

## **TREES IN TROUBLE Reviews**

"*Trees in Trouble* tells the story of Cincinnati's response to the threat to its trees posed by the emerald ash borer. However, the film's message is not limited to southern Ohio: across the country, from Massachusetts to San Diego, Minneapolis to Charleston, thousands of communities face the same threat: valuable and beloved trees being killed by non-native insects or diseases. While the trees and killers differ, the cost to the communities is the same: destruction of trees that provide shade and other important ecosystem services and create our sense of home. *Trees in Trouble* helps us understand what we are losing and links us to actions we can take to counter this tragedy."

**--Faith Campbell, Vice President, Center for Invasive Species Prevention**

"What an arresting film! Beautifully made and engaging to watch. Trees are an important source of health for humans and nature and thus a vital part of our cities. This is a valuable resource for classroom and community showings across the country."

**--Mary Evelyn Tucker, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University**

"*Trees in Trouble* clearly makes the case for the priceless value of city trees, the threats they face from exotic insects accidentally brought in to our cities, and the need for municipalities to take action. City officials, local tree committees, and interested citizens would all benefit from viewing this film."

**--Amy Grotta, Associate Professor of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University**

"Exotic species - those we have carelessly moved to places where they are not native - are a massive threat to global biodiversity. As this important film makes clear, nowhere is this more obvious than in our own cities and towns where insect pests are killing the trees that give us so much pleasure. So much is at stake if we are to keep our streets and gardens green."

**--Stuart Pimm, Professor of Conservation Ecology, Duke University, President of Saving Species**

"Scholars, public health experts, and city residents are developing an increased awareness of the critical benefits that urban forests provide for people and nature. But these ecosystems and their benefits are under threat from invasive pests. *Trees in Trouble* brings much needed attention to this problem, highlighting, in stark terms, key policy and management challenges as well as the consequences for city residents and forests."

**--Dr. Patrick Hurley, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Ursinus College, Author, *Planning Paradise: Politics and Visioning of Land Use in Oregon***

"*Trees in Trouble* is an urgent call to action to protect our treasured urban street and park trees from extinction due to invasive insects and other threats - a must for teachers, parks managers, municipal officials, and people who love trees."

**--Dr. Rutherford H. Platt Jr., Professor Emeritus of Geography, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Author, *The Ecological City: Preserving and Restoring Urban Biodiversity***

"Trees create sense of place, and touch lives in special ways. The urban forests of American cities are threatened by pests that are stowaways with the goods that arrive from all the world. This film informs about invasive species management, preventive policies, and the community sense of loss if protection is overlooked."

**--Dr. Kathleen Wolf, Research Social Scientist, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington**

"*Trees in Trouble* is a vital wakeup call about the impacts of global trade on urban ecology. Looking closely at the negative effects caused by the Emerald Ash Borer on urban trees in Cincinnati, a city that boast an almost 40% canopy in the 21st century, *Trees in Trouble* deftly reveals the challenges we face in a global world."

**--Dr. Kent "Kip" Curtis, Assistant Professor of Environmental History, The Ohio State University**