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I would like to see the MPCA call on both cities and counties to develop wood utilization programs and for the MPCA to support them in their efforts to build these programs. This can be through assistance to develop industry specifications which the Urban Wood Network is currently working on, providing funding resources to purchase equipment and to be an advocate at the State level.

Too many logs have and continue to be underutilized and as the document points out, we have yet to reach the peak of our EAB death curve. Log salvage can play only a minor role in reducing the amount of the woody debris that we waste, but it is the highest value use of this natural resource. In addition, this is a way that local governments can support jobs in the private sector that utilize logs, lumber and slabs.

Surely more can be and must be done. Thank you for reading!