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MANHATTAN: TREES DESTROYED BECAUSE OF BEETLES

Two Central Park trees found infested with the Asian long-horned beetle were chopped down yesterday and were to be burned in an effort to destroy the eggs buried in the wood, a parks department spokeswoman said.

The infected American elms were found within blocks of each other along Fifth Avenue by United States Department of Agriculture officials who have searched for the bugs in 1,315 park trees since mid-March, said the spokeswoman, Dana Rubinstein.(AP)