

# TOWN OF CHILMARK CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

**Board of Health** 

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Hours: 9am to 2pm, M-F

1700 EST

Date: 9 Key 2022

At its regularly-scheduled meeting of May 3, 2022, the Chilmark Selectboard, upon recommendation from the Chilmark Board of Health on April 20, 2022, voted to opt out of all spraying in the Town of Chilmark conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) under M.G.L. c.252, Section 2A.

Hereby certified by:

James Malkin, Chair

Chilmark Selectboard

### **CONTACT INFORMATION for 2022 Municipal Opt-Out Process**

Please provide contact information for your municipality:

Town/City: Chilmark

County: DukesPoint of contact:

o Name: Marina Lent

o Title: staff

o Email: mlent@chilmarkma.gov

o Phone: 774-836-7871

### **CHECKLIST for 2022 Municipal Opt-Out Process**

Please utilize the following checklist to confirm completion of all components of the municipal opt-out application. Components must be submitted to <u>EEAopt-out@mass.gov</u> by May 27, 2022.

- The municipality has reviewed the historical regional arbovirus risk level classification, which serves as EEA's evaluation criteria for the 2022 municipal opt-out application process
- Alternative mosquito management plan that includes listing of three education and outreach activities
- Copy of certified vote, which includes:
  - ${f igsel}$  Date and time of the public meeting
  - ☑ Confirmation that the Board of Health was consulted
  - □ Confirmation that public comment was allowed
  - ☐ Indication that municipality is opting out of all spraying, or just certain spray activities such as aerial spraying. If a vote does not include that it is for a specific type of spraying, the vote will cover all spray activities conducted by the SRMCB under M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A
  - Acknowledgement that the vote to opt out will only be honored if all application components are submitted to EEA on time and if the application is approved by EEA

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT for 2022 Municipal Opt-Out Process**

Please mark each check box indicating your acknowledgement of the items below, and sign and date the application before submitting it.

- The municipality acknowledges that any work performed will be subject to applicable local, state, and federal regulations, ordinances, and statutes and all necessary permits, licenses, approvals, or other permission must be obtained prior to the commencement of any work. The approval of this Plan does not constitute work under M.G.L. c. 252 or authorize any exemption provided for work conducted under said chapter, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law.
- The municipality acknowledges that approval of a Plan allows it to opt out of spraying conducted by the SRMCB under M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A. It does not extend to any spraying conducting by a mosquito control project or district ("MCD") of which a municipality may be a member.
- The municipality acknowledges that it has conducted the required public meeting, that a vote is included with this Plan, and that any vote to opt out of spraying performed under M.G.L. c. 252 is subject to the approval of a Plan. No such opt out will be honored without an approved Plan.

Signature and Title (Signed or Typed)

Date

#### **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN**

Provide a 1-2 paragraph narrative of the proposed outreach plan, that includes listing of at least three education/outreach activities you plan to execute for the upcoming mosquito season:

- The Town of Chilmark Board of Health will routinely disseminate mosquito messaging produced by the State via the "News and Alerts" opt-in email newsfeed, and post these messages on the Town website.
- Yard Surveys offered to Chilmark residents as part of the island's Tick Borne Illness Prevention program will incorporate a mosquito prevention strategy for individual homeowners.
- In addition, the Health Department shall distribute printed educational materials on mosquitoborne illness prevention via the Chilmark Beach Department. These materials will also be provided to lodging houses and rental agencies to make available to guests and short-term renters throughout the summer.
- The Chilmark Board of Health will host a public forum aimed at seasonal and year-round residents of the town to address vector-borne illnesses, including, in particular, illnesses carried by mosquitos, no later than August 10, 2022. The forum shall be recorded and disseminated island-wide via social media and on island town and county websites. The forum shall include results of mosquito surveillance activities so far throughout the 2022 summer season, a brief overview of main diseases of concern, and will focus on preventive measures (such as eliminating standing water around the home, avoiding personal exposure during hours of maximum mosquito activity in mornings and evenings, and judicious use of repellents).

Check off all education/outreach methods that you intend to employ:
Development/distribution of brochures, handouts, etc.
Door-to-door canvassing (door hangers, speaking to property owners, etc.)
Social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, or other social media: )
☐ Mailings (Describe target audience(s): )
Media outreach (interviews for print or online media sources, press releases, etc.)
Presentations (in-person or virtual)
School-based programs, science fairs, etc.
☐ Tabling at events (local events, annual meetings, etc.)
Website (URL: )
igstyle Other (please describe): provide mosquito education material at the Beach sticker registration for
year-round and seasonal residents and visitors
Select the audience types you intend to target from the list below:
Residents (homeowners, apartment dwellers, etc.)

## Alternative Mosquito Management Plan Required for a Municipality to Apply to Opt Out of Spraying Conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Landlords (for large apartment or condominium complexes)
K-12 (teachers, students, camps, etc.)
Municipal staff (highway dept., parks and recreation, board of health, conservation commission, etc.)
State/Federal land managers (state parks, national wildlife refuges, etc.)
☐ Transportation industry (Busing companies, commuter rail, truck/rest stops, etc.)
Recreational venues (fairgrounds, sports complexes, ballfields, etc.)
Other land owners/managers (please describe):
Other (please describe): seasonal visitors and homeowners
Additional Comments: