

Lane, Benson, and Goodman

Supporting and consenting to the efforts of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to eradicate Gypsy Moth from Southwest Minneapolis.

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has found two established populations of Gypsy Moth in Southwest Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Gypsy Moth has developed the capability to survive, reproduce, and spread in Minnesota; and

Whereas, Gypsy Moth is a threat to Minnesota's valuable urban forests as it is an exotic insect that is able to feed and survive on over 300 different tree and woody plant species including oak, aspen, and willow; and

Whereas, on October 26, 2001, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture declared a quarantine on all wood products within the approximate area of Southwest Minneapolis bounded by the west side of James Avenue South, the east side of Xerxes Avenue South, the south side of 50th Street West and the north side of 56th Street West; and

Whereas, the second population is located in an area south of Interstate Highway 394, west of Cedar Lake Parkway, and north of Franklin Avenue; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has determined that the most effective way to eradicate these Gypsy Moth populations is to spray the bacteria Btk (*bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki*) over the affected area by helicopter; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be required to file a congested flight plan since the treatment areas are within the flight boundaries of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis supports and consents to the efforts of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to eradicate Gypsy Moth from Southwest Minneapolis by spraying bacteria Btk using helicopters.