

Mosquitoes and mosquito-borne disease threaten Florida's citizens and economy. Florida is dependent on efficient, effective and environmentally proper mosquito control.

The Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control, consisting of Florida's public health and environmental partners, unanimously advised that it was dangerous to reduce state aid for mosquito control that is essential in protecting Florida's health and well-being.

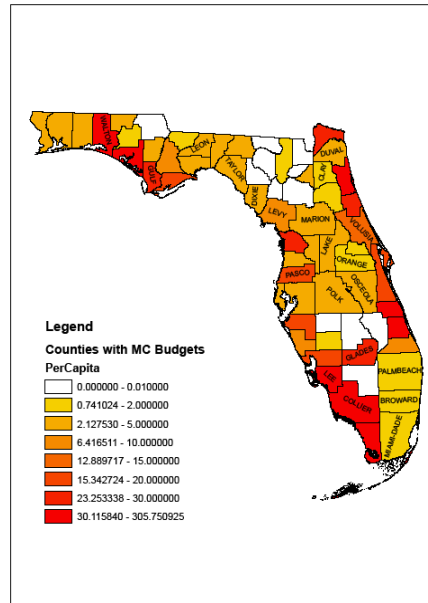
Mosquitoes and Florida

- Mosquitoes reduce quality of life in Florida.
- Curtails outdoor activities.
- Florida mosquito-borne disease outbreaks impacts tourism and housing industries.
- Florida mosquito borne diseases:
 - ✓ St. Louis encephalitis
 - ✓ West Nile encephalitis
 - ✓ Eastern equine encephalitis
 - ✓ Dengue
 - ✓ Emerging mosquito borne diseases threaten Florida: Chikungunya, Malaria Rift Valley Fever



Florida Mosquito Control

- 57 organized programs in 55 of Florida's 67 Counties.
- Ca. \$175 million dollars expended annually on mosquito control in Florida.
- 99% of Florida mosquito control is supported with local funds.
- Ca. \$1.2 million is provided by the Florida State Aid (<1% of the total expenditures).
- Florida is recognized world-wide for providing premier mosquito control.



Benefits of Mosquito Control

- Reduce pest mosquitoes.
- Surveillance for mosquito-borne diseases.
- Reduce mosquito transmitters of disease to protect human health.
- Provide for quality of life to support Florida's housing and tourist industries.
- Provide professional scientifically based efficient, effective and environmentally proper mosquito control.
- Professional mosquito control:
 - ✓ Source reduction.
 - ✓ Minimize environmental impacts.
 - ✓ Comply with State and Federal regulations.
 - ✓ Professional use of approved pesticides.
 - ✓ Monitor to assess effectiveness.
 - ✓ Monitor to assess and mitigate non-target effects.
 - ✓ Provide professional training to employees.
 - ✓ Improve mosquito control through training, education and professional attention to the best science from universities, government and industry.

State Aid to Florida Mosquito Control Must Be Restored

Source of State Aid Funds:

- Funds are not General Revenue.
- Funds are from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, Chapter 403.709, F.S.
- Support is consistent with the impact of waste tires in increasing mosquito populations.

Amount of State Aid from Waste Tire Tax:

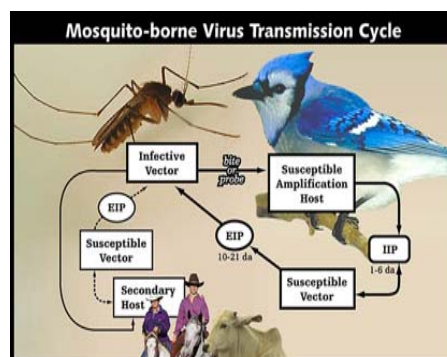
- Current: \$1.26 million reduced from historic: \$2.16 million in 2011.
- Includes \$250,000 for mosquito control research

Benefits of State Support:

- Provides training for mosquito control personnel not provided locally.
- Provides small programs for minimal mosquito control throughout Florida.
- Supports communications between Districts to share information and resources.
- Funds for State-wide Meetings essential for sharing information and resources.
- Provides for reporting to the State.
- Provides incentives to establish local mosquito control.
- Provides scientific information critical to Florida mosquito control's effectiveness.

State Support is Critical for:

- Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance.
- Support to Maintain the State Mosquito Control and Research Infrastructure.
- Emergency mosquito control to mitigate a disease outbreak.



FMCA urges \$2.16 million to support the Florida Mosquito Control State Aid Program.

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FLORIDA MOSQUITO CONTROL

A STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

