

Commissioners:

SCOTT L. METZGER
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina, Mya Toon Director of Financial Management, and Solicitor Christopher H. Kenyon.

1.0 OPERATIONS

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to approve accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 4/16/25 to be paid on 4/9/25 in the amount of \$2,797,143.01.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 2.2 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to approve credit card cash requirement report of purchases from 2/27/25 through 3/26/25 in the amount of \$7,317.94

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1 Mike Hagen – Elected Officials Personnel Actions:
 - District Attorney – Brook Muthler, Clerk III, 4, Full Time, \$15.4508 per hour, 75 hours per pay period, Anticipated start Date: April 16, 2025
- 3.2 DCNR Report on the Spongy Moth – Rosa Yoo, DCNR - Presentation attached .

Commissioner Mussina emphasized the critical role that government environmental regulations play in protecting natural resources.

Commissioner Metzger thanked Rosa Yoo and the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources group for the presentation. He emphasized the importance of educating the public on topics such as Spongy moths and the effects they have on the environment.

Recess Commissioners' Public Meeting for the Salary Board

4.0 SALARY BOARD - SALARY BOARD MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON LYCO.ORG>ELECTED OFFICIALS>CONTROLLER

- 4.1 Convene Salary Board.
- 4.2 Vote to approve the Salary Board minutes from the April 3, 2025 meeting.
- 4.3 Vote to approve the following Salary Board Actions:
 - Commissioners:
 - Delete Director of Administration position (PG 15) from TDA
 - Add Director of Management Operations (PG 12) to TDA
 - Resource Management Services
 - Reclassify Director of Resource Management Services from PG 15 to PG 13
 - Courts (APO/DRO)
 - Reclassify vacant Domestic Relations Officer (CBU, PG9) to an Adult Probation Administrative Case Officer (PG7) – Court Act 77 or 98 funds will be used to make up the 66% difference annually.
 - District Attorney
 - Reclassify PT DUI Center Position to FT Processing detective (non-union position at a salary of \$25.00 /hour. The DUI and Central Processing fees will be used to fund this position.
- 4.4 Adjourn Salary Board.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

5.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 5.1 Mike Hagen – Approve the following Personnel Actions as conditional offers of employment, subject to the successful completion of a background check and all other employment conditions as outlined in Attachment (A).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Gillum Psychological Services. (2025 approved budgeted item).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.2 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Hempfield Behavioral Health Inc. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.3 Nancy Schenck– Vote to approve the Agreement with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.4 Gary Staggett – Vote to approve the Change Order #1 with R&L Development Company.
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.5 Gary Staggett– Vote to approve the Change Order #6 with R&L Development Company.
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.6 Gary Staggett– Vote to approve the Change Order #7 with R&L Development Company.
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.7 Gary Staggett – Vote to approve the Change Order #3 with R&L Development Company.
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.8 Adrienne Stahl– Vote to approve the Agreement with Brian Ulmer, Esq. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.9 Adrienne Stahl -Vote to approve the Agreement with Tiffani Kase, Esq. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.10 Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Terra Koernig, Esq. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.11 Sal Vitko – Vote to ratify the Lycoming County PIB Loan # 521238 in the amount of \$7,000,000.00
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.12 Mya Toon –Vote to approve the Agreement with Agrarian Associates, Inc in the amount of \$1,850.00. (2025 approved budgeted item)
Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0
- 6.13 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with twobytwo Solutions, LLC. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.14 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Jean Landis.
(2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.15 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with Columbia County Board of Commissioners (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.16 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Intrinsic Interventions. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.17 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Separation Agreement with Employee # 250404.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.18 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Separation Agreement with Employee # 250214.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

7.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Mussina talked about the conference he attended at the State Correctional Institute in Cole Township where he learned about a program that allows inmates to raise money and donate it to community service organizations. Commissioner Mussina highlighted the complexities of the criminal justice system and how prison reform is a topic that should be reviewed periodically. Commissioner Mussina noted how the evolving societal perspectives on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I) has changed over the years and its impact on the prison system.

8.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT



Thomas Adams Good morning Lycoming County. Actually, there are a number of bird species that feed on the gypsy moths. I think spraying keeps the natural predators away, which is why areas that are sprayed; the

Thomas Adams untreated areas bordering the treatment areas, suffer from defoliation due to the pesticides making the border areas repugnant to the predatory birds. Is this not reasonable?
Thank-you for your work!

