MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2019 Date of Report: 1/23/2020

Project/District Name: East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

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If you have a mission statement, please include it here: The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Commission (the Commission) represents the interests of the participating communities and their residents in providing guidance and oversight to the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (the Project). The Commission strives to ensure that member communities receive services that are consistent with applicable laws and justified by the tenets of public health, vector control, environmental safety and fiscal responsibility. Integrated mosquito management services provided by the Project and approved by the Commission will be based on the State's Generic Environmental Impact Report on Mosquito Control in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan and the policies of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board.

ORGANIZATION SETUP:

Commissioner names:

Executive Committee: Lenny Izzo, Chair, representing Wellesley; Natasha Waden, Arlington; Heidi Porter, Bedford; Christine Mathis, Burlington; and Jennifer Murphy, Winchester.

Other Commissioners or town representative include the following: Wesley Chin, Belmont; Patrick Maloney, Brookline; Wendy Robinson, Cambridge; Anthony Kiszewski, PhD, Concord; Elaine Silva, Everett; Sam Wong, Framingham; Kari Sasportas, Lexington; Elaine Carroll, Lincoln; Chris Webb, Malden; Kelly Pawluczonek, Maynard; MaryAnn O'Connor, Medford; Ruth Clay, Melrose and Wakefield; Kyle Simpson, Newton; Bob Bracey, North Reading; Laura Vlasuk, Reading; William Murphy, Sudbury; Tom Creonte, Waltham; Larry Ramdin, Watertown; Julia Junghanns, Wayland; Rich Sullivan, Weston.

Superintendent/Director name: Brian Farless

Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 781-899-5730
Asst. Superintendent/Director name: Mike Bryant/ Chris Gagnon

District/Project website: http://sudbury.ma.us/emmcp/

Twitter handle: @

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

Staffing levels for the year of this report:

Full time: 4 Part time: Seasonal: 6

Other: in addition to above, two full time and one part-time administrative workers share their time between Suffolk County Mosquito Control and East Middlesex Mosquito Control (please

describe)

Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
Administrative Brian Farless, Katherine Swan, Dave Henley Biologist Educator Entomologist Doug Bidlack, Ph.D. Facilities Brian Farless, Mike Bryant, Chris Gagnon Information technology Laboratory Doug Bidlack, Ph.D. Operations Full-time: Mike Bryant, Chris Gagnon, Doug Bidlack, Brian Farless, Cameron Kelley, Peter Mirata. Seasonal: Jessica Gavin, Matt Restuccia, Sal Restuccia, Peter Mirata, Konrad Musialowski, Daniel Serafini Public relations Brian Farless, Katherine Swan, Doug Bidlack, Ph.D. 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) Linkbelt 75 Spin Ace track mounted excavator Larval control equipment (list type) 3 Solo backpack pump sprayers and 5 B&G pump sprayers. ULV sprayers (list type) Clarke Cougar Smartflow with radar
8 Vehicles Other (please be specific): Stihl backpack mistblower
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 26 Alphabetical list: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Concord, Everett, Framingham, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Maynard, Medford, Melrose, Newton, North Reading, Reading, Sudbury, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, Winchester
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):
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: This program is focused on controlling larvae of spring floodwater species, summer floodwater species and artificial container species. Spring floodwater species are aggressive mammal biting mosquitoes that are active during the late spring and early summer. Summer floodwater mosquitoes are controlled because they are aggressive mammal biting species and human vectors of EEE. Brackish water species are aggressive mammal biting mosquitoes. Catch basin larviciding helps control Culex species. Culex species are the primary vectors for West Nile virus in Massachusetts.
What months is this program active? Spring floodwater mosquito larvae are controlled from late March through May. Summer floodwater mosquito larvae are controlled from late May through September. Culex mosquito larvae are controlled from May through September.
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Intermittently flooded wetlands, stormwater detention basins, catch basins, neglected swimming pools and other water holding containers.
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	Application	Targeted life	Habitat Type	Total finished
		Rate(s)	Method	stage		product applied
Altosid Pellets	2724-448	8 grams per catch basin	hand applied	Larvae		436.3367 pounds
Altosid Pellets WSP	2724-448	1 packet per catch basin	hand applied	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	159.9101 pounds
Altosid XR Briquets, Ingot design	2724-421	1 briquet per basin	hand applied	Larvae		128.6466 pounds
Vectobac 12 AS	73049-38	8 oz. per acre/ 12 oz. per acre	backpack pump sprayer	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	5.5 gallons
Vectobac G	73049-10	5 lbs. per acre	aerially applied	Larvae	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	9,920 pounds
Vectolex WSP	73049-20	1 packet per catch basin	hand applied	Larvae		1099.0057 pounds
FourStar 90 day	83362-3	1 briquet per basin	hand applied	Larvae		105.8 pounds

