MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2019 Date of Report: 01/13/2020

Project/District Name: **Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project**

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

ORGANIZATION SETUP: Commissioner names: Wally Terrill Ryan Grennan James McGrath Superintendent/Director name: Christopher Horton Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 4134479808 Asst. Superintendent/Director name: **District/Project website:** http://berkshiremosquito.org Twitter handle: @ Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project Staffing levels for the year of this report: Full time: 1 Part time: Seasonal: 3 Other: 1 (please describe) Part time without T.O.D.

Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
Administrative Christopher Horton Biologist
Educator Christopher Horton, Mya Wiles, Mollie Dimise Entomologist
Facilities Christopher Horton, Michael Healey Information technology Christopher Horton
Laboratory Christopher Horton, Mya Wiles, Mollie Dimise, Jamie Henderson Operations Christopher Horton, Mya Wiles, Mollie Dimise, Jaimie Henderson, Michael
Healey Public relations Christopher Horton Wetland scientist
Other (please describe)
For the year of this report, the following were maintained (enter number in the column to the left):
Modified wetland equipment (list type)
Larval control equipment (list type)
3 ULV sprayers (list type) Two Gasoline (London Fog), 1 Electric (Beecomist) 6 Vehicles
Other (please be specific):
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 10 Alphabetical list: Clarksburg, Hinsdale, Lanesbourough, Otis, Pittsfield, Richmond, Sheffield, Sherwood Greens RMD, Stockbridge, Tyringham
Were there any changes to your service area this year? No
Cities/towns added: https://www.berkshiremosquito.org/sites/bcmcp/files/imce/map-new-edited.jpg
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): Wetland restoration related to beaver mitigation.
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 mosquito program is used to identify and control mosquito populations when they are in their most concentrated and vulnerable state.
What months is this program active? April through October
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Larval control is used in wetlands, floodplain, catch basins and artificial container environments.
Do you use: Ground application (hand, portable and/or backpack, etc.) Aerial applications Other (please list):
Comments: All larvicide applications are currently performed manually

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 G	73049-10	4 - 10 lbs/acre	manual	Larvae	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list): floodplain	2,019 lbs.
Fourstar 90 Briquet	83362-3	1 briquet per basin	manual	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	3,069 briquets
Vectolex WSP	73049-20	1 packet per basin	manual	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	728 pouches
				Choose one	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	

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		Rate(s)	Method	stage		product applied
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	☐ Catch basins ☐ Containers ☐ Wetland ☐ Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
				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: present Other (please describe): Comments:
Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map). https://www.berkshiremosquito.org/sites/bcmcp/files/imce/map-new-edited.jpg
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 purpose of the adult mosquito control program is to reduce the presence of flying mosquitoes in the target area in order to check population increase and reduce the number of vector mosquitoes and potential vector mosquitoes.
What is the time frame for this program? June through October
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Municipal roads, public and private property with appropriate access.
Do you use: Aerial applications Portable applications Truck applications Other (please list): 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-	.62 oz. per	Truck mounted ULV	82.22 gal
	8329	acre		
Mavrik	2724-478	.5 oz. per	Backpack	24 oz.
		1000 sq. ft.		

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

Maximum frequency for Duet would be 1 application per week. Maximum frequency for Mavrik would be 1 application per month. Application frequency may be increased to label maximum in response to efficacy or public health concerns.

What is your trigger for adulticiding operations? (check all that apply) Arbovirus data Best professional judgment Complaint calls (Describe trigger for application: Complaint calls are used as a catalyst for investigation which would include trapping and landing counts.) Landing rates (Describe trigger for application 5 mammal biting species per minute) Light trap data (Describe trigger for application 250 mammal biting species per trap night. (Or threshold indicated in specific municipal plan)) Comments:				
Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map). https://www.berkshiremosquito.org/sites/bcmcp/files/imce/map-new-edited.jpg				
SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals) If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire removal, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.				
Please describe your program: BCMCP collects tires for recycling at community events, neighborhood cleanup projects and locations identified during MCP operations in member towns.				
What time frame during the year is this method employed? Source reduction is practiced year round as weather permits.				
Comments:				
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENANCE If you have a water management or ditch maintenance program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.				
Please check all that apply: Inland/freshwater Saltmarsh Please describe your program: BCMCP performs manual cleaning and maintenance on existing drainage systems and structures in member communities.				
For inland/freshwater water management, check off all that apply.				
Maintenance Type Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches, swales, etc. maintained (ft)				
Culvert cleaning 250 ft.				
Hand cleaning 5,300 ft.				
Mechanized cleaning				
Stream flow improvement				
Other (please list): Wetland restoration Restoration of historical flow at three mitigation				

after beaver mitigation	sites.
Comments:	
For saltmarsh ditch maintenance,	, check off all that apply:
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of ditches maintained
	(ft)
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Other (please list):	
Comments:	
What time frame during the year i	is this method employed?
Comments:	
Please attach a map of ditch mair	ntenance areas (or a website link to that map).
OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEN	IENT
If you have an Open Marsh Water Manag	gement program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the
next section.	
Describe the purpose of this progr	ram:
What months is this program activ	/e?
Please give an estimate of total sq	uare feet or acreage:
Comments:	
Please attach a map of OMWM a	reas (or a website link to that map).
MONITORING (Measures of Effica	acy)
Describe monitoring efforts for ea	ach of the following:
Aerial Larvicide – wetlands:	
Ground ULV Adulticide:	Ground ULV treatments are initiated by surveillance data
collected weekly.	Ground OLV treatments are initiated by surveillance data
·	
Larvicide – catch basins:	Catch basins are visually inspected as product lifespan
expires	
Larvicide-hand/small area	Larval surveillance is an ongoing process throughout the
•	s are surveilled several times during the season.