Thomas Adams Maybe spraying effects the fungus growth and the virus from being prevalent. Taping tree trunks is helpful, as well.

Thomas Adams Also, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, white-footed mice and shrews are predators of Spongy Moths.

9.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 3rd Floor, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 177

To View This Meeting Click on the Link Below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuKEstXmFP0>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Adult Probation – Eithan Marino, Adult Probation Officer, Union, Full-Time, \$24.53 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 28, 2025.

Prison – Mark Stetts, Sergeant, 9, Full-Time, \$25.5246 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Transfer Date: April 13, 2025.

Prison – Elizabeth Fox, Correctional Officer, Union, Part-Time, \$20.00 per Hour, Not to exceed 1000 hours annually, Anticipated Start Date: April 13, 2025.

Prison – Dylan Nichols, Correctional Officer, Union, Full-Time, \$20.00 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 21, 2025.

Spongy Moth *Lymantria dispar dispar*

Rosa Yoo
Forest Health Manager

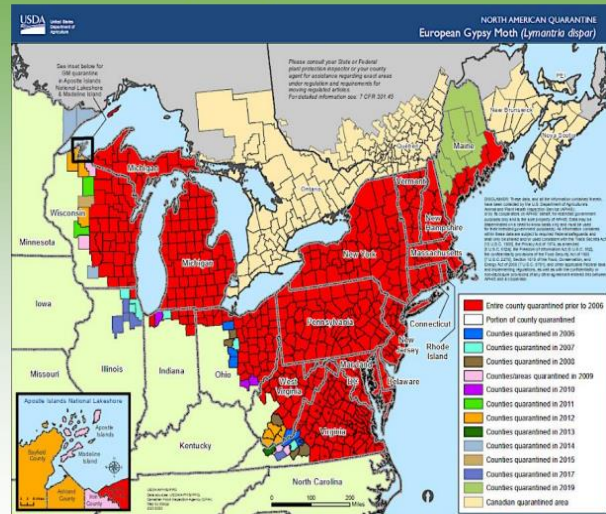
Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation & Natural Resources
Bureau of Forestry
Division of Forest Health

Lycoming County Commissioners Meeting - April 10, 2025

Spongy Moth (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) formerly known as Gypsy moth

- Spongy moth is a non-native, invasive forest pest
- It was introduced in 1869 to Massachusetts from Europe
- Feeds on over 300 different tree, shrub, and plant species
- Prefers oak trees
- No natural predators
- First PA detection in 1932
- PA started a suppression program in 1972

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Spongy Moth Feeding



Early feeding in May



Extensive feeding by June (2007) "Winter in June"

Spongy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*)

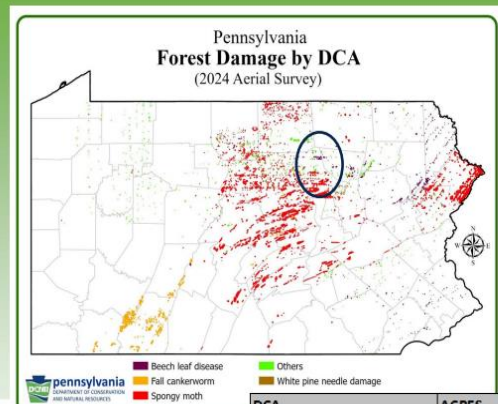
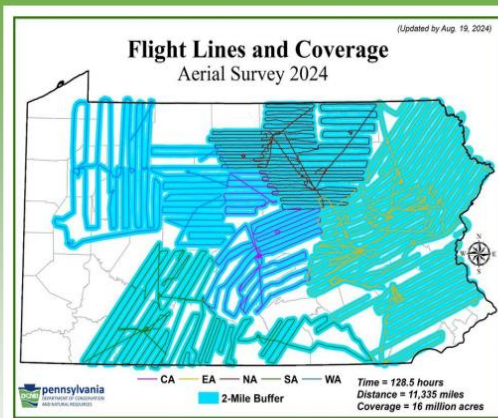


Spongy Moth Program

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Forest Damage Aerial Survey



DCA	ACRES
beech leaf disease	34,862
fall cankerworm	98,828
spongy moth	595,324
white pine needle damage	24,500
Others	41,129
Totals	794,642

