

TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA

JUNE 13, 2023

5:30 P.M. (prevailing time)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor's announcement: The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in Resolution No. 2022-191 entitled the Annual Meeting Notice which was adopted by the Dennis Township Committee on December 13, 2022. A meeting notice has been published and posted in accordance with the act.

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

___ VanArtsdalen, T; ___ Germanio, F; ___ Cox, M; ___ Turner, S.; ___ Matalucci, Z

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:

Administration & Finance:

Discuss the N.J. Dept. of Agriculture – Spotted Lanternfly Program – 2023 Chemical Control Treatment Grant.

Reminder – Summer Hours have started – Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, Closed Fridays.

Discuss information sheet to be enclosed with the tax bills mailing.

Legal:

None.

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Public Buildings & Grounds: None.

Engineering: None.

Construction/Plan/Zone: None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY
PO BOX 330
Trenton, NJ 08625
joseph.zoltowski@ag.nj.gov
(609)406-6939

Spotted Lanternfly Program – 2023 Chemical Control Treatment Grant

Applicant (County or Municipality)	Address		
<u>Township of Dennis</u>	<u>PO Box 204, 571 Petersburg Rd</u>		
City	State	Zip Code	
<u>Dennisville</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>08214</u>	

The Applicant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as listed below if awarded a 2023 Grant by the NJDA under the Spotted Lanternfly Program:

A total of up to \$50,000 per county and \$15,000 per municipality, subject to the availability of funds, is accessible on a first-come, first-served basis to county/municipal governments in the state of New Jersey who are interested in performing chemical treatment activities against the Spotted Lanternfly. The funding opportunity will be available until allocated funds are exhausted.

Organizations that May Apply for Funding from NJDA: All County and Municipal governments in New Jersey may apply for funding to provide chemical treatments against populations of this insect on their private and public lands.

For approved Applicants, grant payments will be paid as a reimbursement for actual costs incurred by the county or municipality in providing the treatment services, without profit, which

shall include the costs for (a) spray equipment and supplies, (b) materials, and (c) labor, as expended and submitted by the approved Applicant. Only costs incurred for treatment services provided in the 2023 treatment season are eligible for reimbursement.

Additional requirements for governmental participants under the grant program:

- Counties / Municipalities shall follow appropriate fiscal procurement procedures when purchasing approved treatment materials, equipment, and services if applicable.
- Counties / Municipalities whose applications have been approved shall submit invoices for the allowed treatment expenditures. Grant funds will only be paid after invoices are submitted, and all invoices must be submitted for payment on or before December 31, 2023, in order to receive payment.
- Counties / Municipalities shall have their designated pesticide applicators complete a training session provided by the NJDA.
- Counties / Municipalities shall provide pesticide public application notifications compliant with NJDEP pesticide regulations appropriate with the areas scheduled for treatments.
- Counties / Municipalities shall provide to the NJDA, on a monthly basis, the Block and Lot information, as well as number and types of trees, where treatments have been conducted.
- If a County / Municipality is utilizing an independent contractor for treatment services, the governmental agency will provide the NJDA with the contact information of its independent contractor.

Applications Must be Completed and Returned: This application must be completed and received at the above address through mail, overnight, or by email. Only approved Applicants will be eligible for reimbursements. Since applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds are encumbered, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. No applications received after September 1, 2023 will be considered.

Signature

Print name

Title

Jessica Bishop

Jessica Bishop

CFO/Administrator

County or Municipality

Agency

Municipality

Township of Dennis

Telephone

Email address

609-861-9700

jbishop@dennistwp.org

Date

10/5/2023

FOR NJDA OFFICE USE ONLY:

NJDA Authorization and Date



State of New Jersey

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Secretary

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Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER
Lt. Governor

Spotted Lanternfly Grant Program for Counties and Municipalities

The Department would like to make you aware of an opportunity to assist county and municipal governments in their efforts to slow the spread and reduce spotted lanternfly populations in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture is making grant funds available to counties and municipalities to battle the spotted lanternfly. Interested counties and municipalities may apply to receive funds from the Department.

The Legislature has provided funding to the Department to reduce SLF populations and minimize their spread. As you may be aware, SLF is both a nuisance and an economic pest. Both federal and state staff are doing their best to reduce populations but in doing so we will need additional assistance and support from other stakeholders to make a difference.

Mostly, homeowners will be impacted by spotted lanternfly either as a pest in their landscapes and gardens or by the feeding activities of both nymphs and adults producing extensive sooty mold damage and staining to outside structures and property.

