



# State of New Jersey

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September 24, 2021

Ms. Elizabeth Godfrey  
Municipal Clerk  
Bass River Township  
P.O. Box 307  
New Gretna, New Jersey 08224

Dear Ms. Godfrey:

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 **346 acres** in three blocks using a single application of *B.t.k* qualify for the 2022 Gypsy Moth Aerial Suppression Program. (See "Rules for Participation" and enclosed map). One of the blocks has high numbers of egg masses and would be recommended for a second treatment. If the municipality opts for the second application, then the total number of acres would be **563**.

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

The Department will be requesting financial assistance from the U.S. Forest Service to possibly provide up to 50 % reimbursement of spray costs for the 2022 aerial suppression program. The anticipated treatment cost per acre could range from \$55 to \$60 per acre.

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 **November 30, 2021**. You must also select a representative who will attend the Gypsy Moth Regional Meeting to be held in January 2022.

If we have not heard from you by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, we shall assume your community is not interested in participating in the 2022 spray program. If you need any additional information about the gypsy moth program, please feel free to call the Department at (609) 406-6939.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Zoltowski  
Director, Division  
of Plant Industry

Enclosures



**Bass River Township**  
**3 Blocks**  
**346 total single**  
**563 total double**

679

Allens

Allens Coal

Clubhouse

Pine

Stage

Allen

653

Plymouth

654

Shore

Stage

Gold Decker

48 acres

217 acres  
recommend 2 apps

Cedar

542

81 acres

Mink

Greenbush

Green Bush

654

West

Millers

Riverside

Oak

Frenchs

Teaberry

Maple

Robinson

Loveland

New York

Sooy

Garden State

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