

2024 Notice of Aerial Spraying
for the Suppression of **Gypsy (Spongy) Moth** larvae
in selected areas of
Deep River Township

Certain selected areas of Deep River Township are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (B.T.K.)* for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the Deep River Township office. The application for the program is Hamilton Helicopters, Inc., P.O. Box 264, Hamilton, MI 49419, (616) 291-5808. The *B.t.k.* brand will be Foray 76B or equivalent supplied by Valent Biosciences Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when the weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates cannot be predetermined as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for late April through June, 2024.

The insecticide *B.t.k.* is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honeybees or other non-leaf eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The *B.t.k.* is applied at a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the trees. The carrier liquid is water and drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

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