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December 6, 2007

Ms. Deborah Puchakjian
Municipal Clerk
Winslow Township
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Braddock, New Jersey 08037-9422

Dear Ms. Puchakjian:

As requested, the Department of Agriculture inspectors have completed the gypsy moth egg mass survey in your municipality. The survey results show that heavy outbreaks of the pest are expected in your municipality next spring.

Approximately 453 acres using a single application of *Btk* or 499 acres (counting a double application in one of the six spray blocks) qualify for the 2008 Gypsy Moth Aerial Suppression Program. (See "Rules for Participation" and enclosed map)

The Department will be offering technical assistance in the form of preparing spray contracts, obtaining spray vendors, insuring the proper timing of spraying, and supervision of the spray operation itself. Department staff will not be available for the placement of marker balloons in the spray blocks. You are responsible to supply the personnel to perform this action and pay for the full cost of the aerial treatment. *Bacillus thuringiensis, B.t.* will be the only insecticide used on the program.

The Department has requested financial assistance from the U.S. Forest Service to possibly provide up to 50% reimbursement of spray costs for the 2008 aerial suppression program. In 2007 participating municipalities were charged \$39.44 per acre for aerial treatment and received a 50% reimbursement. The previous season only a 25% federal reimbursement was provided.

If your municipality would like to participate in the gypsy moth program, with technical assistance by the Department and up to a possible 50% reimbursement of spray costs by the U.S. Forest Service, please complete the enclosed forms and return them to this office by **December 28, 2007**. You must also select a representative who will attend the Gypsy Moth Regional Meeting to be held in January 2008.

If we have not heard from you by December 28th, we shall assume your community is not interested in participating in the 2008 spray program. If you need any additional information about the gypsy moth program, please feel free to call the Department at (609) 292-5442.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Zoltowski
Chief, Bureau of Plant
Pest & Disease Control

Enclosures

Winslow Township