June / July
Peak Defoliation

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Spongy Moth Egg Mass Surveys

[Guide to Spongy Moth Egg Mass Surveying \(psu.edu\)](https://psu.edu)



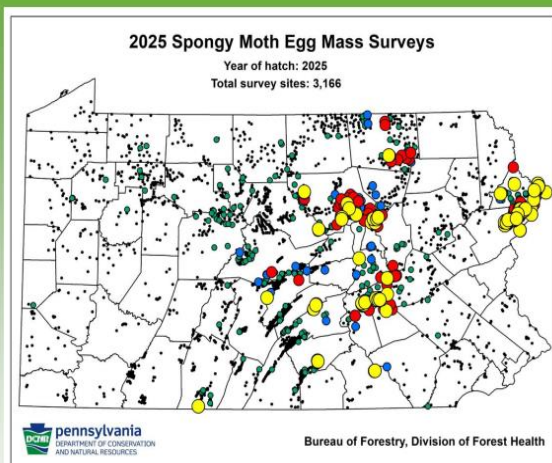
- From the "center" tree you choose, you should search for and count all visible egg masses within a circular plot with a radius of 18.6 feet. This plot size is 1/40 of an acre.
- 12.5 egg masses per 1/40 acre x 40 = 500 egg masses per acre.



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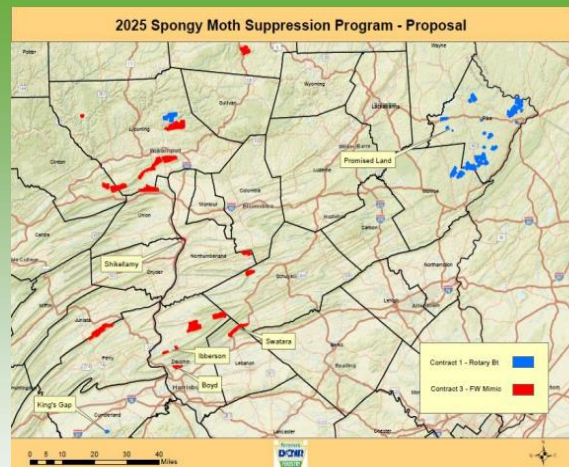


