NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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Health Department to Apply Non-Chemical Aerial Treatment to Reduce the Number of Mosquitoes and the Risk of West Nile Virus in Selected Parts of Staten Island, the Bronx and Queens

August 3, 2012 -- To control mosquitoes, the Health Department will apply larvicide by helicopter to marsh and other non-residential areas of Staten Island, the Bronx and Queens on **Tuesday, August 7, Wednesday, August 8 and Thursday, August 9; between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.** weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Wednesday, August 8, Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10 during the same hours. While three days are allotted for this activity, the application may be completed in less time.

The areas to be treated appear below. These are marshy, natural areas, which are common breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Due to their size and inaccessibility by ground vehicles, these areas will be treated with larvicide from a low-flying helicopter.

Locations of Application

Borough	Neighborhoods	Marsh/Wetland Areas To Be Treated	Boundaries	Part of Zip Code
Staten Island	Arlington, Old Place, Howland Hook	Goethals North	Marsh areas bounded by South Avenue to the east; former North Shore Railroad to the north; Arthur Kill Channel to the west; and Staten Island Expressway to the south	10303
	Bloomfield	Corporate Park North	Marsh areas bound by Graham Avenue and Felton Street to the east; Goethals Road North to the north; Gulf Avenue to the west; and Teleport Drive and Edward Curry Avenue to the south	10311 10314
	Chelsea, Bloomfield	Saw Mill Marsh North	Marsh areas bounded by Chelsea Road to the east; River Road to the north; Arthur Kill Channel to the west; and Sawmill Creek to the south	10314
	Chelsea, Bloomfield	Saw Mill Marsh	Marsh areas bounded by South Avenue to the east; Edward Curry Avenue, Chelsea Road and River Road to the north; Pralls River to the west; Meredith Avenue, Chelsea Road and South Avenue to the south	10314
	Chelsea, Bloomfield	Corporate Park	Marsh areas bounded by south Avenue to the east and south; Edward Curry Avenue to the north; and Chelsea Road and Bloomfield Avenue to the west	10314

	Chelsea	Chelsea East	Marsh areas bounded by Victory Boulevard to the east; South Avenue and Travis Avenue to the North; Chelsea Road to the west; and Meredith Avenue to the south	10314
	Chelsea , Travis	Chelsea	Marsh areas bounded by Victory Boulevard to the east; Meredith Avenue, Chelsea Road, South Avenue, and Travis Avenue to the north; Arthur Kill Channel to the west; and Wild Avenue and Victory Boulevard to the south	10314
	Fresh Kills	Fresh Kills	Marsh areas bounded by Richmond Avenue to the east; Main Creek to the north; West Shore Expressway to the west; and Arthur Kill Road to the south	10314
Staten Island	Fresh Kills, Richmond Town	La Tourette	Marsh areas bounded by Richmond Hill Road to the east; Forest Hill Road to the north; Richmond Avenue to the west; and Arthur Kill Road to the south	10306 10308 10314
	Port Mobile	Port Mobile	Marsh and wetland areas bounded by Arthur Kill Road to the east; Arthur Kill Channel to the north and the west; and Outerbridge Crossing to the south	10309
Queens	Alley Pond Park	Alley Creek	Marsh areas inside Alley Pond Park	11362 11363
	Linden Hill/ College Point	Abandoned Flushing Airport	Marsh areas bounded by Whitestone Expressway to the east; 20th Avenue to the north; 130th Avenue and Ulmer Street to the west; and Ulmer Street and 28th Street to the south	11354 11356 11357
	Edgemere, Somerville	Dubos Point and Edgemere Park	Marsh areas bounded by Norton Basin to the east; Mott Point to the north; Grass Hassock Channel to the west; and Beach 65th Street, De Costa Avenue and Almeda Avenue to the south	11691 11692
The Bronx	Pelham Bay Park North	Pelham Bay	Marsh areas bounded by Amtrak Railroad to the east; New England Thruway to the north; and the Hutchinson River to the west and south	10464 10475

