

# **COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

*For Immediate Press Release*

### **Northampton County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program in Full Swing**

**Easton, PA – Friday August 7, 2015** — The 2015/16 Gypsy Moth Suppression plan for Northampton County is in full swing. The County is partnering with DCNR to identify at risk areas that will be eligible for treatment in 2016. A meeting was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Co. in Nazareth, PA to inform residents of the Gypsy Moth suppression program and how to qualify for treatment in the coming year.

**Applications for the 2016 suppression program will be accepted until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications received after August 31, 2015 will not be accepted. Please call the Northampton County Penn State Extension office at 610-746-1970 for more information. You may visit the County website at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) under latest news section to download a copy of the application. All completed applications must be either hand delivered to the Extension office, faxed or emailed.**

Over 100 people attended the event to hear the latest information on the Gypsy Moth and how the county is working to save the forested regions from further damage. Representatives from the County's Administration team and DCNR were present to inform the public of the issue and how the County will support the effort. Penn State Extension will be administering the program on behalf of Northampton County and is currently accepting applications and conducting site visits. So far, there have been over 35 applications received with many more people taking applications to neighbors in an effort to get as many interested homeowners to apply as possible.

#### **About Northampton County, PA:**

Northampton County is a \$1 billion economic engine in the Lehigh Valley. It is a county that cares for the lives of more than 297,000 constituents, and, as a service-provider, serves thousands of people per day. Northampton County also ranks as one the top 10 employers in the area, providing opportunities for its residents to thrive and succeed in the community in which they live.