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Media Release

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Second Round of Gypsy Moth Eradication on Tuesday, May 22

A second round of Gypsy Moth eradication is scheduled to take place over the Pilcher Park area on Tuesday, May 22 beginning at approximately 7 a.m., weather permitting. The eradication is performed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) using a helicopter and should be complete within four hours from the start time.

These eradication measures are necessary in order to slow the spread of the Gypsy Moth in the United States and Illinois. The Gypsy Moth is a voracious eater and can do irreparable damage to young trees in its caterpillar stage of life. For more information about the Gypsy Moth and pest management strategies, please visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Insects/Pests/Pages/gypsy-moth.aspx>.

Residents with questions or concerns about the eradication can call the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 815-787-5476.

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