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Mount Olive Township Clerk's Office

July 20, 2015

Attention: Municipal Clerk

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture regrets to inform you that defoliation caused by the gypsy moth has been detected in your municipality. The gypsy moth is a highly injurious forest insect that feeds on and severely defoliates many species of trees normally found in forested residential areas. Continued defoliation can result in tree losses, which would adversely affect aesthetic and recreational areas.

The Department of Agriculture has developed an integrated pest management system, which utilizes aerial sprays with the biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, when residential and recreational forests are threatened with heavy defoliation. In adjacent uninhabited woodlands, natural control agents such as parasites, predators and diseases of the gypsy moth are encouraged.

If it is determined from egg mass surveys that aerial treatment is needed, the Department will develop spray contracts, supervise spray operations and apply for federal cost-sharing funds.

If your council wishes to have the Department conduct gypsy moth egg mass surveys in your municipality, please contact our office. There is no charge for these inspections, however you are required to supply two copies of your municipal map to the inspector for the survey. Initially, the survey will be conducted in the residential and recreational areas of your municipality. If time permits, the more uninhabited areas also will be inspected.

The Department is pleased to be able to offer these services once again, but you must complete and return the enclosed request form to this office by **August 21, 2015** to be eligible to participate. If your municipality has already requested the ground egg mass surveys for the fall of 2015, there is no need to resubmit the application form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Zoltowski
Director, Division
Of Plant Industry

Enclosure

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## APPLICATION FOR SURVEY OF GYPSY MOTH EGG MASSES

Please check the appropriate box:

Yes (__) Please survey for gypsy moth egg masses

No (__) Please **do not** survey for gypsy moth egg masses

Name and Address of Municipality: **PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

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Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

PLEASE RESPOND **BEFORE AUGUST 21, 2015**.

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