MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL



ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2024 Date of Report: 01/10/2025

Project/District Name: Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

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If you have a mission statement, please include it here: The goal of mosquito control is to prevent the transmission of mosquito-borne disease, maintain quality of life, and minimize adverse impacts to the economy by using techniques of integrated pest management to reduce mosquito populations in the most environmentally responsible and efficient manner possible.

ORGANIZATION SETUP:

Commissioner names:

<u>John Sharland(Chair)</u> <u>Elaine Fiore</u>

Ann Motyka(Vice Chair/Secretary)

<u>Thomas Reynolds</u> <u>Joyce Krystofolski</u>

Superintendent/Director name: Ross Rossetti

Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 781-585-5450

Asst. Superintendent/Director name: Matthew McPhee

District/Project website: http://Plymouthmosquito.org

Twitter handle: @

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

Staffing levels for the year of this report:

Full time: 13 Part time: 2 Seasonal: 4

Other: (please describe)

Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
Administrative Ross Rossetti, Matthew McPhee, Denise Deluca Biologist Educator Erin Morrill Entomologist Ellen Bidlack Facilities Matthew McPhee, Russell Mazzilli Information technology Ellen Bidlack, Ross Rossetti Laboratory Ellen Bidlack Operations Ross Rossetti, Matthew McPhee, Russell Mazzilli Public relations Erin Morrill Wetland scientist Other (please describe) Pilot-Ross Rossetti, Pilot-Thomas Foley, General Foreman - Russell Mazzilli, Equipment Operator- Christopher Hoppie, Field Technicians - Jesse Anderson, Brian Callahan, Nic Disano, Christoper Hanna, Stephanie Dugan, Mason Taft, Kendric Stiles
For the year of this report, the following were maintained (enter number in the column to the left):
Modified wetland equipment (list type) 17 Larval control equipment (list type) A-1 Mist Sprayer, hydraulic sprayer, backpack sprayers, pump can 8 ULV sprayers (list type) Clarke Pro Mist Dura 18 Vehicles Other (please be specific): 1 CAT 305 mini excavator, 1 John Deere 323E Compact Track Loader, 1 Mustang Skid-steer, 1 Cessna AG Wagon w/boom nozzle & grandular spreader
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 28 Alphabetical list: Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater, Whitman
Were there any changes to your service area this year? No Cities/towns added: 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): Pesticide resistance testing
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: The larval suppression program is one of our most effective methods to reduce the number of biting mosquitoes by preventing larvae from maturing into adults. The Project treats stagnant water with larvae by airplane, truck mounted sprayers, backpack blowers, and by hand. The Project larvicides over 14,000 acres and treats between 50 and 60 thousand catch basins per year.
What months is this program active? Spring and Summer months
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: A variety of fresh water wetland, salt marshes, drainage basins, and stagnant water within the district.
Do you use: Ground application (hand, portable and/or backpack, etc.) Aerial applications Other (please list): A-1 Mist Sprayer, hydraulic sprayer Comments:

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
Vectobac 12AS	73049-38	1 pint per acre	Aerial	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☑ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	1,855 gals.
Vectobac 12AS	73049-38	5oz per acre	Hydraulic Sprayer	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	26 gals.
Four Star 90 Day Briquet	83362-3	1 Briquet per 100 sq. feet surface area	Hand	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☑ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	47.1 lbs.
Summit Briquets	6218-47	1briquet /10'x10' surface area	Hand	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	17 lbs
VectoLex WSP	73049-20	1 pouch per basin	Hand	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	444.3 lbs.
VectoMax WSP	73049-429	1 pouch per basin	Hand	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	817.5 lbs.
Four Star 45 Day Briqute	83362-3	1 Briquet per 100 sq. feet surface area	Hand	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☑ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	88.5 lbs.

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
BVA 2 Larvacide Oil	70589-1	1-5 Gallons per acre depending on vegitation	Wand Sprayer	Larvae/pupae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☑ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	12.7 gals.
Vectolex WDG	73049-57	.5-1.5 lbs/acre	Hydraulic Sprayer	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	8.22 lbs.
Vectobac DT	73049-447	1 Tablet per 13.2 gallons	Hand	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	20 grams
VectoLex FG	73049-20	5-10 lbs. per acre	Backpack	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	1,749.4 lbs.
VectoLex FG	73049-20	15lb per acre	Aerial	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☑ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	3,800 lbs.
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				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: Refer to GEIR Table 17 Other (please describe):
Comments:
Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map). http://www.plymouthmosquito.org/service-area.html
ADULT 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: The goal of our program is to reduce the number of biting mosquitoes to protect human health and improve the quality of life of our residents. The Project takes residential, business, and town requests for adulticiding with ULV truck mounted sprayers.
What is the time frame for this program? June to October (end date depends on virus activity and weather conditions).
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Streets, Fields, Schools (per Children's Protection Act regs), yards, recreation areas.
Do you use: Aerial applications Portable applications Truck applications Other (please list): Hydraulic Sprayer, A-1 Mist Blower Comments:
For each product used please list the name EPA # and application rate(s):

