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2016 Pike County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program Public Meeting

A public informational meeting will be held on August 12, 2015 at 10:00am at the Pike County Fire Training Center located at 135 Pike County Blvd. Lords Valley, PA 18428. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on a POTENTIAL Gypsy Moth Suppression Program in Pike County for 2016. Representatives from DCNR and Pike County will be on hand to explain the steps Pike County residents and Community Associations need to take in order to be considered for inclusion in a 2016 gypsy moth program should there be one.

This is a state program, run by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) with cooperation from Pike County. **STATE and FEDERAL funding for a 2016 gypsy moth spray program has not yet been announced. Pike County's program IS CONTINGENT on receiving this funding for the program.**

The public meeting will provide information on the application process in order to be considered for gypsy moth spraying in 2016. Application deadline is SEPTEMBER 1, 2015. Application forms and more information can be obtained on the County website www.pikepa.org or www.pikeconservation.org or by calling 570-226-8220 or at the following locations: PIKE COUNTY GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM, 556 Route 402, Blooming Grove, PA 18428 or County Administration Building, 506 Broad Street, Milford.

Please note: Submitting an application and fee only allows your property to be evaluated for the program. **It does not guarantee that the property will be included in the program.** Properties will be evaluated in Fall 2015 and landowners will then be billed for a portion of the costs for spraying. Costs have not yet been determined. Costs will be based on the total acres included in the spray program AND the STATE and FEDERAL funds allocated for the 2016 program.