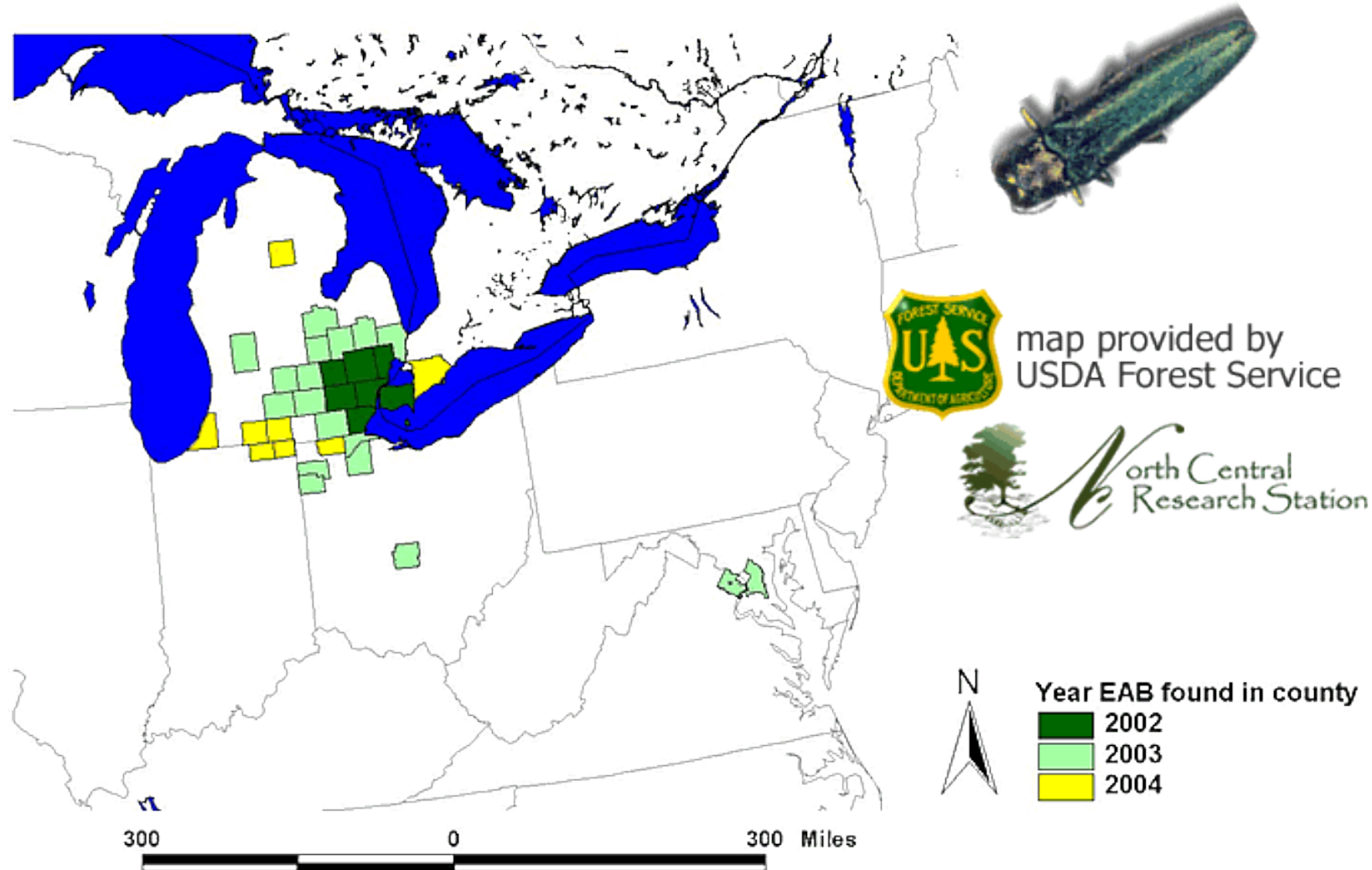
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# Emerald Ash Borer in North America, 2004.