Open Marsh Water Management:

Source Reduction: proper function.	Source reduction sites are monitored seasonally to verify
Other (please list):	

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

We rely mainly on trap data to initiate treatment and determine efficacy. Trap counts, complaint calls, field observations and virus isolations initiate adult mosquito control response. Subsequent trap data indicates efficacy and directs future treatment decisions.

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

Research Project	Details
Bottle assays	Participated in CDC training workshop,
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: The adult mosquito surveillance program provides data relevant to trends in mosquito populations as well as the presence of arboviruses in mosquito populations.

What months is this program active? June through October

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/CO ₂		
CDC light trap		
◯ CDC light trap w/CO ₂		6-8 per week
Gravid trap		15-25 per week
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		
☐ 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:				
Sites that have consistently yeilded pos			naintained as	
long term trap sites. We currently have	e 20 sites that are long te	rm.		
Please check off the species of concern	in your service area:			
🔀 Ae. albopictus	Oc. abse	rratus		
Ae. cinereus	🔀 Oc. cana	ıdensis		
Ae. vexans	Oc. cant	ator		
An. punctipennis	🔀 Oc. j. jap	onicus		
An. quadrimaculatus	Oc. sollic			
Cq. perturbans	Oc. taen	iorhynchus		
X Cx. pipiens	Oc. trise			
X Cx. restuans	Oc. trivit			
Cx. salinarius	Ps. ferox			
Cs. melanura	Ur. sapp			
Cs. morsitans	ол. зарр			
Others (please list):				
Utilet's (please list).				
Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season (whether submitted to DPH or not): @75,000 Number of adult mosquito pools collected this season (submitted and unsubmitted): 1,194 Number of ovitrap collections this season, if any: 6 Any other trap collections of note (please describe): Do you participate in the MDPH Arboviral Surveillance program? Yes Total number of adult mosquito pools submitted to DPH this past season: 421 How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 15 Number of traps in your service area placed by MDPH: 0 Were these long-term trap sites or supplemental trapping sites? Choose one 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)				
West Nile Virus (WNV)	1			
Other (please list):				
Comments: 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 on	e, please list all):			

Arbovirus	Start of Season	End of Season
EEE	low	low
WNV	low	low

Comments:
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 purpose of the outreach program is to make the public aware of the importance of mosquito control in their community and to provide information relative to the availability and scope of our services.
What time frame during the year is this method employed? We persue any oportunity for outreach as time permits. Generally 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: 50,000 Comments:
List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this year: 1. Pittsfield (Third Thursday Streetfair) 2. Flying Cloud Educational Program 3. Stockbridge Board of Health (Sponsored) Meeting
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 Workshop on resistance testing (CDC NEVBD, Cornell University) Another mosquito control district/project Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.) Environmental groups Industry
List any training/education your staff received this year: Staff participated in continuing education programs through MDAR, Northeastern Mosquito Control Association, American

Mosquito Control Association and NEVBD.

Please list	the certificatio	ns and degrees held	by your staff: Bachelor Science	
Comment	s:			
Does your Aerial Databa Datalo GIS ma GPS ed Smartp Tablets Other	Photography ases ggers (monitor pping (Describuipment phones s/Toughbooks (please describ	check all that apply): ing for temperature, e: Frontier Precision e):	etc.) (Sentinel))	
Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year:				
Describe a	ny difficulties y	our program had wi	th IT software/equipment this year:	
Comment	s:			
REVENUES	& EXPENDITU	JRES		
Please enter your approved budgets for the current, previous, and future fiscal years.				
	Date of Fiscal	Approved Budget	Notes	
Previous	Year 2018	253,031.30	Lanesborough Joined Project	
Current	2019	267,914.00	Lariesborough Joineu Froject	
Future	2020	275,325.00		
dollar amo Clarksburg Lanesbord Pittsfield \$ Sheffield \$	ount, for the cu 3 \$5,225. 5 \$16,464. 5 \$146,137. 5 \$25,010. 5 \$36,702.		e corresponding (cherry sheet) funding assessment provide a web link to this information): Hinsdale \$12,964. Otis \$27,253. Richmond \$17,541. SGRMD \$1,800. Tyringham \$8,259.	

How many service requests did you receive this season? 184 How many were for larviciding? 28 How many were for adulticiding? 184

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Decrease **Comments: EXCLUSIONS** How many exclusion requests did you receive this season? 81 Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Decrease 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. MA Audubon and Trustees of Reservations exclude properties from mosquito control **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 Describe: Beaver mitigation work described above. 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

Describe: One of the main goals of many of our source reduction projects is to improve

predators, release of predatory fish or invertebrates, etc.?

water quality and enhance success of native predators.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFP

Is your program impacted by the CFPA? Yes

If yes, please explain: We have Schools and State Listed Daycare facilities in the project area.

If you have data on compliance rates with the CFPA within your program area, please list here: We have two facilities in the project area that have BCMCP listed on the IPM Plan.

Describe any difficulties you have had with the implementation of your program due to the CFPA, please elaborate here: We exclude applicable facilities from pesticide applications.

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: _____