

If you **SEE** something, **SAY** something

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued nationwide warnings about the risk of Asian longhorned beetles (ALB), which threaten millions of acres of trees. In the city of Valparaiso, more than 4,000 public trees are at risk, which doesn't even count the thousands of trees on private property. The risk is heightened by the fact that the ALB threatens 13 species of trees, including maple trees, which make up more than 40 percent of our city's trees!

Community support is essential in spotting the Asian longhorned beetle, which is the only way to prevent it from spreading. Please join the city of Valparaiso's MS4 Stormwater Program and Public Works by checking trees during August and the upcoming fall months when ALB and other damaging pests are most active.



Find it. Report it. Save trees.

Visit www.asianlonghornedbeetle.com for more information or to report a sighting. You may also call the Indiana DNR hotline at 1-866-NO EXOTIC (1-866-663-9684).

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MS4 Stormwater Program

www.valpo.us/MS4
462-1161

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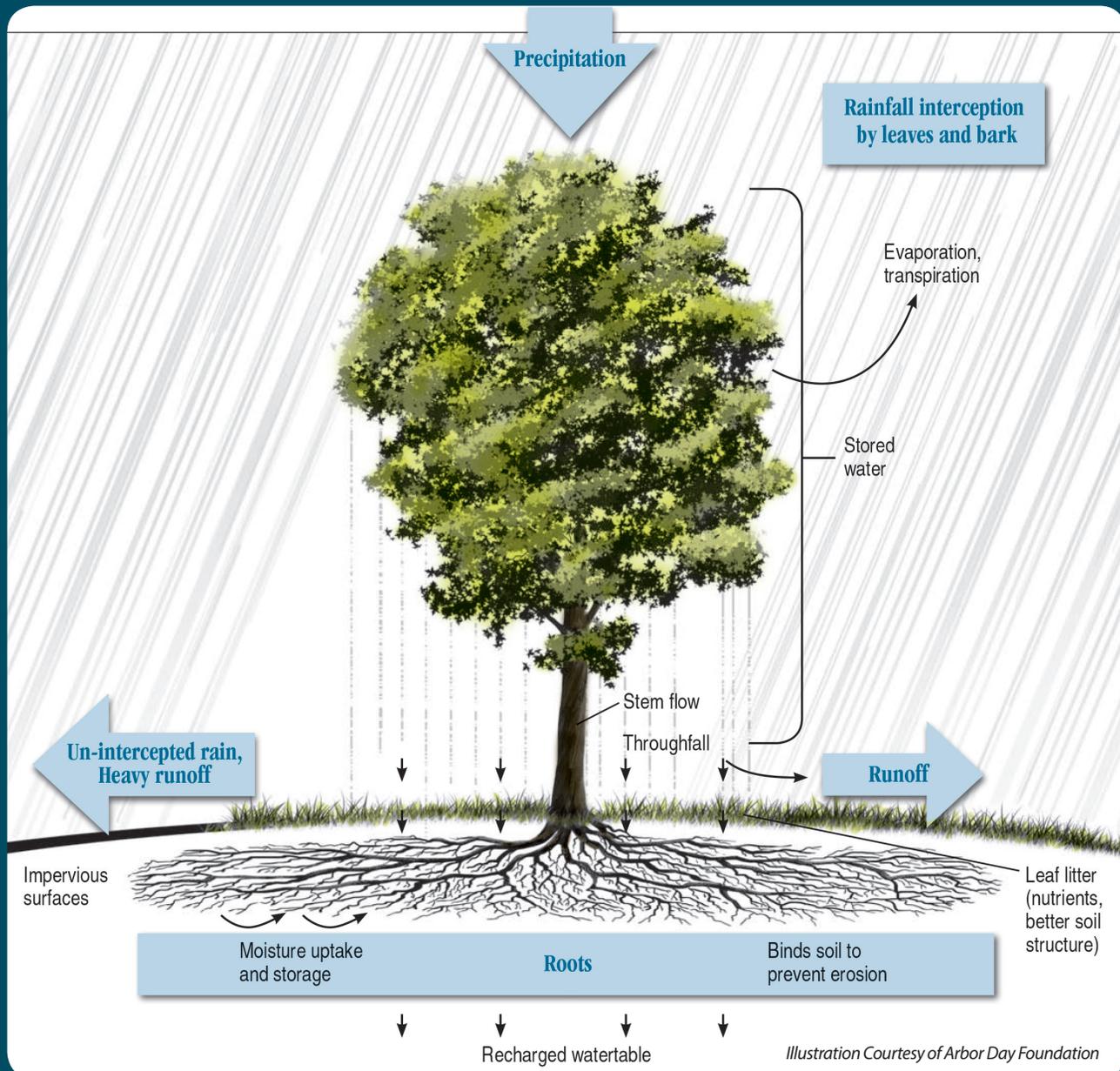
Asian longhorned beetle



This **Bug** could be
a **danger** to **Our**
water quality

See inside for ways
YOU can help

Trees help **MANAGE** storm water and **PROTECT** our water supply



By threatening our nation's trees, the Asian longhorned beetle threatens our water supply.

you can **SAVE** trees by **CHECKING** them.

AUGUST IS TREE CHECK MONTH Take 10 minutes to check your trees for the Asian longhorned beetle, which feeds on hardwood trees, eventually killing them. Here's what to look for:

ALB larvae chew into the heartwood of trees, where treatments can't reach them.



The body is 1-inch to 1-1/2 inches in length, with six legs and a shiny, jet-black body with random white spots and two long black and white antenna.

Look for the signs:

- Dime-sized exit holes
- Sawdust-like material
- Egg sites in the bark
- Dead or fallen branches



Fast Facts

- Adult beetles are most active in summer and early fall, when they might be seen on tree trunks, branches, and surrounding areas.
- Once a tree is infested by the ALB, it must be removed to save more trees.
- Spotting the beetle early is the only way to stop it from spreading and destroying millions of acres of our nation's hardwoods.