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: 3 larvae per 10 samples
Other (please describe):
Comments: Altosid Pellets and Altosid Pellets WSP are applied to catch basins during May and
June as a pre-emergence treatment to control Culex larvae. Altosid Pellets, Altosid Pellets WSP, and Vectolex WSP were used to control Culex larvae in catch basins in July, August and
September.
Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map). sudbury.ma.us/emmcp/
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: To reduce the number of mammal biting mosquitoes and EEE/WNV vector species.
What is the time frame for this program? May through September
Describe the types of areas where you use this program: Truck mounted ULV sprayers are used in suburban residential neighborhoods with a relatively dense configuration of streets. A backpack mistblower is used in areas with high mosquito populations and/or in areas with an elevated disease risk.
Do you use:
Aerial applications
Portable applications
Truck applications
Other (please list): Comments:
Ear each product used inlease list the name EDA # and application rate(s):

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
Anvil 10+10	1021-1688-	0.0024 lbs.	truck mounted ULV	60.27 gallons
	8329	per acre	sprayer	
Mavrik	2724-478	0.5 fl. oz./ 5	backpack	32.59 ounces
Perimeter		gals water	mistblower	
		per 1000 sq.		
		ft.		

season and areas The least amount of time that Anvil 10+10 was used in the same area was 6 days. Mavrik Perimeter wasn't used in the same area twice. What is your trigger for adulticiding operations? (check all that apply) Arbovirus data Best professional judgment Complaint calls (Describe trigger for application: Landing rates (Describe trigger for application) Light trap data (Describe trigger for application at least 200 mosquitoes found in a trap from one night) Comments: Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map). sudbury.ma.us/emmcp/ **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: What time frame during the year is this method employed? 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: Saltmarsh Please describe your program: Ditch maintenance is done using either a LinkBelt 75 Spin Ace track mounted excavator or hand tools. When planning ditch maintenance activities, protocols are followed that are contained in the Massachusetts Best Management Practices and Guidance for Freshwater Mosquito Control. For **inland/freshwater water management**, check off all that apply. Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches, **Maintenance Type** swales, etc. maintained (ft) Culvert cleaning Hand cleaning 2,402 feet

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

Mechanized cleaning	1,412 feet		
Stream flow improvement			
Other (please list):			
Comments:			
	Hale and I		
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:			
are done between September and the end of	od employed? Most ditch maintenance activities March.		
Comments:			
Please attach a map of ditch maintenance ar sudbury.ma.us/emmcp/	reas (or a website link to that map).		
OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEMENT			
	am, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the		
Describe the purpose of this program:			
What months is this program active?			
Please give an estimate of total square feet or acreage:			
Comments:			
Please attach a map of OMWM areas (or a website link to that map).			
MONITORING (Measures of Efficacy)			
Describe monitoring efforts for each of the following:			
Post-application surveys were conducted at 1	lication larval surveys were conducted at 109 sites. 6 sites. ArcView GIS maps of targeted wetlands n converted for use for the helicopter's Ag-Nav		

system.

Ground ULV Adulticide: Pre-application adult mosquito surveys using CDC light traps are done to determine whether control is needed. Post-application surveys using CDC light traps are conducted to determine if additional ground ULV adulticiding is needed.

Larvicide – catch basins: Pre-application larval surveys using a Landers Ladle are done in June to determine the appropriate time to begin using Bacillus sphaericus. Random pre-application and post-application surveys using a Landers Ladle are undertaken during July, August and September to monitor Culex larval populations and determine the efficacy of Bacillus sphaericus applications. Random monitoring of paint marks on catch basins left by catch basin applicators is conducted to evaluate the coverage in neighborhoods where larvicide applications have been completed.

Larvicide-hand/small area Pre-application larval surveys are conducted prior to each application. Random post-application surveys are conducted to monitor efficacy.

