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**VALLEY FORGE WEST TRAIL AT HEUSER PARK  
TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR EMERALD ASH BORER MITIGATION**

**KING OF PRUSSIA, PA (August 1, 2017)** – Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors will be implementing a multi-step mitigation plan for the invasive emerald ash borer beetles that are attacking ash trees nationwide, and locally along the Valley Forge West Trail at Heuser Park. The plan includes herbicide treatment for the reduction or elimination of non-native invasive plants, pre-treatment of non-affected ash trees, removal of diseased trees, and eventual reforestation.

The initial step in the plan, herbicide treatment for the reduction or elimination of non-native invasive plants, will take place at the Valley Forge West Trail in Heuser Park beginning on August 14, 2017. The spraying will take approximately one week to 10 days, and the trail will be closed to the public for the duration of the spraying, as well as for 48 hours following the date of the last treatment. **At this time**, we anticipate that the trail will re-open on Monday, August 28, but information will be updated as necessary should any delays occur. If there is inclement weather during the application period, the timeline will get adjusted.

The herbicide mixture being used is 4oz/gal Rodeo, 2oz/gal Vastlan, 1oz/gal non-ionic surfactant, blue spray pattern indicator; and 2-4oz/acre Oust XP (as needed and on appropriate sites). The blue dye is water soluble and will remain on the plants until a heavy rainfall.

No visitors are allowed on the trail during the application and wait period. The safest bet for visitors to return to the trail once the application and wait period is over is after a heavy rainfall. We will continue to update with progress and/or with more information about the upcoming steps in the mitigation plan.

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For more information on the specific herbicides being used, please see the links listed below.

[http://www.aces.edu/dept/fisheries/rec\\_fishing/documents/rodeo\\_label.pdf](http://www.aces.edu/dept/fisheries/rec_fishing/documents/rodeo_label.pdf)

[https://greenbook-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/18-09-49-10-05-2017-D02-409-002\\_Vastlan\\_Specimen\\_Label.pdf](https://greenbook-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/18-09-49-10-05-2017-D02-409-002_Vastlan_Specimen_Label.pdf)

<http://transportation.ky.gov/maintenance/documents/intranet/roadside%20environment/pesticide/oust%20extra%20label.pdf>

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