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CONSERVATION CONNECTION

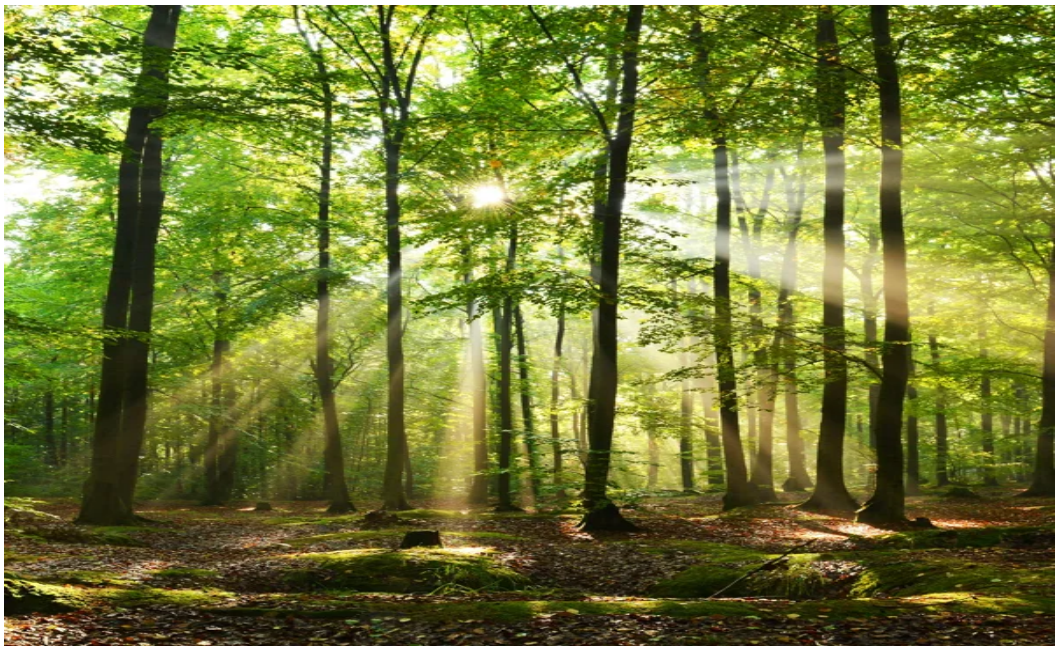
"There are more life forms in a handful of forest soil than there are people on the planet"

Peter Wohlleben

Why do we need to protect our environment?

Protecting the environment improves human health, preserves wildlife, fights climate change, ensures food security, and secures resources for the future.

TREES CAN DO ALL THAT



As our 2026-2027 season begins, I would like to welcome you to Conservation Connection, an online report to members on environmental issues that impact our planet and our lives. You may notice a theme this year of trees. I hope to share information on the importance even one tree can make in the landscape and help you understand how planting trees and caring for trees also helps protect our fragile environment. There will be links to online videos as well as tips and information of how, as stewards of this planet, we individually and collectively can make a difference.

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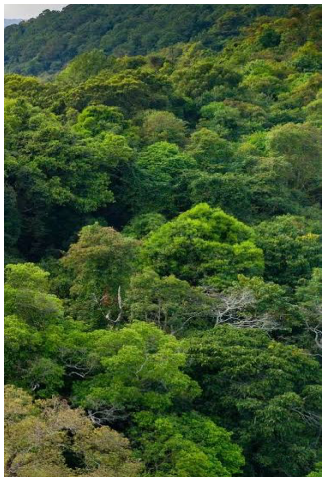
Click on link..

www.davey.com/videos/tree-benefits/





The video link on the left produced by Davey Tree explains the Economic, Environmental, Health and Social benefits of trees. It is a short 5 minute introduction to the benefits of trees. This year we will explore tree selection, planting , pruning, feeding and more.

Take a look!

Shrewsbury's environmental action group, Tipping Point 01545 is initiating a tree planting program to commemorate the towns 300th anniversary in 2027, the planting of 300 trees over the course of several years. The 2027 pilot program hopes to plant 50 trees on municipal property to start.

If you would like to know more about Tipping Point 01545, visit their web site at www.tippingpoint01545.com

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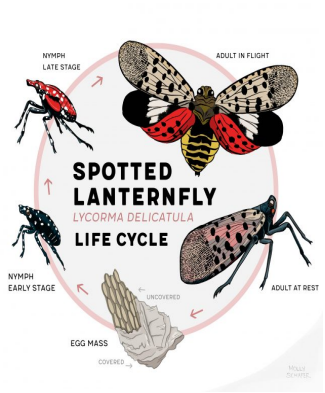
SPOTTED LANTERNFLY







We have all seen then and there isn't much we can do about them. The federal government. Is managing spotted lanternfly through strategic planning, multi-state coordination, and proposed legislature to prioritize research and funding. Agencies focus resources on high-risk transport pathways, satellite populations and vulnerable agricultural regions to protect crops like grapes, apples and peaches which are particularly vulnerable. Removing the favorite host plant, Tree of Heaven would help. If you have Tree of Heaven in your yard check for egg masses. There is a ton of information on the internet regarding how to deal with these pests.

Good news! Asian long-horned beetle has been eradicated in Shrewsbury!



LEAF MULCH

Fallen autumn leaves make a free, nutrient- rich organic mulch that suppresses weeds, retains soil moisture, and improves soil health as they break down.

1. Shred the leaves by mulching with a mower or a leaf shredder.
2. Keep it dry to make it easier to shred.
3. Spread a 2-3 inch layer around perennial beds, trees and shrubs.
4. Keep mulch a few inches away from plant stems and tree trunks to prevent rot and pest damage.