Spongy Moth Egg Mass Surveys

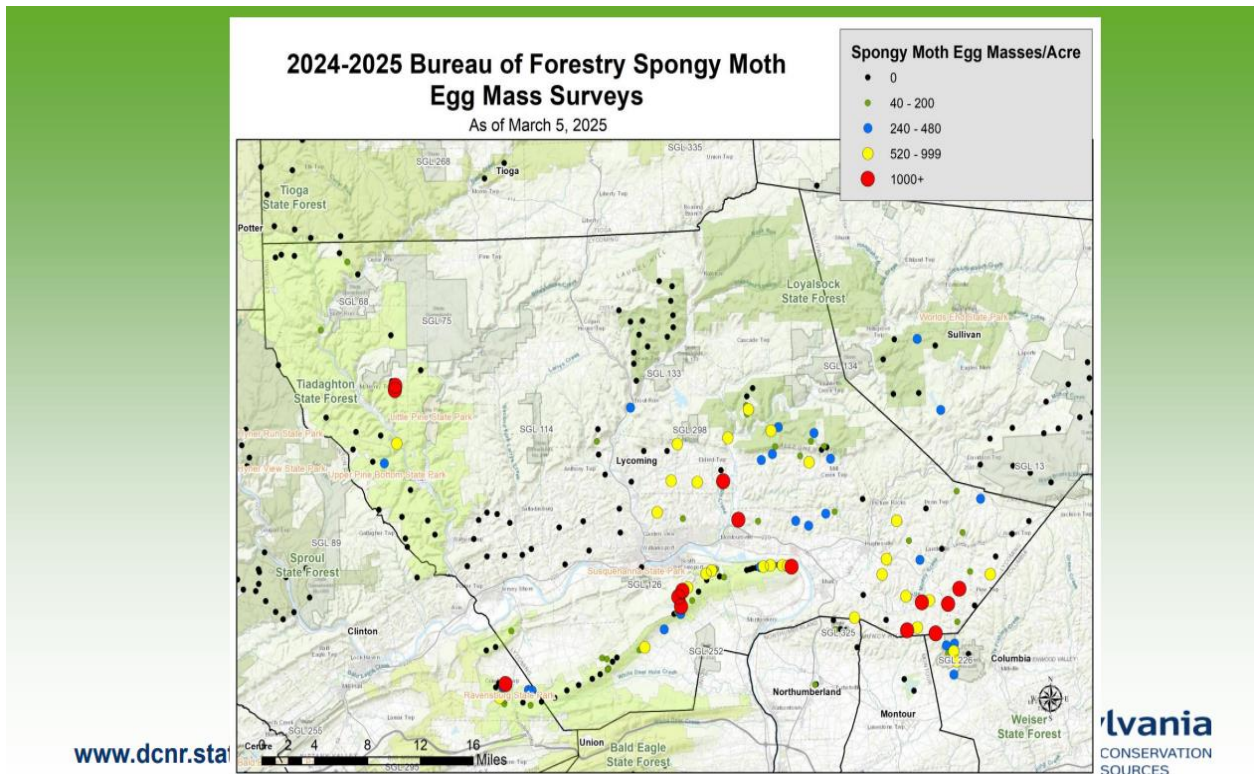


- Egg mass surveys take place August/Sept
- 250-500 egg masses is the minimum threshold for suppression activity
- Current years egg masses are a darker tan color and firm to the touch

Spongy Moth Spray Blocks



- Spray blocks are initially drawn in October and finalized in December
- All blocks go through an environmental review process
- Funding secure and bid for a contractor is selected by October



PA DCNR uses both Fixed-wing and Rotary aircrafts
 Start date depends on caterpillar and leaf development, usually in May

Spongy Moth Suppression Aerial Application - Biological Insecticides

PA DCNR uses 2 primary products:

Foray 76B – *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki*

Mimic 2LV – Tebufenozide

Also available:

Foray 48B Organically Certified – *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki*

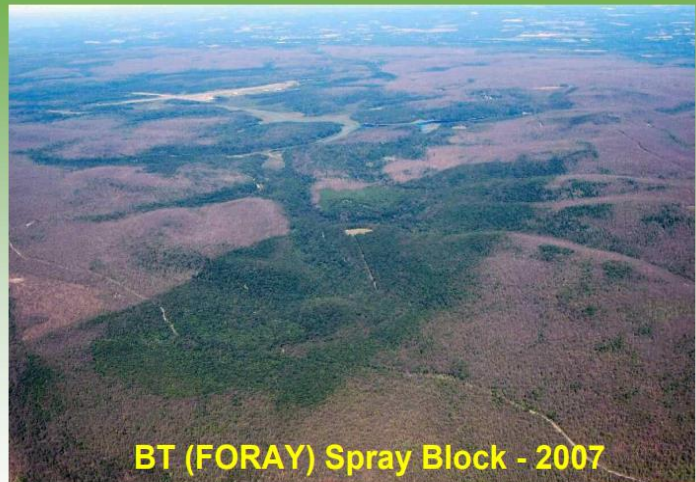


Are treatments effective??



**Tebufenozide (MIMIC)
Spray Block - 2023**

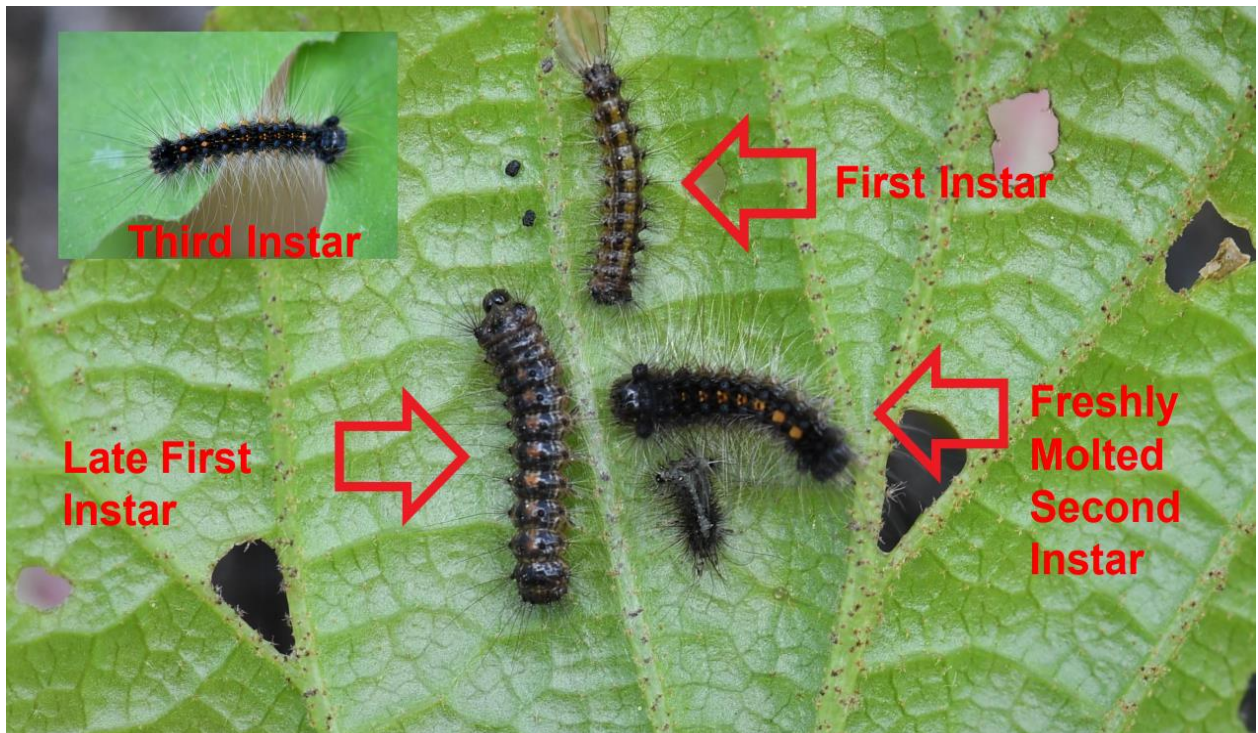
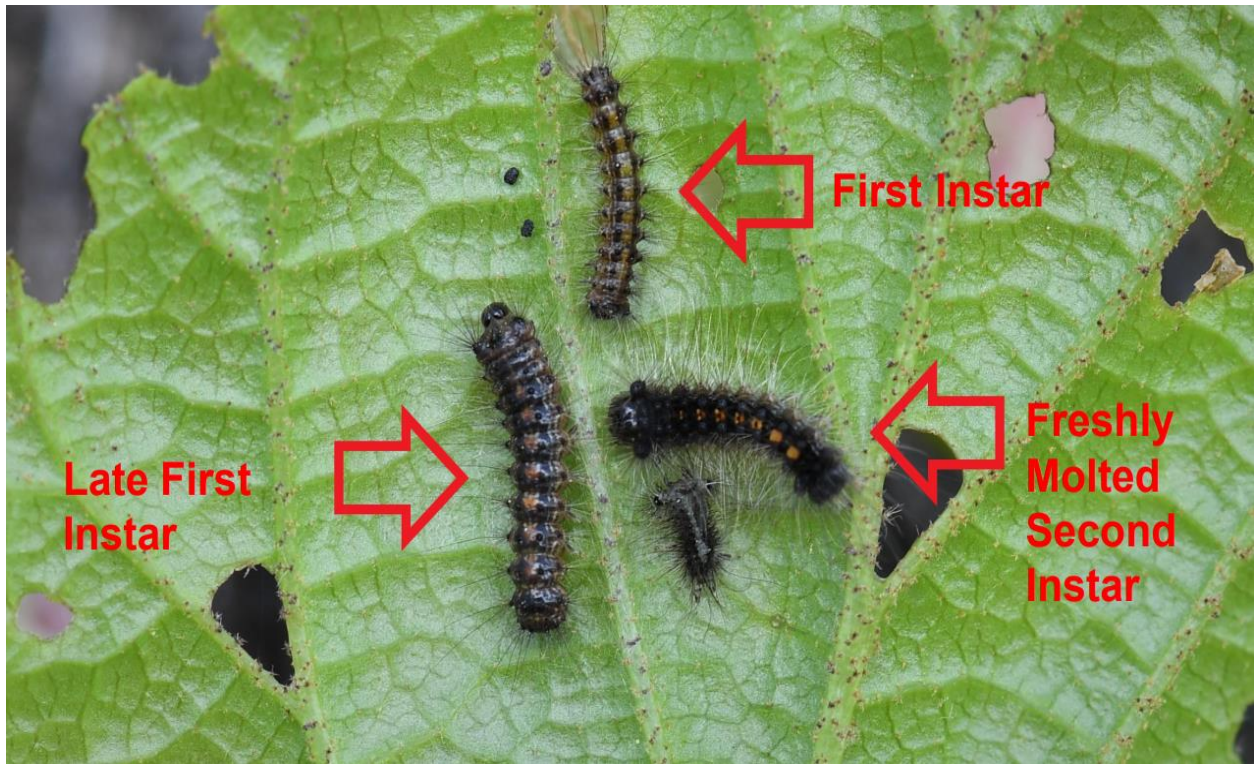
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BT (FORAY) Spray Block - 2007