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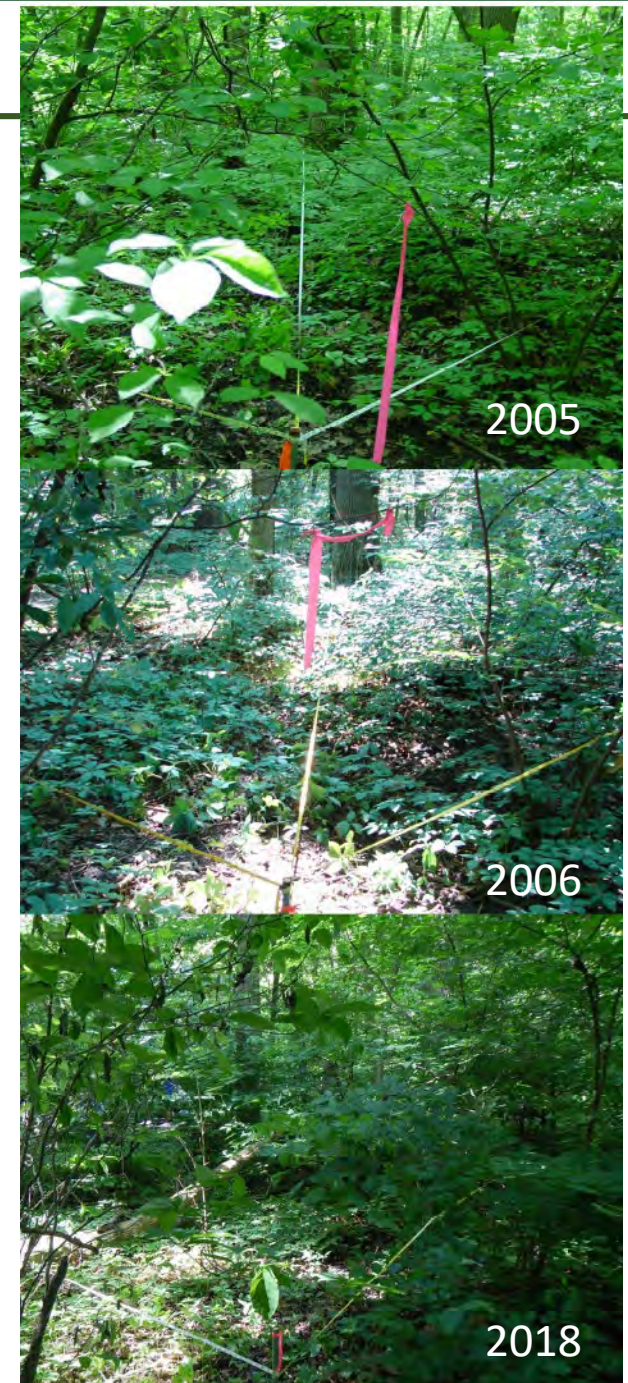