Vineyards and grape growers may see serious economic damage through the insects feeding on the grape vines producing crop loss and vine death. Additionally, green industries and other businesses may be impacted by outside restrictions being put on the movement of their goods.

The Department has appropriated \$4.9 Million for this grant program. A total of up to \$50,000 per county, and up to \$15,000 per municipality, subject to the availability of funds, to be encumbered on a first-come, first-served basis, will be provided to reimburse for eligible costs incurred for SLF chemical treatment activities (described further, below).

Approved counties/municipalities will be reimbursed by the NJDA for the following eligible expenses (a) spray equipment and supplies, (b) materials and (c) labor, incurred during the 2023 treatment season. Such expenses include but are not limited to:

- Approved use pesticides
- Monetary reimbursements for county/municipality approved pesticide purchases
- Monetary reimbursements for pesticide applications made by county/municipality certified employees who are certified pesticide applicators.

- Monetary reimbursements for pesticide applications made by contracted independent certified pesticide applicators.

County/Municipality responsibilities to the NJDA would be:

- Follow appropriate fiscal procurement procedures when purchasing approved treatment materials, equipment, and services if applicable.
- Submit invoices for the allowed treatment expenditures to the Department.
- Submit invoices for county/municipal employee salaries performing SLF chemical treatments or invoices provided by contracted independent certified pesticide applicators if contracted by the governmental agency.
- Have their designated pesticide applicators complete a training session provided by the NJDA.
- Provide pesticide public application notifications compliant with NJDEP pesticide regulations appropriate with the areas scheduled for treatments.
- Provide Block and Lot information where treatments have been conducted on a monthly basis as well as number and types of trees treated.
- Only costs incurred for treatment services provided in the 2023 treatment season are eligible for reimbursement.
- If a County / Municipality is utilizing an independent contractor for treatment services, the governmental agency will provide the NJDA with the contact information of its independent contractor.

Please submit an application if you are interested in participating in this program. Since applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds are encumbered, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. No applications received after September 1, 2023, will be considered. Application forms and further information can be found at [Department of Agriculture | Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Funding Available For All New Jersey Counties.](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Zoltowski
Director, Division
of Plant Industry

PUBLIC NOTICE AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

2023 Spotted Lanternfly Program – Chemical Control Treatment Opportunity Grant

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) hereby publishes notice of grants, subject to the availability of funds, in the following program:

a. Name of Grant Program: Spotted Lanternfly Chemical Control Treatment Program.

b. Purpose: In 2021, the New Jersey Legislature began providing funding to the Department to reduce both the spread and the populations of Spotted lanternfly in the state of New Jersey. Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive exotic insect which is both a nuisance as well as an agricultural economic pest.

Department staff are doing their best to reduce populations throughout the state, but in doing so we are seeking additional assistance and support from other stakeholders to make a difference in population reduction.

Homeowners will be impacted by spotted lanternfly either as a pest in their landscapes by the feeding activities of both the nymph and adults that produce extensive sooty mold damage to outside structures, landscapes, and property. New Jersey grape growers may see significant economic damage through the insects feeding on the grape vines contributing to crop loss and/or vine mortality.

Additionally, green industries and other businesses may be impacted by outside restrictions imposed on the interstate or international movement of goods.

c. Potential Funding: The Department has \$4.9 Million available for this grant program. A total of up to \$50,000 per county, and up to \$15,000 per municipality, subject to the availability of funds to be encumbered on a first-come, first-served basis, will be provided to county and municipal

governments in the state who are interested in performing chemical treatment activities against this invasive foreign insect in the 2023 treatment season.

d. Organizations that may apply for Funding from NJDA: All County and Municipal governments in New Jersey may apply for funding to provide chemical treatments against populations of this insect on their private and public lands.

It is the intent that the NJDA will pay by reimbursement for all actual costs incurred by the County or municipality in providing the treatment services, without profit, which shall include the costs for (a) spray equipment and supplies, (b) materials and (c) labor, as expended and submitted by the governmental participants. Only costs incurred for treatment services provided in the 2023 treatment season are eligible for reimbursement. Additional reporting requirements to authorize distribution of funds under the grant program include:

- Counties / Municipalities shall follow appropriate fiscal procurement procedures when purchasing approved treatment materials, equipment, and services if applicable.
- Counties / Municipalities whose applications have been approved shall submit invoices for the allowed treatment expenditures. Grant funds will only be paid after invoices are submitted, and all invoices must be submitted for payment on or before December 31, 2023, in order to receive payment.
- Counties / Municipalities shall have their designated pesticide applicators complete a training session provided by the NJDA.
- Counties / Municipalities shall provide pesticide public application notifications compliant with NJDEP pesticide regulations appropriate with the areas scheduled for treatments.
- Counties / Municipalities shall provide to the NJDA, on a monthly basis, the Block and Lot information, as well as number and types of trees, where treatments have been conducted.

