

2003 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program

Submitted by Kurt Calkins, Director

The Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department will be coordinating Columbia County's involvement in the 2003 Aerial Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. This program is a cooperative aerial spray treatment to help control outbreaks of Gypsy Moths within Columbia County. Over 700 acres within the Town of Springvale has already been documented with heavy Gypsy moth infestation.

Prolonged exposure to gypsy moths can defoliate trees and leave them susceptible to other diseases and prolonged exposure can cause mortality. Columbia County is currently under a gypsy moth quarantine for all lumbering practices.

Landowners are encouraged to take a close look throughout their woodlots. If gypsy moth larva are present, or landowners notice something that they feel may be associated with gypsy moths, they are asked to contact Kurt R. Calkins, the Director of Land and Water Conservation, who will be acting as the County Coordinator for the program.

You can contact the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department at (608) 742-9670.

Our project application is due in December, so please call ASAP and we will schedule time to come out and review your site for applicability.