MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2024 Date of Report: 01/20/2025

Project/District Name: Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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If you have a mission statement, please include it here:

ORGANIZATION SETUP:

Commissioner names:

Jennifer BrownDr. Andrew LoverJeanne GallowayCarolyn Ness

Gregory Lewis

Superintendent/Director name: John Briggs

Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 413-545-7136

Asst. Superintendent/Director name:

District/Project website: http://www.mass.gov/info-details/pioneer-valley-mosquito-control-

district-pvmcd

Twitter handle: @

Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/

Other social media accounts:

Staffing levels for the year of this report:

Full time: 1 Part time: Seasonal: 1

Other: 1 (please describe) Lab and Field Tech Intern



Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
 Administrative John Briggs Biologist Educator John Briggs Entomologist John Briggs Facilities John Briggs Information technology John Briggs and James Tsalah Laboratory John Briggs, Alivia Liberty, Emily Ottomaniello, and James Tsalah Operations John Briggs Public relations John Briggs Wetland scientist Other (please describe) Outreach: John Briggs and Emily Ottomaniello
For the year of this report, the following were maintained (enter number in the column to the left): Modified wetland equipment (list type)
1 Larval control equipment (list type) ULV sprayers (list type) Vehicles Other (please be specific):
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 24 Alphabetical list: Amherst, Bernardston, Buckland, Chicopee, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Erving, Gill, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Heath, Holyoke, Leyden, Northampton, Northfield, Palmer, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Sunderland, and West Springfield.
Were there any changes to your service area this year? Yes Cities/towns added: Erving Cities/towns removed:
*Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM): Check off all services that your district/project currently provides to member cities and towns as part of an IPM program (details will be provided in the sections below):
 Adult mosquito control Adult mosquito surveillance Ditch maintenance Education, Outreach & Public education Larval mosquito control

 ☐ Larval mosquito surveillance ☐ Open Marsh Water Management ☐ Research ☐ Source reduction (tire removals) ☐ Other (please list):
Comments:
LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL:
If you have a larval mosquito control program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.
Describe the purpose of this program: To reduce populations of both invasive and vector mosquito species.
What months is this program active? April to September
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Wetlands, tire piles, and catch basins/storm drains.
Do you use: Ground application (hand, portable and/or backpack, etc.) Aerial applications Other (please list): Comments:

List all products that you use for larval mosquito control in the table below (leave blank if not applicable):

Product Name	EPA#	Application Rate(s)	Application Method	Targeted life stage	Habitat Type	Total finished product applied
FourStar Bti CRG	85685-4	7.5 lbs per acre	Backpack and Hand	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	28.45 lbs
FourStar 90-Day Briquets	83362-3	1 per basin	Hand	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	800 briquets
FourStar 45-Day Briquets	83362-3	1 per basin	Hand	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	1,487 briquets
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
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				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	

List all products that you use for larval mosquito control in the table below (leave blank if not applicable):

Product Name	EPA#	Application	Application	Targeted life	Habitat Type	Total finished
		Rate(s)	Method	stage		product applied
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				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	

What is your trigger for larviciding operations? (check all that apply) Best professional judgment Historical records Larval dip counts – please list trigger for application: 5 larvae per 10 dips Other (please describe): Comments:						
Please attach a	Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).					
ADULT MOSQUI		rogram, please fill c	out the section below, else	skip ahead to the next sectio	on.	
Describe the pur	rpose of this prog	ram:				
What is the time	e frame for this pr	rogram?				
Describe the typ	es of areas where	e you use this p	rogram:			
Portable app Truck application Other (pleas	Do you use: Aerial applications Portable applications Truck applications Other (please list): Comments:					
Product Name	EPA #	Application Rate(s)	Application Method	Total finished product applied		
		Nate(3)	Method	product applied		
Please describe the maximum amounts or frequency used in a particular time frame such as season and areas What is your trigger for adulticiding operations? (check all that apply)						
Arbovirus data						
Best professional judgment Complaint calls (Describe trigger for application:						
Landing rate	Landing rates (Describe trigger for application)					
Light trap data (Describe trigger for application) Comments:						

Please attach maps of your service areas (or a website link to that map).

SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals)	
If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire the next section.	removal, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to
Please describe your program:	
What time frame during the year is this meth	od employed?
Comments:	
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENAN	CE
If you have a water management or ditch maintenance to the next section.	e program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead
Please check all that apply:	
Saltmarsh	
Please describe your program:	
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For inland/freshwater water management, or	
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches, swales, etc. maintained (ft)
Culvert cleaning	
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Stream flow improvement	
Other (please list):	
Comments:	
For saltmarsh ditch maintenance , check off a	
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of ditches maintained (ft)
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Other (please list):	
Comments:	
What time frame during the year is this meth	iod employed?
Comments:	

Please attach a map of ditch maintenance areas (or a website link to that map).

OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEN <i>If you have an Open Marsh Water Mana</i>	MENT agement program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the
next section.	
Describe the purpose of this prog	ram:
What months is this program acti	ive?
Please give an estimate of total so	quare feet or acreage:
Comments:	
Please attach a map of OMWM a	areas (or a website link to that map).
MONITORING (Measures of Effic	асу)
Describe monitoring efforts for e	each of the following:
Aerial Larvicide – wetlands:	
Ground ULV Adulticide:	
Larvicide – catch basins:	
Larvicide-hand/small area	Pre and post treatment data are collected
Open Marsh Water Management	:
Source Reduction:	
Other (please list):	
(pre and post data), and resistand Larval habitat treated during the	e season are monitored by collecting both pre and post ered into the QField App and stored via QField Cloud. Data
Check the boxes below, indicating	g if your program has performed any of the following:
Research Project	Details
Bottle assays	
Efficacy testing	
Other:	

Other:

ADULT MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

If you have an adult mosquito surveillance program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: To monitor and assess populations of vector mosquito species and the prevelence of arboviruses.

What months is this program active? April - November

Check off all trap types used this past season by your program:

Тгар Туре	Canopy?	Number of traps
	(check box for yes)	(leave blank if zero)
ABC light trap		
☐ ABC light trap w/CO₂		
CDC light trap		
CDC light trap w/CO ₂		24-30 per week
Gravid trap		24-34 per week
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		
☐ NJ light trap w/CO₂		
Ovitrap		
Resting box		2 rotated througout the
		season.
Other (please describe): CDC		3 rotated throughout the
with BG Lure		season.
Other (please describe):		
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Do you maintain long-term trap sites in any of your areas? Yes If yes, how many:

Please check off the species of concern	in your service area:
Ae. albopictus	🔀 Oc. abserratus
Ae. cinereus	$igthered{igwedge}$ Oc. canadensis
Ae. vexans	Oc. cantator
An. punctipennis	🔀 Oc. j. japonicus
An. quadrimaculatus	Oc. sollicitans
Cq. perturbans	Oc. taeniorhynchus
	🔀 Oc. triseriatus
🔀 Cx. restuans	🔀 Oc. trivittatus
	🔀 Ps. ferox
	🔀 Ur. sapphirina
Cs. morsitans	
Others (please list):	

Do you participate in the MDPH Arboviral Surveillance program? Yes How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 36 Total number of adult mosquito pools submitted to DPH this past season: 612

Number of adult mosquito pools collected but not submitted to DPH ("Unsubmitted"): 1485

Total number of adult mosquitoes submitted to DPH this past season: 12328 Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season but not submitted to DPH: 18066

Number of ovitrap collections this season, if any: Any other trap collections of note (please describe):

Number of traps in your service area **placed by MDPH**: Varies across Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties and is based on need.

Were these long-term trap sites or supplemental trapping sites? both

Which arboviruses were found in your area during this past mosquito season? Enter the number of positive pools and/or cases below:

Arbovirus	Positive Mosquito Pools	Equine Cases	Human Cases
Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)			
West Nile Virus (WNV)	6	0	2
Other (please list):			

Comments:	
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For each arbovirus listed below, please list the risk levels in your project area at both the start and end of the season (if more than one, please list all):

Arbovirus	Start of Season	End of Season
EEE	Low	Low
WNV	Low	Moderate

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EDUCATION, OUTREACH & PUBLIC RELATIONS

If you have an education/outreach program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: Education/outreach is a key aspect of the District's objectives to reduce arbovirus risk across Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties. Engaging with the public provides us with the opportunity to educate people about mosquitoes and the diseases they carry, source reduction, and what people can do to protect themselves and reduce the risk of illness.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? Year round

Check off all education/outreach methods that were performed by your program this year: Development/distribution of brochures, handouts, etc.

