

Gypsy Moth Informational Meeting

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Over 60 landowners from around Frederick County attended an informational meeting on gypsy moth at the C. Burr Artz Regional Library in Frederick on 12-4-08. Speakers included Tom Lupp, MD Department of Agriculture Forest and Pest Management who presented a program on how to identify gypsy moth and assess your forests potential for defoliation. Tom also detailed what areas in Frederick County are being threatened with defoliation during 2009. Finally Tom outlined the criteria MDA uses for delineating spray blocks and gave a preliminary preview of the 2009 spray program that could be subject to change. Mike Kay, MD Forest Service spoke about the development of the 2008 Supplemental Spray program and outlined what is being done to develop a suppression program for 2009. Finally, Bill Bond, Parkton Woodland Services, outlined what can be expected from the administrative end in the development of a 2009 supplemental program. Following these presentations, the panel of presenters along with Alison Hegamyer of the Frederick County Gypsy Moth Task Force conducted a question and answer session with the audience and participants had a chance to review population survey maps and other documents.

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