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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: UPDATE ON CONTROLLED BURN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14, 2024

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Hanover, Pa. –In an effort to improve forest health near the Sheppard-Myers reservoir, the Borough of Hanover is planning to conduct a controlled burn under the supervision of a fire control expert (Burn Master) tomorrow, Thursday March 14, on a 17-acre portion of the wooded property located southeast of the intersection of Tollgate Road and Impounding Dam Road. This date has been chosen based on the forecasted optimal conditions.

This managed fire activity is a safe and highly controlled method to reduce hazardous fuels such as dead leaves and branches which can contribute to uncontrolled wildfires. In addition, a controlled burn allows for improved forest health by encouraging new growth and promoting biodiversity. Invasive species growth is also addressed by controlled burning and reduces the need for herbicide(s), with the added advantage of creating firebreaks to help control future wildfire and building a fertile environment to reestablish healthy, wooded areas.

The public may expect smoke in the area during the controlled burn. Some areas may continue to smolder for a few days after the controlled burn ends. Contractors will not leave the area until the conditions are deemed to be safe. Trained and certified forest firefighters, along with a control burn specialist and other personnel will be present throughout the activity to ensure safety. There are no anticipated impacts on public access to surrounding areas.

Efforts are being directly coordinated with local responding fire companies as well as York County Emergency Services (9-1-1). Please do NOT report the event to York County 9-1-1 as increased call volumes could remove resources needed elsewhere in the county. The event will be closely coordinated with the 9-1-1 call center.

For more information contact the Borough of Hanover, Department of Water Resources at 717-632-1214 or email Director of Planning and Engineering Eric Mains at [EMains@HanoverBoroughPA.gov](mailto:EMains@HanoverBoroughPA.gov). Updates and FAQ's are also available at [www.HanoverBoroughPA.gov](http://www.HanoverBoroughPA.gov).

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