

Eastern Equine Encephalitis Program

2015

SUMMARY REPORT

New York State Senator Patty Ritchie provided through Oswego County SWCD, a state grant in the amount of \$85,000 as support for controlling the EEE virus in the CNY area. This grant was contracted through the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.

The bulk of the contracted funds went towards reimbursing three counties (Onondaga, Oswego and Madison) for the aerial spraying over state and local municipal lands for the purpose of EEE and West Nile Virus control. The remaining balance of contracted funds went towards the purchase of mosquito larvicide kits and program management.

Mosquito larvicide kits were purchased from a NYS vendor, Bonide Company, located in Oriskany, New York. Amount purchased: 116 cases, each containing 12 cards (one per household). With an additional left over supply from a previous grant, total number of boxes distributed in 2015 was 209. This meant that over 2,500 households received this protection.

These cases were then equally distributed throughout a five county region in CNY for the general public, for their use in the control of the EEE virus on their properties. The five counties were: Onondaga, Madison Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence. This distribution occurred through the assistance of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts within each county.

The Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District acted as the programming office, coordinating and administering these funds on behalf of the counties and agencies involved at the local level; including fiscal accounting and management

During the summer season of 2015, this office was responsible for making sure that larvicide kits were distributed throughout Oswego County at other local governmental offices. They were delivered to 9 towns and 2 villages, as follows:

Towns: Volney, Schroepel, Hastings, West Monroe, Constantia, Parish, Mexico, New Haven and Palermo.

Villages: Central Square and Mexico.

There were two confirmed human deaths due to EEE infection: one in Onondaga County and the other in Oswego County. St. Lawrence County had an infected horse (outcome unknown).