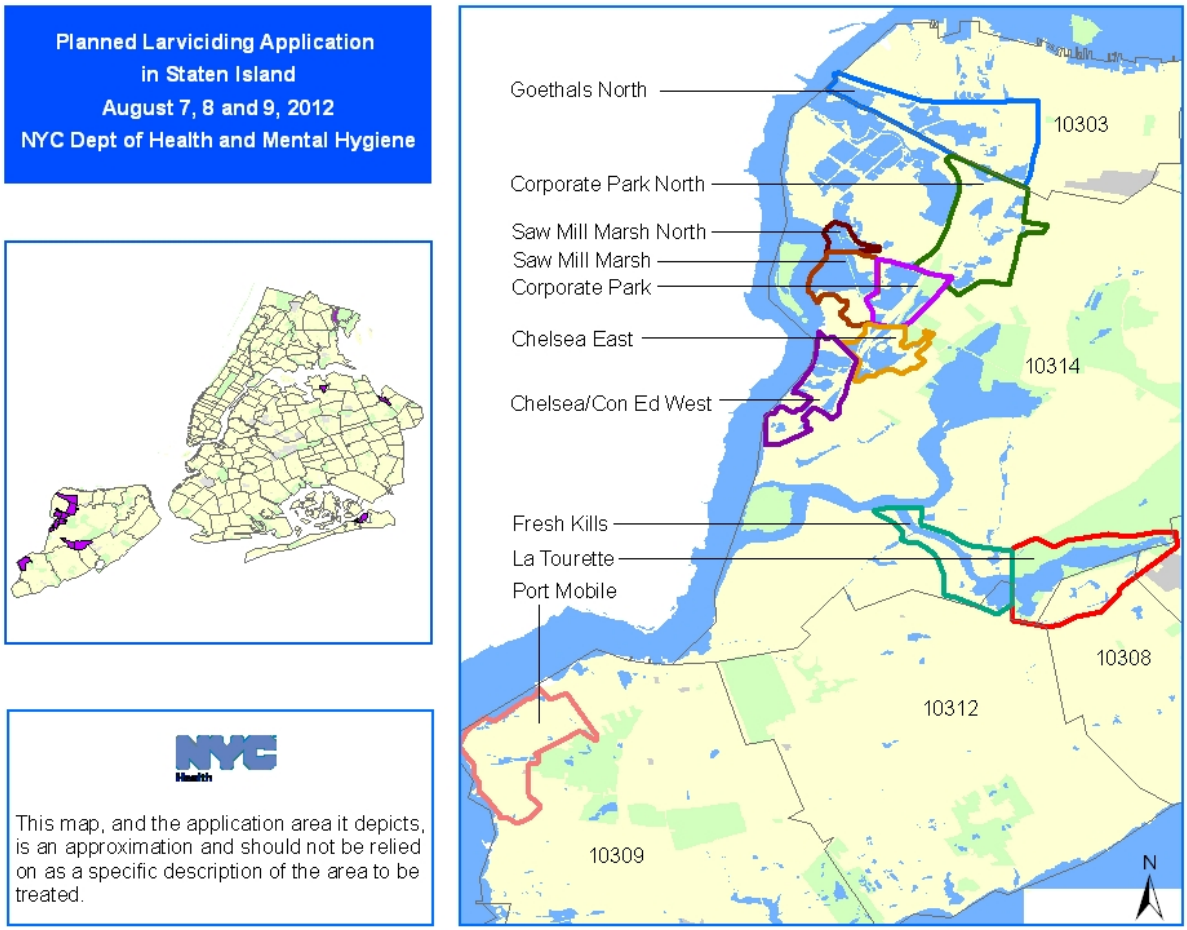
VectoBac™ CG, VectoMax™ CG and/or VectoLex™ CG – all containing naturally occurring bacteria – will be used for this application. These larvicides have been used throughout the mosquito season to treat mosquito-breeding sites. These products are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Reducing Exposure to Mosquitoes

- Consider limiting time outdoors between dusk and dawn in areas with significant mosquito infestations.
- Wear protective clothing when outdoors, and use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under three), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens and repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.

- Eliminate any standing water from your property and dispose of containers that can collect water. Standing water is a violation of the New York City Health Code.
- Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty or covered if not in use; drain water that collects in pool covers.
- Report standing water by calling **311** or visiting nyc.gov/health/wnv.

Maps Depicting Specific Areas for Larvicide Application



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