Product Name	EPA#	Application	Application	Total finished
		Rate(s)	Method	product applied
DUET	1021-1795-	.62oz.per	ULV	775.4 gals.
	8329	acre		
Suspend SC	432-763	.75oz-1.5oz	Hydraulic sprayer	774 oz
		per 1,000sq		
		ft		

Please describe the maximum amounts or frequency used in a particular time frame such as season and areas

Each resident household can request a maxim	num of 8 treatments per season.
What is your trigger for adulticiding operation Arbovirus data Best professional judgment Complaint calls (Describe trigger for applica Landing rates (Describe trigger for applica Light trap data (Describe trigger for applica Comments:	cation: 2 per geographical area) tion)
Please attach a map of your service area (or http://www.plymouthmosquito.org/service	
SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals) If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire rethe next section.	removal, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to
regarding actions they can take to reduce	nspect properties and offer advice to landowners the amount of mosquito production on their program year round. This year we removed 1,533 is 13,615 tires.
What time frame during the year is this meth	od employed? Throughout the year
Comments:	
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENANG	CE
	program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead
pursuant of chapter 252 of the MA Gene guidance. The goal of the program is to mamount of flooding and stagnant water in the of pesticide used and the number of mosquit	ct's water management program is conducted ral Laws and is compliant with US Army Corps raintain existing drainage in order to reduce the edistrict. This kind of work can reduce the amount oes in the area. We seek to use the least impactful hniques include site monitoring both before and f mechanized equipment.
For inland/freshwater water management, of Maintenance Type	heck off all that apply. Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches,
IVIAIIILE I YPE	r Estimate di cumulative length di Culvelts, UltCiles,

104,387 Ft

Culvert cleaning
Hand cleaning

swales, etc. maintained (ft)

Mechanized cleaning	2,675 Ft
Stream flow improvement	
Other (please list):	
Comments:	
For saltmarsh ditch maintenance , ch	neck off all that anniv
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of ditches maintained
	(ft)
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	735 Ft
Other (please list):	
Comments:	
What time frame during the year is t	his mathed amployed? Ian Dos
what time hame during the year is t	nis method employed: Jan-Dec
Comments:	
Please attach a map of ditch mainte	nance areas (or a website link to that map).
OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEMEN	
If you have an Open Marsh Water Managen next section.	nent program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the
Describe the purpose of this program	n:
What months is this program active?)
Please give an estimate of total squa	re feet or acreage:
riease give an estimate of total squa	refeet of acreage.
Comments:	
Please attach a map of OMWM area	s (or a website link to that map).
MONITORING (Measures of Efficacy	
Describe monitoring efforts for each	of the following:
bescribe monitoring error is for each	Tor the following.
Aerial Larvicide – wetlands:	Pre and Post applications
Ground ULV Adulticide:	Trapping data and Service Requests
Larvicide – catch basins:	prior to application
Larvicide-hand/small area	prior to application
Open Marsh Water Management:	**
Source Reduction:	Pre and Post
	

Other (please list):

Resistance Testing

Provide or list standard steps, criterion, or protocols regarding the documentation of efficacy (pre and post data), and resistance testing (if any):

Per established Mass. Best Management Practice Standards and State Reclamation and Mosquito Board G.E.I.R.

Check the boxes below, indicating if your program has performed any of the following:

Research Project	Details
Bottle assays	Mosquito larvae were sent to Cornell's Northeast Regional
	Cener for Excellence in Vector-Borne Disease. Where the
	larvae were raised to adult and the bottle assay was
	performed.
Efficacy testing	A cage trial was performed using mosquitoes collected
	from Middleboro.
Other: JVC testing	Mosquitoes were submitted to UMass for JCV testing
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: The purpose of this program is three fold: to monitor the mosquitoes for diseases, to determine general population levels and to decide where we can better focus our larvaciding and adulticiding efforts.