Door-to-door canvassing (door hangers, speaking to property owners, etc.)					
Facebook page, Twitter, or other social media Mailings (Describe target audience(s):)					
Media outreach (interviews for print or online media sources, press releases, etc.)					
Presentations at meetings					
School-based programs, science fairs, etc.					
Tabling at events (local events, annual meetings, etc.)					
Website					
Other (please describe):					
Estimate the audience reached this year using the education/outreach methods above: Comments:					
List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this past year:					
 Incidental interations with the public while conducting arbovirus surveillance and mitigation. 					
2. Presentations at LBOHs and regional health groups.					
Weekly reports distibuted to member community contacts.					
Were you involved in any collaborations with the following partners this year? Provide details below, including a list of technical reports, white/grey papers, journal publications, trade					
magazine articles, etc:					
Academia JCV research with NEWEC Another mosquito control district/project					
Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.)					
Environmental groups					
Industry					
List any training/education your staff received this year: NMCA Annual Meeting, NMCA Field Day, and MDAR Invasive Species Webinar.					
Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff: John Briggs, B.S. in Environmental					
Science.					
Comments:					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)					
Does your program use (check all that apply):					
Aerial Photography					
Databases Databases (monitoring for tomporature, etc.)					
☐ Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.) ☐ GIS mapping (Describe: QGIS and QField)					
GPS equipment					
Smartphones					
Tablets/Toughbooks					

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Describe any difficulties your program had with IT software/equipment this year: Comments: REVENUES & EXPENDITURES Please enter your approved budgets for the current, previous, and future fiscal years. Date of Fiscal Year Previous FY24 97,000 Reflects revenue generated. Current FY25 118,258.76 Reflects revenue generated. Future FY26 126,554.81 Reflects projected revenue and is yet to be approved. List each member municipality, along with the corresponding (cherry sheet) funding assessment dollar amount, for the current fiscal year (or provide a web link to this information): PVMCD member communities are required to appropriate \$5,000 annually for membership. The following communites approved additional appropriations for arbovirus mitigation services: Amherst - \$3,033.00, Deerfield, \$2,800.18, South Hadley - \$3,049.00, Northampton - \$11,800.00, and West Springfield - \$531.00. Comments: SERVICE REQUESTS How many service requests did you receive this season? 2							
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Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Increase							
Comments:							
EXCLUSIONS							

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Increase

Do you have large areas of pesticide exclusion, including priority habitat? Yes

Did your program perform any of the following special projects? Check all that apply.
 Inspectional services (inspections at sewage treatment facilities, review of subdivision plans, etc.)
Describe:
 Work with DPW departments or other local or state officials to address stormwater systems, clogged culverts, or other areas identified as man-made mosquito problem areas
Describe:
 Work with groups as described above on long term solutions? Describe:
 Conduct or participate in any cooperative research or restoration projects? Describe:
 Participate in any state/regional/national workgroups or panels, or attend any meeting pertaining to the above? Describe:
 Work on any biological control projects, such as enhancement of habitat for native predators, release of predatory fish or invertebrates, etc.?
Describe:
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFPA)
Is your program impacted by the CFPA? Yes
If yes, please explain: Per the CFPA, any pesticides used for outdoor larval treatments on school properties must be listed the schools' outdoor IPM plan.
If you have data on compliance rates with the CFPA within your program area, please list here:
Describe any difficulties you have had with the implementation of your program due to the CFPA, please elaborate here:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Comments:

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT PROGRAM
Did your program report any adverse incidents during this reporting period? No
If yes, please list any corrective actions here:

GENERAL COMMENTS

Please add any comments here for topics not covered elsewhere in this report: