



January 2, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed, you will find an application packet for 2018 Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. If you are interested in having your property treated, please complete the enclosed application and return it by the filing deadline of September 1, 2017. By completing this application and returning it to the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, you are under no obligation at this time.

If there is more than one landowner involved in the application, we ask that a block coordinator be designated and their name appears on the front of the application. Correspondence will be with the block coordinator.

A Landowner Cost Share is associated with this program to offset the cost of administering this aerial spray project. The cost to the landowner is 50% of the cost per acre incurred by ODA for the suppression project in total. If, after the treatment area has been assessed and it qualifies for the suppression treatment program, an invoice will be sent to you showing your cost share for the project.

To qualify for the suppression treatment project you must:

1. Submit a completed application form with original signatures of all landowners wishing to participate.
2. Submit a map detailing the boundaries of each landowner's property, identifying each with the landowner's name.
3. The treatment block must:
  - A) Be located in a county that has been designated quarantine for gypsy moth by ODA.
  - B) Be no less than 50 contiguous acres.
  - C) Have a tree canopy that covers no less than 50 % of the block.
  - D) Consist of at least 35% tree species either susceptible or resistant to gypsy moth.
  - E) Have an egg mass count of at least 250 egg masses per acre for residential forested areas or 1000 egg masses per acre for uninhabited forested areas.
  - F) Receive a favorable assessment from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
4. If the block qualifies for treatment, an invoice shall be sent to the landowners showing the total cost share payment due. Payment must be received in full by March 1, 2018.

This is not an eradication treatment. Our goal is to suppress the population. If you have any question or desire additional information, please feel free to contact me at 614-728-6400.

Sincerely,

David Adkins  
Gypsy Moth Program Manager