What months is this program active? May-September

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

Trap Type	Canopy?	Number of traps
	(check box for yes)	(leave blank if zero)
ABC light trap		
ABC light trap w/CO₂		10
CDC light trap		
CDC light trap w/CO ₂		10
Gravid trap		26
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		28
☐ NJ light trap w/CO ₂		
Ovitrap		
Resting box		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		

Do you maintain long-term trap sites in any of your areas? Yes If yes, how many:

28 - NJ trap sites, 28 - CDC trap sites, and 33 - Gravid trap sites

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

Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season (whether submitted to DPH or not): 127,357 Number of adult mosquito pools collected this season (submitted and unsubmitted): 37,177 mosquitoes submitted in 824 pools, 115,484 mosquitoes in 1,389 not submitted pools Number of ovitrap collections this season, if any: 0

Any other trap collections of note (please describe): Extra traping was done to collect mosquitoes for pesticide resistance testing, cage trial, JVC testing (250 pools) and extra EEEV testing.

Do you participate in the MDPH Arboviral Surveillance program? Yes Total number of adult mosquito pools submitted to DPH this past season: 824 How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 52

Number of traps in your service area **placed by MDPH**: 22 locations and 1,296 trap nights Were these long-term trap sites or supplemental trapping sites? both

Which arboviruses were found in your area during the previous mosquito season? Enter the number of pools/cases below:

Arbovirus	Positive Mosquito Pools	Equine Cases	Human Cases
Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)	65	4	1
West Nile Virus (WNV)	109	0	0
Other (please list): JCV		0	0

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	all towns at low risk	Low Risk: Hull, Hingham, Cohasset,
		Scituate, Norwell, Whitman,
		Abington, Brockton, Rockland,
		Hanover, East Bridgewater, West
		Bridgewater, Hanson, Pembroke,
		Marshfield, Duxbury,
		Moderate Risk: Bridgewater,
		Halifax, Middleboro, Plymouth,
		Kingston, Carver, Plympton,
		Lakeville, Rochester, Mattapoisett,
		Marion, Wareham
		High Risk: Plymouth, Carver and
		Middleboro were temporarily at
		high risk and dropped to moderate
		risk in the fall
WNV	all towns at low risk	High risk: Brockton, Abington,
		Whitman, East Bridgewater,
		Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett
		Moderate risk: All the remaining
		towns. Hull, Hingham, Cohasset,
		Norwell, Hanover, Rockland,
		Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury,
		Kingston, Pembroke, Hanson,
		Halifax, Bridgewater, West
		Bridgewater, Lakeville, Middleboro,
		Carver, Plympton, Plymouth and
		Wareham

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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: The over-arching purpose of the program is to enhance public health and safety of the residents of Project communities as it applies to mosquitoes and mosquito viruses. The Project employs the methods checked below to reach individuals and groups of people of all ages in our member communities and to communicate the messages of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, The Centers for Disease Control, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the American Mosquito Control Association.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? Primarily April through October, but requests may take place any time of the year. The time period of November - March is generally a time for planning the focus of the next season's efforts.

Check off all education/outreach methods that were performed by your program this year:
$\overline{igwedge}$ Development/distribution of brochures, handouts, etc.
\sum Door-to-door canvassing (door hangers, speaking to property owners, etc.)
Facebook page, Twitter, or other social media
Mailings (Describe target audience(s): BOH, COA, Libraries)
\boxtimes 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 Website
\boxtimes Other (please describe): Youth Camp, Public Libraries, Town Recreation

Estimate the audience reached this year using the education/outreach methods above: Inperson and zoom events- 1,000-2,000. Radio/TV/website/Facebook/Newspaper- 100,000+ Comments:

List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this year:

- 1. Presentations at events
- 2. In-person meetings with BOH's/COA's
- 3. Meeting with school/daycares and summer camps to update IPM plans

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:

\times	Academia Cornell University, University of Massachusetts
X	Another mosquito control district/project BCMCP, NMCP, CMMCP
X	Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.) DPH
	Environmental groups
X	Industry Clarke

List any training/education your staff received this year: Pesticide Applicators License Training, NMCA Annual Meeting, Hoisting License Continuing Ed., Mosquito Identification Training, NEAAA Convention, NMCA Field Day, Flight Training

Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff:

