

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



Department of Agricultural Resources

State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Health, Selectmen, or City Council

From: Mark S. Buffone, Chairman, Executive Director of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Date: February 2010

RE: **Berkshire County Mosquito Control Commission Vacancy**

Note: If you are not the person responsible for this matter, please forward this information to the appropriate person in your city or town.

Please be informed that the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (the Board), which oversee all mosquito control practices throughout the Commonwealth is seeking a qualified candidate to serve on the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Commission.

The Board is looking for one qualified candidate to serve in **Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project** that covers the municipalities of Becket, Clarksburg, Hinsdale, Otis, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and Tyringham.

There are 9 organized mosquito control projects or districts located throughout Massachusetts. All mosquito control activities of these organized agencies are performed under the aegis of the Board pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 252 of the Massachusetts General Laws and special legislation (Acts and Resolves) that created the districts or projects. Each mosquito control project or district operates under the direction of Commissioners. The Commissioners are appointed by the Board.

Commissioners appointed or re-appointed are legally charged with the responsibility to carry out, follow, and oversee mosquito control improvements in such a manner as the Board may approve. Commissioners who represent each project or district varies cover a wide range of expertise. Current Commissioners include but are not limited to individuals serving as public members, medical doctors, police officers, board of health directors, University PhDs, private citizens, mayor's or selectpersons, DPW engineers, former mosquito control project or district superintendents.

The Board of Commissioners hires and oversees the Superintendent or Director to manage the day-to-day operational mosquito management efforts for the project or districts.

Mosquito control projects or districts (MCPs) employ management methods based on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). These standard and recognized methods or practices are the result of many years of experience and current scientific research. By using IPM, the MCPs integrate a variety of available control strategies such as disease surveillance, larval surveys, source reduction, biological control methods, open marsh water management (OMWM), the use of larvicide's, and, when necessary, application of adulticides, into a comprehensive program. Ultimately, the strategies used by the mosquito control projects or districts go a long way in protecting the public health and the environment as well as improve the quality of life for Massachusetts's citizens in the 21st century.

The Board asks that any candidate interested to complete the application, sign the Statement of Roles and Responsibilities and submit letters of support. **Note: Submit 3 copies of the entire package including numbers 1, 2, and 3 below in addition to your original.**

1. Complete the application found on line at the following link:

http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioner_Application_Form.pdf

2. Sign the Statement of Roles and Responsibilities on line at the following link:

http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioners_Duties_and_Functions.pdf

3. Submit a letter (s) of support at a minimum from the city or town you work or live.
4. **Take the above documents such as the Application, Statement of Roles and Responsibilities Of Commissioners *document, Resume, and Letters Of Support and copy as one package and submit three additional (3) copies of the entire original package and submit to the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board too.***

REQUEST: Please send completed application, signed statement of roles and responsibilities, and letter(s) of support to:

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