



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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RELEAF MICHIGAN WORKSHOP

There will be a presentation on the **infestation of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid at the Fruitland Township Hall on September 15, 2021 at 7:00p.m.** Drew Rayner with the Department of Natural Resources will present the information to understand how to combat this invasive species.

Drew Rayner is the West Michigan Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Coordinator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division. Drew received his bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University and has been working in the invasive species field for the past 9 years. While previously serving as the West Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Coordinator, Drew oversaw various invasive species projects including coordinating the private land survey and treatment of HWA in West Michigan since 2017.

Hemlock woolly adelgid has killed hundreds of thousands of hemlock trees in eastern states, including significant areas in the Appalachian and Great Smoky mountains. A small insect attacking our hemlock trees, if left unaddressed, will cause mortality of infested trees. Come learn about the rigorous survey and treatment of infested trees in an effort to save Michigan's 176 million eastern hemlocks from the same fate. Join Drew Rayner, the West Michigan Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Coordinator, to learn how federal, state and local resources are coming together to save Michigan's hemlock resource, one tree at a time.