

April 7, 2022

To: All Township and Village Supervisors

Fr: William W. Stanuszek, Director

Re: **2022 Spring Aerial Larvicide Program and Program Updates**

Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission (SCMAC) has tentatively scheduled its Spring Aerial Larval Control Program for mosquitoes breeding in seasonally flooded woodlots, to begin the week of April 18, 2022. Weather conditions always play a factor in determining when our aerial treatment will commence, which means the program may start earlier or later than the projected start date.

This program involves an aerial contractor, Al's Aerial Spraying from Ovid, Michigan. This contractor has multiple fixed wing aircraft that will be conducting low level aerial application (25 to 50 feet above treetops) over large areas of Saginaw County. Enclosed is a map of your township/village indicating the woodlots to be treated (pattern-green) and those that will not (pattern-red). Also for your information is a copy of the *Bti* treatment product, Vectobac G. We would appreciate you keeping this material available for ready reference. If you have any questions, please direct them to our staff at (989) 755-5751. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **2022 Program Updates**

SCMAC continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation as to any necessary impacts on our services and as of writing this there should be minimal impact. SCMAC will continue to follow recommendations and practices established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Michigan, and state and local public health agencies. Currently, the Mosquito Control office is open to the public. If you need to contact us, please call (989) 755-5751.

To stay current with our services, products, operations, and any precautions please refer to our website, [saginawmosquito.com](http://saginawmosquito.com). During the season, we update our website daily with regard to control activities and mosquito-borne disease threats. The public can also find our Annual Report (a summary of last season) and Program/Community Outreach Plan (outline of services for the current season), respectively. We can also be found on social media, and we are looking to release a Public Outreach App which can be downloaded to mobile devices.

A noted change to this year's program is the replacement of our barrier treatment program. Those affected sites will now be treated with a variety of strategies including larva and occasional adult control when warranted. This change ensures all facets of our community program are consistent with best practices, our goals, and regulations. Following the last couple of difficult seasons due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to a return of more normal operations. Please note the following program updates:

**\*\*\*\*\*Public Notice Posting – PLEASE DISPLAY \*\*\*\*\***

In an effort to communicate more effectively with the public in regard to our purpose, products, and timeframe of our program, we kindly request you post the enclosed Public Notice on your Community Bulletin Board. This posting lets the public know that our control activities are taking place on public lands, like parks and other recreational areas.

It will also be posted at many of the community parks where routine mosquito control activities take place. Our staff will post this notice at a visible location near the entrance, preferably with other public information, e.g., billboard, signage, etc. Displaying these at community-use sites allows us to conduct a variety of treatment options throughout the season without using the small green and white placards used in the past.

If you identify a need to relocate the posting or it is missing at a site, such as a park, please contact us at (989) 755-5751. Without this notice, we may not be able to conduct the treatment at that community site.

**\*\*\*\*\* *Bti* Distribution – SCMAC OFFICE ONLY\*\*\*\*\***

***Bti* distribution will take place at our facility beginning Monday, May 2, 2022, located at 211 Congress Ave. in Saginaw.** As always, the inventory is limited and will be available while supplies last. Mosquito staff will confirm residents live in Saginaw County and determine how much product to distribute based on the size of parcel/water habitat. Residents may call our office at (989) 755-5751 if they have any questions.

\*\*SCMAC will contact Township and Village Offices to schedule a date and time to pick up expired inventory sometime during the month of May or June. Please **DO NOT** distribute any product. Moving forward all products will be distributed at our facility only. (Residents can also call our office at (989) 755-5751 to request treatment of standing water.)

**\*\*\*\*\* Tire Collection – SCMAC OFFICE ONLY\*\*\*\*\***

**Tire Collection will take place at our facility between Monday, May 2, 2022 - Wednesday, August 31, 2022, located at 211 Congress Ave. in Saginaw.** Tires are accepted between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday – Friday. The office is closed on holidays. Residents may call our office at (989) 755-5751 if they have any questions.

If your township or village has a community clean-up day, SCMAC is willing to provide our tire trailer(s). Please contact our office to obtain more information.

Saginaw Mosquito Control truly appreciates the communities' support. If you need further information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (989) 755-5751.

Enclosures:

**Township or Village Aerial Treatment Map, Vectobac G *Bti* Label, Public Notice Posting**