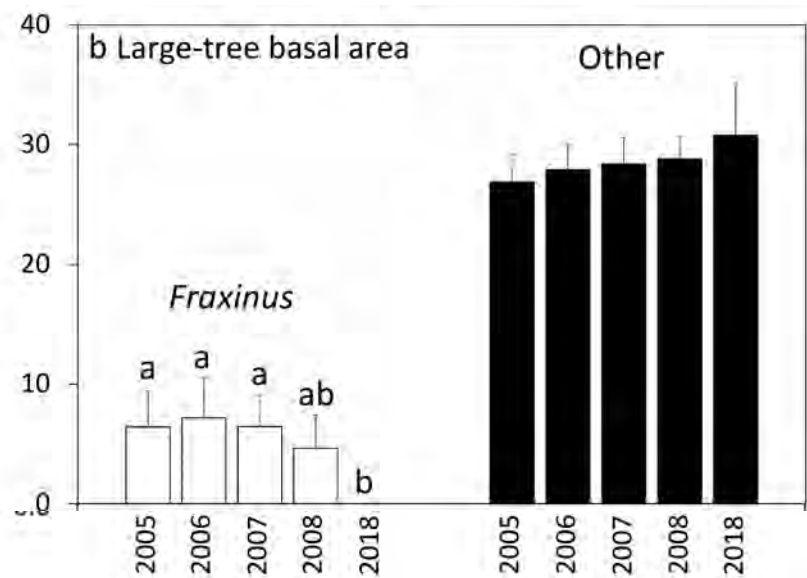
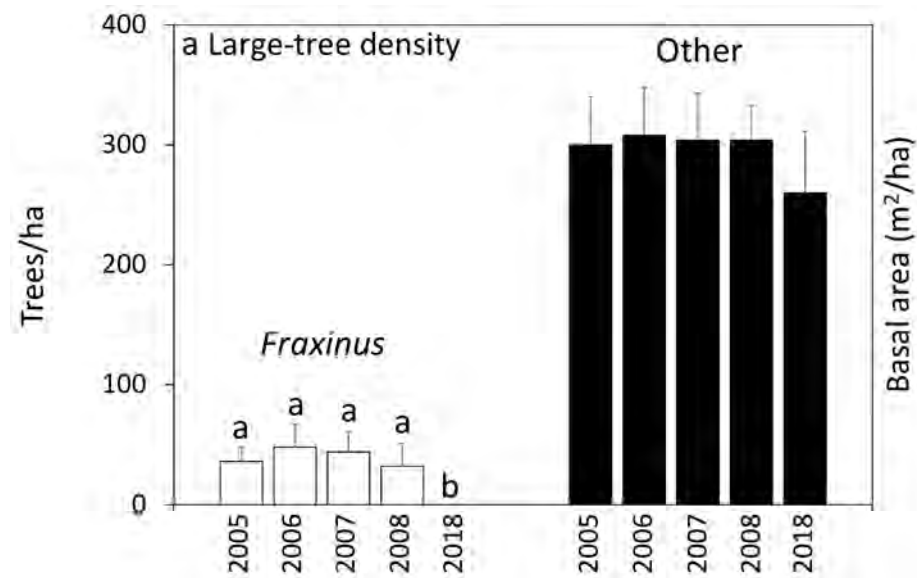
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