- -Ellen Bidlack: B.S. Wildlife Management, M.S. Entomology, Commercial Certification 47, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Ross Rossetti: B.S. Aviation Science, CORE Management Program, Commercial Pilots Cert for fixed wing/helicopter/UAV, Commercial Applicator Certification 47 and 34, Hoisting license 1c2a, Class A CDL
- -Brain Callahan: Commercial Applicator Certification 47
- -Christopher Hanna: Commercial Applicator Certification 47, 2a Hoisting License
- -Matthew McPhee: B.A. Earth, Environment and Oceanic Sciences, CORE Management Program, Commercial Applicator Certification 47, 1c2a Hoisting License, Class A CDL

- -Russell Mazzilli: B.S. Criminal Justice, Commercial Applicator Certification 47, Class A CDL, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Stephanie Dugan: B.S. Environmental Biology, Commercial Applicator Certification 47, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Christopher Hoppie: Commercial Applicator Certification 47, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Mason Taft: Applicator License

Comments:

- -Kendric Stiles: Applicator License Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Jesse Anderson: B.S. Psychology, Class A CDL, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Nic Disano: B.A. Real Estate, Applicator License, Hoisting License 1c2a
- -Erin Morrill: Master of Public Administration Management
- -Thomas Foley- B.S. Computer Science, Airline Transport License

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
Does your program use (check all that apply):
Aerial Photography
□ Databases □ Dat
Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.)
GIS mapping (Describe: Site planning, exclusion mapping, larvicide/adulticide tracking)
SPS equipment
Tablets/Toughbooks
Other (please describe):
Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year: We continue to work with Frontier Precision to fine tune the Fieldseeker app for our mapping, data tracking, and service requests.
Describe any difficulties your program had with IT software/equipment this year:

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Comments:

Please enter your approved budgets for the current, previous, and future fiscal years.

	Date of Fiscal	Approved Budget	Notes
	Year		
Previous	FY24	\$2,082,220.00	
Current	FY25	\$2,123,864.40	
Future	FY26	\$2,261,915.59	Not approved at this time

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):

https://dlsgateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=CherrySheets.CSbyProgMunis.MuniBudgFinal
Comments:
SERVICE REQUESTS
How many service requests did you receive this season? 16,502 How many were for larviciding? 570 How many were for adulticiding? 15932
Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Increase
Comments: There was an increase of 3,000 due to the high EEE and WNV activity compared to last season.
EXCLUSIONS
How many exclusion requests did you receive this season? 554
Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Increase
Do you have large areas of pesticide exclusion, such as estimated or priority habitats? Yes
If yes, please explain, and attach maps or a web link if possible. In 2024 NHESP placed restrictions on a large number of acres in the district. No adulticiding was permitted on 19,201 acres. Restrictions on 99,996 acres for ditch and culvert maintenance and tire removal. Restrictions were placed on the use of oil larvicides on 6,727 acres. Review of products with methoprene was required for use in any 2021 Priority Habitat.
SPECIAL PROJECTS
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: We continually work with local DPW and MassDOT on water management projects.
 Work with groups as described above on long term solutions?

Describe: We work with DPW's and MassDOT to identify areas w maintenance.	ith need for ongoing		
Conduct or participate in any cooperative research or restoration projects?			
Describe:			
This year we continued our relationship with Cornell University. mosquitoes for pesticide resistance testing. Met with Mass Audu Ecological Restoration to discuss future cranberry bog restoratio work with Mattapoisett Land Trust, Buzzards Bay Coalition, and groups for salt marsh restoration.	bon and the Division of n projects. Ongoing		
 Participate in any state/regional/national workgroups or pan meeting pertaining to the above? 	els, or attend any		
Describe: Attended stakeholder meetings with Buzzards Bay Coalearn about new methods for salt marsh restoration.	llition to discuss and		
 Work on any biological control projects, such as enhancement predators, release of predatory fish or invertebrates, etc.? 	t of habitat for native		
Describe:			
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFPA)			
Is your program impacted by the CFPA? Yes			
If yes, please explain: Incomplete listing of our products delays o mosquitoes on school property.	r prohibits treating for		
If you have data on compliance rates with the CFPA within your progra PCMCP checks IPM plans for every school before it schedules an applica	•		
Describe any difficulties you have had with the implementation of your program due to the CFPA, please elaborate here: No problems, schools are anxious to make sure that they were in compliance with the CFPA.			
Comments:			
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PE	RMIT PROGRAM		
Did your program report any adverse incidents during this reporting per	iod? No		
If yes, please list any corrective actions here:			
GENERAL COMMENTS			
Please add any comments here for topics not covered elsewhere in this	report:		