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Fourth Instar

- The head capsule is now yellow mottled with black markings (appear as eye spots)
- The markings on the body surface are distinctly five pair of blue spots followed by six pair of brick red spots

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Do Not Spray



Spongy Moth Suppression

For larger acreage

- Aerial Applicator
- Compare Costs

For smaller acreage/individual trees

- Drones
- Individual Tree Treatments – contact a local, licensed arborist/tree care professional (ie, ISA Certified)

Application

- Early instar caterpillar ~ May

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Precision Drone Services LLC 1307 Artists Lane Bel Air, MD 21015 County: Columbia Contact: Joshua R Barry BU15432 Phone: 443-982-6792 Email: joshua@precisiondroneservices.net Website: Aircraft Type: UAV	Rebecca Lynn Flying Service Inc 61 Maple Ln Livingston, NY 12541 County: Columbia Contact: Felicia Webber BU0372 Phone: 518-637-7433 Email: fwebb1959@gmail.com Website: Aircraft Type: Fixed Wing
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Summit Helicopters Inc 525 Rockland St Salem, VA 24153-3677 County: Contact: Liz Whitmore BU6533 Phone: 540-375-9909 Email: lizwhitmore@summithelicopters.com Website: Aircraft Type: Rotary	Sweet Water Technologies LLC 1095 Upper Georges Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875-8100 County: Centre Contact: Cameron Woodring BU14731 Phone: 814-810-6425 Email: springmills.pa@sweetwatertechnologies.com Website: Aircraft Type: UAV

Burlap Bands



Scrape/Crush Egg Masses



Biological Controls

Fungus (*Entomophaga maimaiga*)

Needs cool, wet springs



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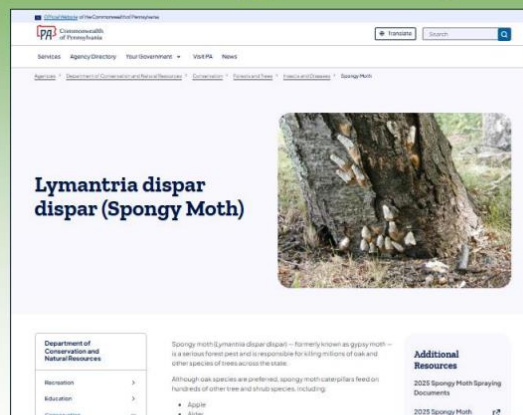
Virus (NVP)

Needs high populations to spread



PA DCNR's Website for Spongy Moth

- <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/ForestsAndTrees/InsectsAndDiseases/SpongyMoth/Pages/default.aspx>



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Timeline – Things to Do

- Appoint a Project Coordinator for your Community/Town/County
- Determine area and number of acres to be treated – make a map
- Conduct an egg mass survey August to September
- Inform community of survey results and potential need for spraying – determine if you have any objectors
- Secure funding
- Contact multiple applicators to get quotes – fixed-wing aircraft (\$), helicopter (\$\$), drone, arborist; Mimic 2LV (\$), Foray 48B (\$\$), or Foray 76B (\$\$\$)
- Have aerial applicator selected by fall/early winter
- Keep community informed of approaching spraying
- Provide aerial applicator times for school buses
- Spraying is done in May – when caterpillars are first or second instars and oak foliage is at least 25% of full size

Additional Resources

- PA DCNR Spongy Moth website:
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/ForestsAndTrees/InsectsAndDiseases/SpongyMoth/Pages/default.aspx>
- PA Game Commission Spongy Moth website:
<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/HabitatManagement/Pages/Spongy-Moth.aspx>
- Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/guide-to-gypsy-moth-egg-mass-surveying>
- Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/preparing-for-high-spongy-moth-densities>

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