## **Public Notice**

## Town of Atkinson Mosquito Control Program West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

Spraying to control larval mosquitoes will begin on April 29, 2024 in the Town of Atkinson. Larval mosquitoes will be controlled in areas such as marshes, salt marshes, red maple swamps, woodland pools, flooded fields, roadside ditches, and flooded stormwater basins. Mosquito larvae found in street and parking lot catch basins will also be controlled. With the advent of Zika Virus, mosquito populations will be monitored for associated vector mosquitoes.

The primary control agent will be a bacterium larvacide called Vectobac (BTI) or Vectolex (Bs). This environmentally- friendly biological control is very specific to mosquito larvae and is used worldwide in mosquito control. The bacterium is naturally occurring and will not replicate in the environment. Spraying to control larvae will continue as needed until December 15, 2024. Control agents will only be applied where larvae are collected.

Town officials may decide to complete emergency spraying to parks, athletic fields, schools, and other public areas should a public health emergency dictate.

Persons not wishing their properties treated must contact (in writing) Town of Atkinson, 19 Academy Ave, Atkinson, NH 03811. Information on biological control agents, insecticides, areas likely to be treated or any potential hazards is available upon request to Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc. @

603-431-0008 or <u>swampfixer@swamp-inc.com</u>. Requests for service can be made on our website, www.swamp-inc.com.

Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc. will provide mosquito control services for the Town of Atkinson in 2024.

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