- If a County / Municipality is utilizing an independent contractor for treatment services, the governmental agency will provide the NJDA with the contact information of its independent contractor.

e. Qualifications an Applicant Needs to be Considered for the Grant Program: Interested County and Municipal governments must submit a completed application, agree to the terms and conditions of the grant program as set forth in the application form, and receive approval from the Department.

f. Procedure for Organizations to Apply: Applications will be posted on the Department's website for the County / Municipal governments to complete and submit. Applications for the funding are to be submitted in either a hard copy or electronic submission to NJDA at the mail and electronic addresses shown below. An application must be submitted and approved in order for a County / Municipality to be eligible to receive grant funds.

g. Address for Submitting Grant Applications:

Address at NJDA for Receipt of Hard-Copy Applications:

By U.S. Mail:

Joseph W. Zoltowski, Director

Division of Plant Industry

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

PO Box 330

Trenton, NJ 08625

By Overnight Carrier:

Joseph W, Zoltowski, Director

Division of Plant Industry

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

PHEAL, 3 Schwarzkopf Drive

West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

E-mail Address for Receipt of Applications in Electronic Form: joseph.zoltowski@ag.nj.gov

Phone: (609) 406-6939

h. Deadline by which Applications must be received: Applications should be submitted as soon as an applicant is able to do so because applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are encumbered. Furthermore, no applications received after September 1, 2023, will be considered.

i. Date by which Notices of Decision shall be mailed: The Department expects to email notices of decision regarding awards of funding within two weeks of receipt of the application..

DENNIS TOWNSHIP
2023 SUMMER HOURS

Township Hall, Senior Center & Recreation Center

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

**Summer hours will start May 30th and
continue until September 1st**

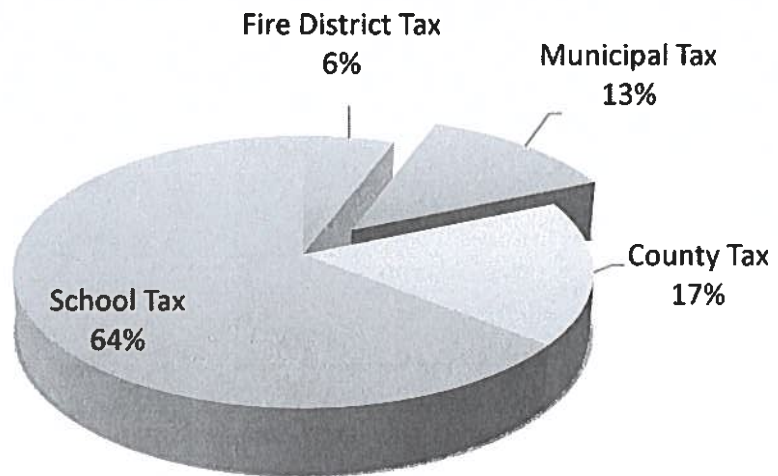
**We will be CLOSED on FRIDAYS. However, if you
Wish to drop off any documents – including
tax payments (by check or money order only) –
we have a drop box available in the vestibule
for your convenience. PLEASE do NOT leave
any CASH payments.**

**Public Works will be available Monday – Friday
6:00 am to 2:00 pm and can be
Reached at (609)861-5309**

Thanks and have a great summer!



WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?



DID YOU KNOW...

- ✓ Residents are permitted to put out one household bulk item weekly, to be picked up with their trash, on their regular scheduled day of trash pick-up. Additionally, all areas receive once a month bulk collection on their designated Friday.
- ✓ If you use a plastic bag for recyclables, when placing the recyclables in your curbside container for collection, EMPTY the bag into the container and put the plastic bag in the TRASH. Bagged recyclables will not be accepted.
- ✓ The 2023/2024 Leaf & Brush Collection schedules have been posted to our website.
- ✓ Phase 1 of the Dennis Township Bike Path is complete and starts at the South Seaville Fire Station; creating a 17-mile seamless paved path between Dennis Township and Cold Spring in Lower Township.
- ✓ Dennis Township has not had an update of its catalog of significant trees since 1900 and the Environmental Commission would like to rectify that problem. The commission is asking property owners to contact them if you believe you have a tree(s) on your property that might belong on this list. Pictures of the tree, measurements of circumference of its trunk 4.5 feet off the ground and the tree species can be mailed to PO Box 204, Dennisville, NJ 08214 or emailed to DennistwpEC@gmail.com. Visit our website for additional information.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

