

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 26.30(2) and (5), 28.01, and 28.07, Wis. Stats.; s. NR 47.9, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: Dependent on funding from U.S. Forest Service
2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$140,596
2002-2003 Fiscal Year = \$140,596 (est.)

Objective: At the request of landowners, these grants are provided to reduce outbreaks of non-native gypsy moth species populations below the level at which they can cause heavy defoliation. The suppression program consists of an aerial insecticide treatment program administered in partnership with the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and administration of federal cost-sharing for participants in the treatment program. Counties designate a local coordinator to administer requests for treatment from and for all residents of the county.

Eligibility: Eligible treatment blocks need to meet the following criteria:

- At least 20 contiguous acres in a compact and regular shape with a canopy coverage of 50% or more
- At least 50% of canopy coverage must be moderately or highly-susceptible hosts
- At least 500 egg masses per acre on residential or high-use recreational land and at least 1,000 egg masses per acre on rural land

Level of Assistance: Expenses directly relevant to the suppression program, aerial spray, and administrative costs, will be cost-shared up to 50% based on amount of funding received from the US Forest Service.

Priorities: Suppress outbreaks of gypsy moth populations to protect the trees that landowners and communities value.

Eligible Types of Projects: Treatment blocks with gypsy moth outbreaks that meet the eligibility requirements receive aerial insecticide treatment.

Applications: Available from the contact or see web site.

History: The program started in 2001: two communities participated and 1500 acres were sprayed. In 2002, nine counties participated and 6,000 acres were sprayed.

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