Open Marsh Water Management:

Source Reduction:

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):

For aerial larval control, pre and post-application larval dip counts are undertaken with a minimum of 30 dips per site. In addition, the applicator is supplied with ArcView GIS maps of targeted wetlands that are used in the applicator's AgNav systems. The AgNav maps recorded during the application are reviewed following the application to evaluate the coverage of treated areas. At catch basins, sampling using a Landers Ladle is conducted during the early summer to determine when the presence of Culex larvae becomes common. Two samples using a Landers Ladle are taken at each sampled catch basin. Applicators are required to mark each catch basin with water soluble marking paint when larvicide is applied. Monitoring of paint marks left on catch basin grates is conducted to evaluate coverage. Random post application sampling is conducted to determine the efficacy of Bacillus sphaericus applications. For small area wetland larval control, applicators are required to find 3 larvae per 10 dips before a larvicide can be applied. Post-application surveys are carried out at random. Before adult mosquito control is scheduled, CO2 baited light traps are used to monitor mosquito populations in the neighborhood. A minimum of 200 mammal biting mosquitoes must be collected at a trap site before spraying will be scheduled in that neighborhood. The variation in the minimum trap collection size to justify spraying is related to the normal mosquito collections found at a site. Trap collections below the minimum number result in a determination that spraying does not need to be scheduled at that time.

Check the boxes below, indicating 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 pasection.	program, please fill out the sectio	n below, else skip ahead to the next
Describe the purpose of this program	m: The primary purposes ar	e to measure populations of
mammal biting species and populati	•	S
West Nile virus and EEE. The data is		_
available, Culex species, Cs. melanus submitted to DPH for virus testing.	•	•
of Aedes albopictus.	The Project also used ovitra	ps to monitor for the presence
or react and process.		
What months is this program active	? May through October	
	, -	
Check off all trap types used this pas	st season by your program:	
Trap Type	Canopy?	Number of traps
ADC light two	(check box for yes)	(leave blank if zero)
ABC light trap w/CO		
ABC light trap w/CO ₂ CDC light trap		
CDC light trap w/CO ₂		205
Gravid trap		84
Landing rate test		0.7
NJ light trap		
NJ light trap w/CO ₂		
Ovitrap		6 trap sites, 2 traps per
		site/per week, 10 weeks
Resting box		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Do you maintain long-term trap site	s in any of your areas? Yes	
If yes, how many: There are 3 to 5 trap sites in most m	unicipalities. In municipalit	ios with significant wotland
acreage, light trap sites are located in		_
habitats for spring and summer floo		
traps are placed in yards or municip	<u> </u>	
within the community.		
Please check off the species of conc		atin a puis
X Ae. albopictusX Ae. cinereus		ctipennis drimaculatus
Ae. vexans	·	
igsep Ae. vexans $igsep$ Cq. perturbans		

Cx. pipiens	∑ Oc. j. jap		
Cx. restuans	∑ Oc. sollid		
Cx. salinarius		iorhynchus	
Cs. melanura	Oc. trise		
Cs. morsitans	Oc. trivit		
Oc. abserratus	∑ Ps. ferox		
Oc. canadensis	Ur. sapp	nirina	
Oc. cantator			
Others (please list):			
Number of adult mosquitoes collected Number of adult mosquito pools collections of overap collections this seas Any other trap collections of note (please Do you participate in the MDPH Arbovi Total number of adult mosquito pools of How many pools do you submit weekly Number of traps in your service area please these long-term trap sites or sup Which arboviruses were found in your number of pools/cases below:	ted this season (submitter on, if any: 120 ase describe): fral Surveillance program submitted to DPH this par on average? 24.54 laced by MDPH: 4 plemental trapping sites?	ed and unsubm ? Yes st season: 319	itted):
Arbovirus	Positive Mosquito Pools	Equine Cases	Human Cases
Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)	2	-	1
West Nile Virus (WNV)	12		2
Other (please list):			
Comments: For each arbovirus listed below, please	list the risk levels in vou	project area a	t both the start

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	remote, low	low, moderate, high, critical
WNV	low	low, moderate

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 Project's public education program is designed to develop awareness within the public and private sectors as to their roles in mosquito control.

The Project serves as a resource to residents, municipal officials and the local media on controlling mosquitoes, larval mosquito habitats and mosquito borne diseases.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? It is an ongoing program that is active throughout the year.

