



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:5-52-08 Spongy moth suppression program.

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(A) A landowner may request that the department include the landowner's property in the spongy moth suppression program if:

(1) The block in which the landowner's property is located is eligible for inclusion in the program pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule;

(2) The landowners designate a block coordinator who submits a completed application pursuant to paragraph (C) of this rule;

(3) Each landowner within the block:

(a) Signs and submits an agreement to participate in the program pursuant to paragraph (E) of this rule; and

(b) Submits payment of the total cost to be assessed to that landowner pursuant to paragraph (E) of this rule.

(4) Sufficient funds are available to allow the department to administer the spongy moth suppression program for the year for which the request is made.

(B) A block may be eligible for inclusion in the spongy moth suppression program if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The block is located within the regulated area of the spongy moth quarantine, as set out in rule 901:5-52-04 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The block is comprised of no less than fifty contiguous acres of treatable area;



- (3) The tree canopy covers no less than fifty per cent of the block;
 - (4) No less than thirty-five per cent of the tree species within the block boundary is comprised of tree species which are designated as susceptible;
 - (5) The density of spongy moth egg masses within the block is no less than either:
 - (a) Two hundred fifty egg masses per acre in a residential forested area; or
 - (b) One thousand egg masses per acre in an uninhabited forested area.
 - (6) The block has received a favorable assessment review by the Ohio department of natural resources and the United States fish and wildlife service.
- (C) A block may be eligible for participation in the spongy moth suppression program if the director has received the following on or before the first day of September of the calendar year immediately preceding the year for which treatment for the block is sought:
- (1) A completed application which can be found on the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov. The application must contain the following information in order to be deemed complete:
 - (a) The full name, mailing address and daytime telephone number of the block coordinator;
 - (b) The full name and address of each participating landowner owning property within the block;
 - (c) The township or municipal corporation in which the block to be treated is located;
 - (d) The county where the block to be treated is located;
 - (e) The preferred product for control of spongy moth in the block to be treated;
 - (f) The original signature of each participating landowner owning property within the block;



- (g) The original signature of the block coordinator; and
 - (h) A map detailing the boundaries of the block as described in paragraph (C)(2) of this rule.
- (2) A map detailing the boundaries of the block to be included in the suppression program. This map shall:
- (a) Clearly outline all boundaries for each property forming the block to be treated;
 - (b) Identify by full name the owners of each property contained within the block to be treated; and
 - (c) Show the scale used when drawing the map. This scale shall be one of the following:
 - (i) For blocks less than two hundred acres in size, the scale shall be one inch equals two hundred feet; or
 - (ii) For blocks greater than or equal to two hundred acres, the scale shall be one inch equals four hundred feet.
- (D) When calculating the total cost to be assessed to a landowner, the department shall:
- (1) Determine the total treatable acres contained within the qualified block;
 - (2) Determine the total number of acres owned by each particular landowner;
 - (3) Determine the percent owned by each particular landowner by dividing the total number of acres owned by each landowner by the total treatable acres contained the qualified block;
 - (4) Determine the total cost per acre by determining the cost per acre of applying the insecticide as selected by the qualified block. This will be done per the current contract between the department and the aerial spray contractor;
 - (5) Multiply the percent owned by each landowner by the total cost of applying the insecticide to the



entire qualified block. This will result in the total cost to be assessed to a landowner; and

(6) In no case shall the total cost to be assessed to a landowner exceed fifty per cent of the department's cost to treat the block in which the landowner's property is located.

(E) A landowner whose block has been approved for inclusion in the spongy moth suppression program shall sign an agreement provided by the department, and submit the signed agreement with payment equal to the total cost assessed to the landowner as calculated under paragraph (D) of this rule to the department on or before the first day of March of the calendar year in which the treatment is sought. If the agreement and payment equal to the total cost assessed to the landowner are not received on or before the first day of March, the treatment may not be scheduled.