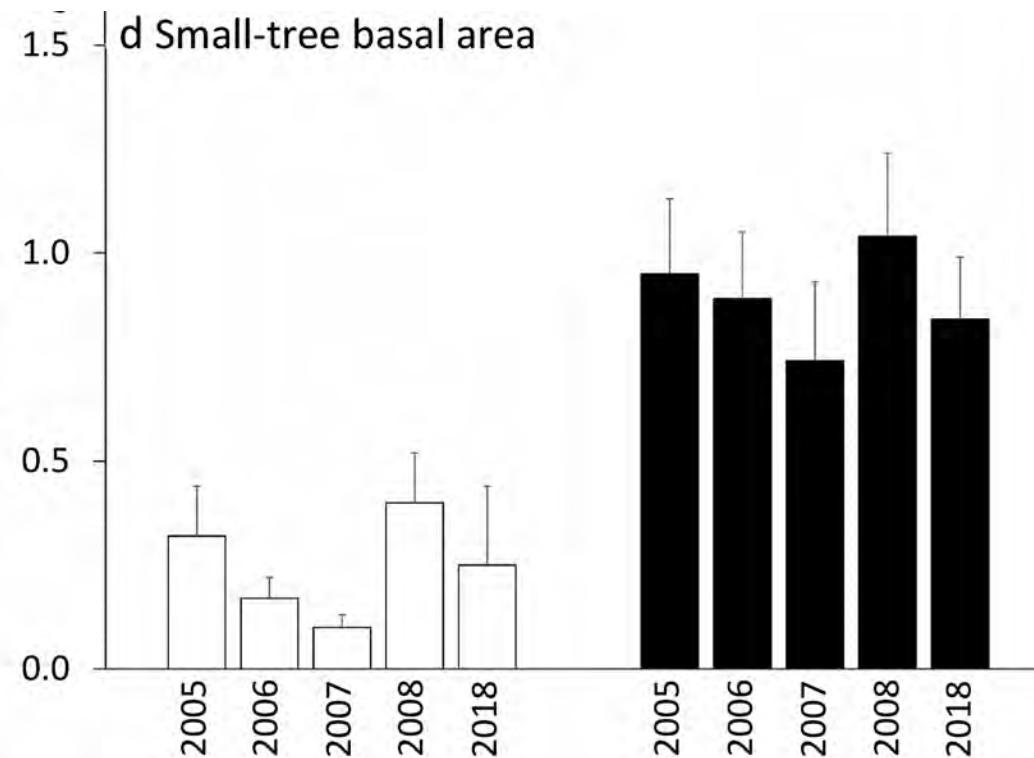
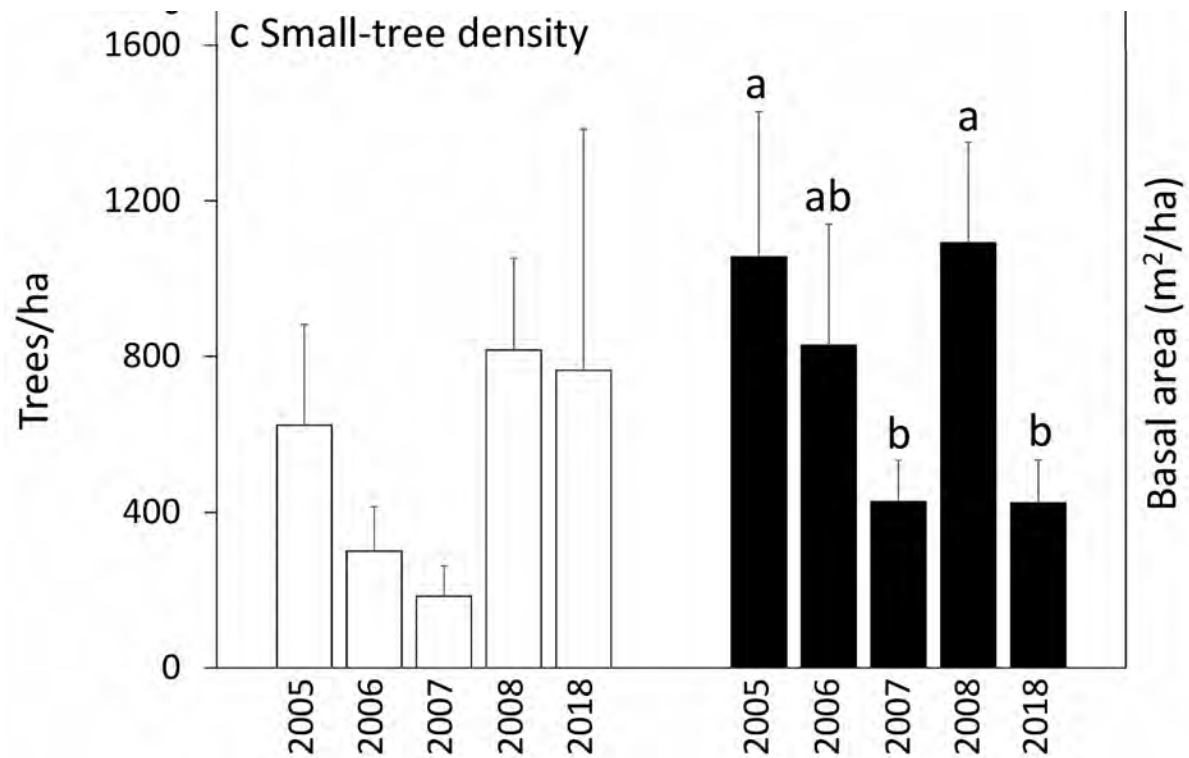
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