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Evening Mosquito Spraying on Tuesday, Aug. 19 in Cumberland County

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County’s Vector Control Office will conduct an ultra-low volume spray on Tuesday, Aug. 19 from dusk until 11 p.m. in three Cumberland County municipalities due to mosquito samples testing positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

Evening Mosquito Control will take place in parts of the following municipalities:

- Shippensburg Borough
- Southampton and Shippensburg Townships

To date this year, there have been 114 positive traps found in 25 municipalities. The spray route and product label information can be found at: www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/2830.

Mosquitoes spread WNV by feeding on infected birds and then biting other birds, animals, or humans. The county’s WNV program uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control mosquito populations while reducing risks to people and the environment. Vector Control will continue monitoring and treating mosquito breeding areas as needed.

The virus is not spread through person-to-person contact. One in five people infected with WNV may develop West Nile Fever, which causes mild symptoms such as fever, body aches, rash, and swollen lymph nodes. Most people recover in a few days with rest and fluids. Less than one percent of cases develop into the more serious West Nile Encephalitis. Severe symptoms may include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, disorientation, tremors, or convulsions, and require immediate medical attention.

For more information, visit: cumberlandcountypa.gov/1103/Vector-Control.