- When paying tax bill in full, please add all four stubs.
- August grace period has been extended to September 12. Payments received after this date will have interest accrued back to August 1st. (Summer Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, CLOSED FRIDAYS until Labor Day).
- A drop box continues to be available in the vestibule of Township Hall 24-hours a day, 7 days a week for your convenience in delivering tax payments and other documents. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE DROP BOX!**
- Tax bills are mailed once a year – usually in July.
- It is the Taxpayer's responsibility to ensure that we have your correct mailing address. Please notify the Tax Collector of an address change in writing via fax, mail or email. For your convenience, a change of address form can be found on our website at www.dennistwp.org.
- N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 state that failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying taxes or interest on delinquent taxes. It is the property owner's responsibility to ascertain from the Collector the amount due. If you have lost your bill please call the tax office to obtain the amount due and to request a duplicate copy of your bill.
- The State of New Jersey does not permit payments to be applied based on postmark date. Payments must be received in the Collector's office on or before the 10th day of the month in which the payment is due. However, if the 10th falls on a weekend or a legal Holiday, you have until the next business day to make payment without interest. **Interest will be applied to all late payments.**
- If you receive an "advise only" statement and a mortgage company is NOT responsible for making your tax payment, you may use this statement to pay your taxes. Please notify the tax office that you pay your own property taxes and do not have an escrow account.
- If you have a mortgage company escrowing for taxes and they do not receive a copy of the tax bill from the tax office, it is the property owner's responsibility to see that they get a copy.

**IF YOU CAR LEAKS
OIL IN THE DRIVEWAY,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
LET IT LEAK IN THE OCEAN**



**IF YOU LITTER
IN THE STREET,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
LITTER IN THE RIVER.**



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains which flows directly into our streams, lakes, rivers and the ocean.
SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH
MOTOR OIL?**

Oil does not dissolve in water. When motor oil runs into storm drains either from changing your car's oil or from leaky cars, it goes directly to our lakes, rivers and the ocean. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic and can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. Did you know that one pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field? Used motor oil is the largest single source of all oil pollution in lakes, streams and rivers. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH LITTER?

When was the last time you saw someone littering? Litter just doesn't appear — It's the result of careless actions. No matter where litter is discarded, it usually ends up in the street, where it washes down storm drains and ultimately flows to local waterways. Littering is not only unsightly, it's a threat to wildlife and their habitat. Before you flick a cigarette butt out of your window or throw out a plastic bottle, consider this: Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of marine life, birds, and other animals, because they thought it was food. Birds and marine life have also been found trapped or tangled in plastic items such as six-pack drink holders, plastic bags and fishing line. Please be considerate, and protect our wildlife and our water.

YOU CAN HELP!

- Keep your car well maintained.
- Regularly check your car for leaks and schedule tune-ups. If you find leaks or drips, have your car repaired.
- Take your car to a service center to the change oil.
- If you do change your own oil, do it in a garage, never on the street. Use a self-contained oil pan and discard the oil at a local service center for recycling.
- NEVER discard oil, gas, or antifreeze into a storm drain.
- If you spill hazardous fluids, contain it immediately with rags and cat litter. Clean up the spill and properly dispose of the waste.

YOU CAN HELP!

- Set an example for others, especially children, by not littering.
- Carry a litterbag in your car.
- Make sure trash cans have lids that can be securely fastened.
- If you have curbside trash collection, don't put loose trash in boxes.
- Prevent trash cans from being knocked over by the wind and animals.
- Tie papers in a bundle before placing them in a curbside recycling bin.
- If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.
- If you or a family member is involved in a civic group, scouting, or recreational sports program, encourage the group to "adopt" a spot in your town and maintain it on a regular basis.
- Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris and ask that the material be removed.
- Volunteer to help organize a cleanup.

**WHY SHOULD YOU CARE
ABOUT CLEAN WATER?**

Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to New Jersey's clean water supply. Clean water provides access to safe drinking water, places for recreation, commercial opportunities, healthy wildlife habitats, and adds beauty to our landscape. Rain washes pollution from streets, parking lots, and lawns into storm drains, then directly to our streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean.

Did you know more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things such as motor oil, fertilizers, pet waste and detergents? By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater.



www.cleanwaterNJ.org



Thanks to the Washington State Department of Ecology, King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle and Tacoma.