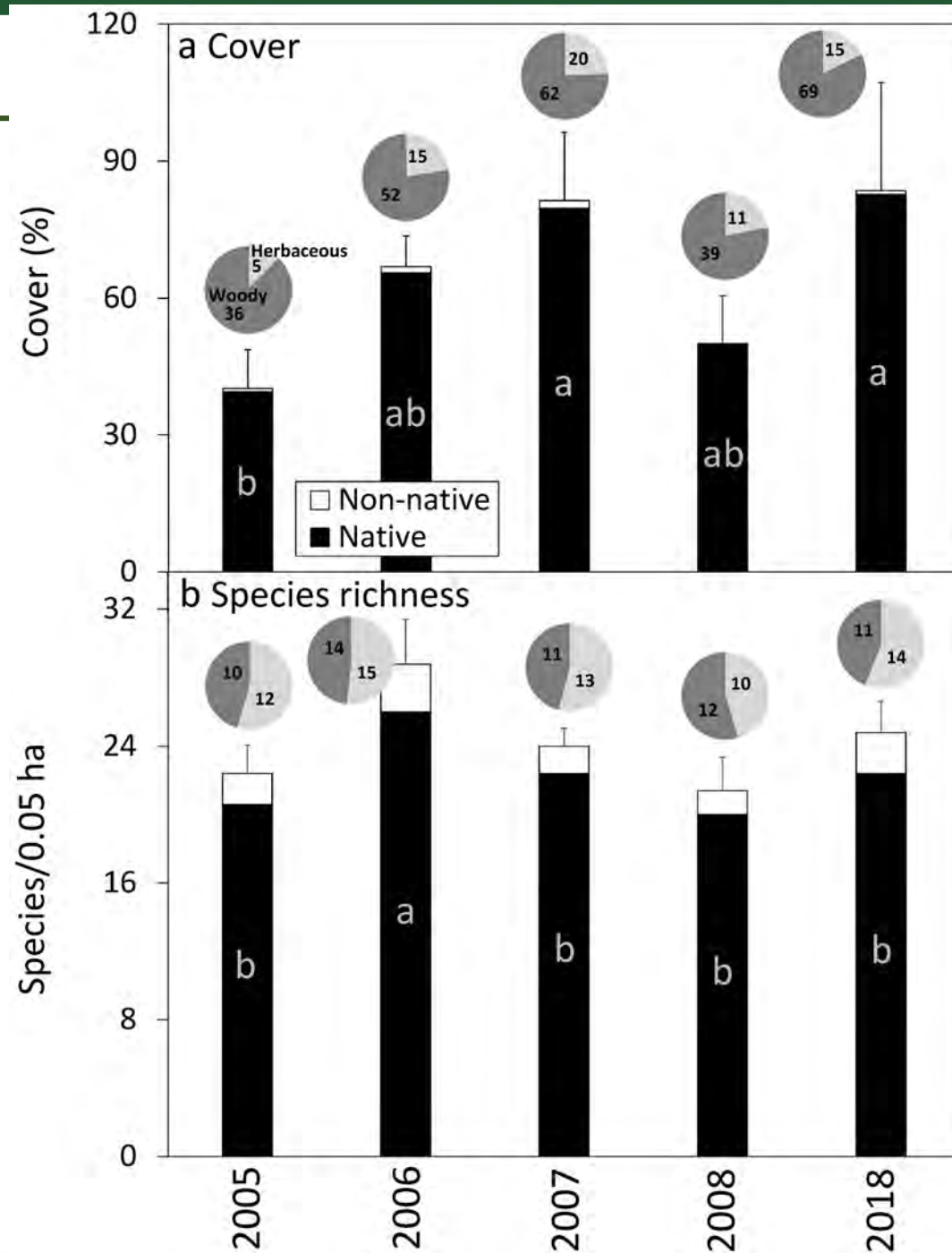




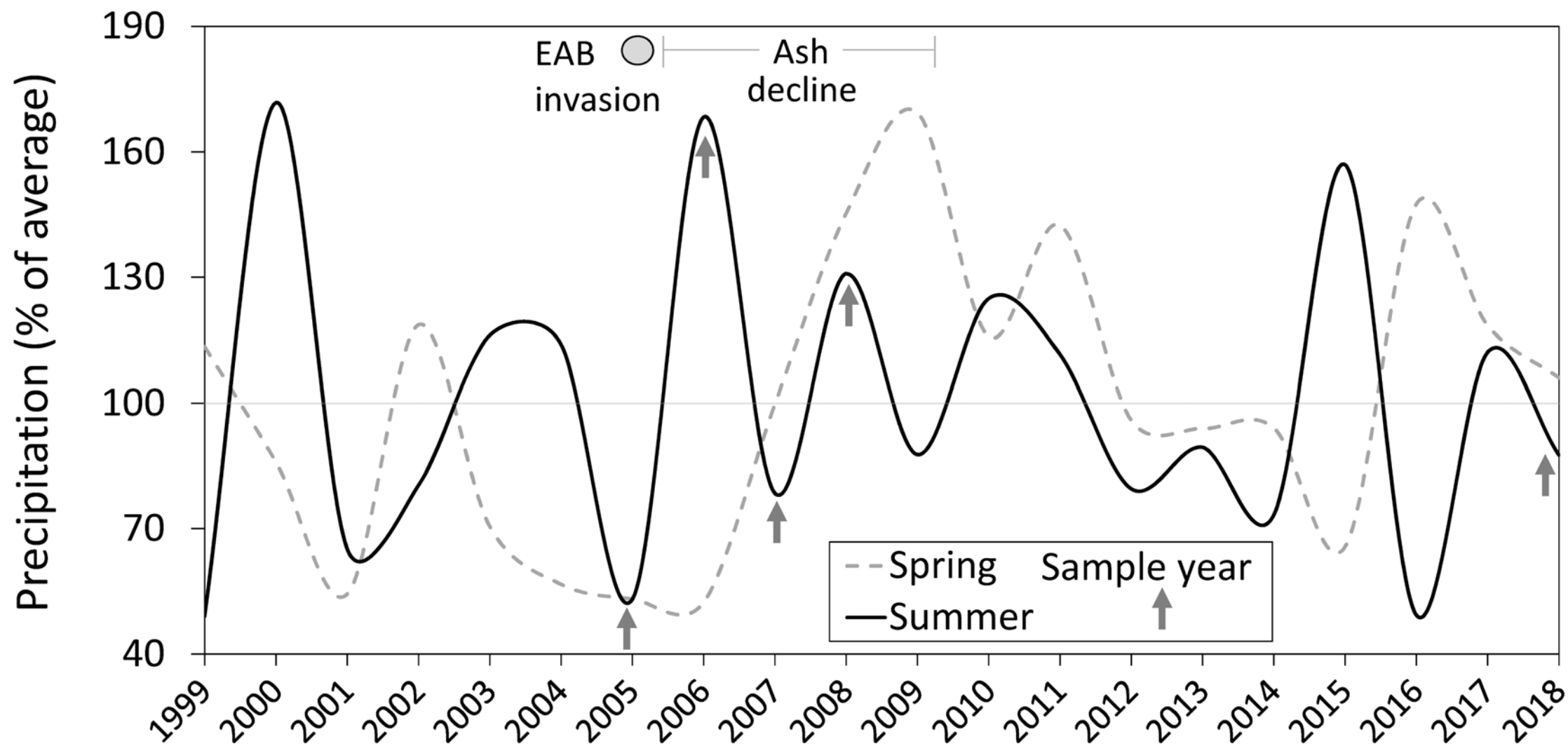














# **EAB Eradication Cut Zones – Vegetation Response**



**Cut Plot 2005**



**Cut Plot 2009**





