

December 5, 2014

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530  
Fairfax, Virginia 22025

Re: Fall Cankerworm Spraying

Dear Chairman Sharon Bulova and Board Members:

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the Federation) appreciates the concern that Board of Supervisors (BOS) has concerning the damage done by cankerworms; however, the County does not monitor the impact of the Fall Cankerworm on tree health or mortality; therefore, the extent of the damage has not been assessed. The County also does not monitor the impact of the spraying on other native butterfly and moth species nor does it monitor the indirect impacts on birds and other wildlife; therefore, the unintended consequences are not known.

The Fall Cankerworm is a native moth caterpillar that has population increases every few years as part of its natural population dynamics; however, there are natural forces that keep these irruptions in check, including predatory insects and birds for which the Fall Cankerworm is an important food source.

The Federation hereby submits the attached resolution, passed by the Federation membership on November 20, 2014, that requests that spraying for the Fall Cankerworms be terminated.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick A. Costello  
Correspondence Secretary

(signed)

Timothy Thompson  
President