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): Each person who allowed the Project to put a survey trap on their property in 2018 received a letter informing them of the results on their property and requesting that the Project be allowed to use their property for surveillance in 2019.) 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 year: Coordinate with municipal officials to post notices on City/ Town List Servers and City/Town websites to notify residents, municipal departments and local media of planned helicopter Bti larval control applications, the pesticide exclusion process and planned neighborhood truck mounted adult mosquito control activities. Daily phone calls from residents. Interviews with local media.
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
 ✓ Another mosquito control district/project The Project shared administration with the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project. ✓ Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.) The Project collaborated with DPH to monitor for Aedes albopictus by submitting mosquito eggs collected from ovitraps. ✓ Environmental groups ✓ Industry

List any training/education your staff received this year: Four employees attended the annual Northeastern Mosquito Control Association (NMCA) meeting. Two employees attended the

annual NMCA Field Day. Two employees attended a pesticide resistance workshop hosted by Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases.

Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff: Mike Bryant and Chris Gagnon are Certified Pesticide Applicators. Brian Farless, Cameron Kelley, Konrad Musialowski, Salvatore Restuccia, Peter Mirata are Licensed Pesticide Applicators. Jessica Gavin, Matt Restuccia, Daniel Serafini are Permitted Catch Basin Applicators. Chris Gagnon and Cameron Kelley have a 2A/1C Hoist Operator's License. David Henley has a B.B.A. in Management, Mike Bryant has an A.B. in Turf Management. Doug Bidlack has a Ph.D. in Entomology, an M.S. in Entomology and Plant Pathology and a B.S. in Biological Sciences. Chris Gagnon has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology. Brian Farless has a B.S. in Communications. Cam Kelley has a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Konrad Musialowski has a B.S. in Community Health. Matt Restuccia has a B.A. in Accounting and Business/Management.

comments
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
Does your program use (check all that apply):
Aerial Photography
□ Databases
Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.)
GIS mapping (Describe:)
GPS equipment
<u>∑</u> Smartphones
Tablets/Toughbooks
Other (please describe):
Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year:
Describe any difficulties your program had with IT software/equipment this year:
Comments:

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Commonts:

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

	Date of Fiscal	Approved Budget	Notes
	Year		
Previous	2019	760,720.81	
Current	2020	782,945.65	
Future			

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):

The following are the regular appropriations for FY 2020 from the cities and towns of the East Middlesex MCP: Arlington - \$21,400, Bedford - \$40,817, Belmont - \$19,139, Brookline - \$13,809.23, Burlington - \$43,953, Cambridge - \$51,046, Concord - \$20,400, Everett - \$20,000, Framingham - \$56,311, Lexington - \$28,590, Lincoln - \$10,300, Malden - \$21,063, Maynard - \$13,000, Medford - \$24,336, Melrose - \$19,791, Newton - \$45,362, North Reading - \$49,500, Reading - \$42,147, Sudbury - \$51,066, Wakefield - \$27,427, Waltham - \$37,688, Watertown - \$18,620, Wayland - \$25,414.01, Wellesley - \$20,913.41, Weston - \$43,872 and Winchester - \$16,981.

Comments:

SERVICE REQUESTS

How many service requests did you receive this season? 281 How many were for larviciding? 56 How many were for adulticiding? 126

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Increase

Comments: The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project will respond to residents who request that an adjacent or nearby wetland be checked for mosquito larvae, or to investigate obstructions in waterways. Decisions on adult mosquito spraying are based on mosquito and arbovirus surveillance data.

EXCLUSIONS

How many exclusion requests did you receive this season? 43

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. Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge manage large tracts of wetland acreage in Bedford, Concord, Lincoln, Maynard, Sudbury and Wayland that they exclude from larval and adult mosquito control pesticide applications. They will only permit control, when the Refuge Manager determines that there is an imminent local risk from mosquito borne disease. The Sudbury Valley Trustees, a private land trust, that owns wetlands in Concord, Framingham, Sudbury and Wayland has excluded their property from larval and adult mosquito control pesticide applications.

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, topo map: www.farnwr.org/maps1.html Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, map: www.fws.gov/refuge/great_meadows/map.html Sudbury Valley Trustees, trail maps: http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/maps

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: The Project works with local DPW officials and Conservation Administrators to identify excess sedimentation and or debris that is obstructing waterways and culverts and to maintain those waterways and culverts. The Project coordinated catch basin larvicide applications with local public works departments so as not to conflict with catch basin cleaning. 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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFPA)

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

Is your program impacted by the CFPA? Yes

Describe:

If yes, please explain: Per the provisions of the Act, the Project excludes schools, group day care centers and school age child care programs from adult mosquito control pesticide applications unless the pre-requisites for spraying are fulfilled.

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:

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: _____