

# Washington Day

May 15-17, 2017



- The 19th Annual AMCA Washington Conference took place May 15-17, 2017 at The Melrose Georgetown Hotel.
- More than one hundred AMCA members met to discuss issues that can only be resolved at the Federal level.
- The Washington Conference is geared towards those US AMCA members concerned with the impacts of the decisions the federal government makes that have an effect on mosquito control and public health pesticides.



# 2017 Position Papers (shaking things up, a bit)

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## 1. Build Comprehensive Vector Programs

- Problem: Training and research for vector-borne disease surveillance and control programs must be upgraded to mitigate the future impacts of imported exotic vector-borne disease.
- Actions Needed:
  - Increase the CDC's Division of Vector Borne Diseases annual budget from its current level to at least \$200 million/year to support vector surveillance and control, and disease reporting.
  - Pass and fully fund all provisions of H.R.1310/S.849 Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act; this amounts to \$130 million per year, FY 2018- FY 2023.

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### **2. Clean Water Act NPDES Permit Impacts on Mosquito Control Programs**

- Issue: Public Health Pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) do not require additional regulatory oversight by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.
- Action Needed: We urge Congress to pass legislation consistent with the goals and objectives of H.R. 953 and S. 340, clarifying that pesticide applications for mosquito control in accordance with label requirements are fully and effectively regulated under FIFRA, requiring no further oversight under the Clean Water Act NPDES permit program.

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### 3. Endangered Species Act Considerations and Mosquito Control

- Issue: Decisions on how pesticides should be used near sensitive or listed species are not being developed in a transparent manner based upon sound science.
- Action Needed: Congress should direct the Services to implement measures to ensure that ESA decisions are based upon peer-reviewed and validated science, transparency, and the rule of law. Further restrictions on the use of public health pesticides should not occur until the proper science-based approaches have been finalized.

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### 4. Federal Funding for Mosquito Control: Advance Innovation and Discovery

- Problem: The emergence and spread of West Nile virus, Chikungunya and Zika highlighted our nation's insufficient preparation for responding to these threats. Our understanding of these and future diseases require support for continued research and development of tools to combat them.
- Actions Needed:
  - Support the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Division of Vector Borne Disease, Regional Centers of Excellence for Vector Control. Ten million is requested in FY 2018, to support a Regional Center of Excellence for the Western region of the U.S.
  - Support the continuation of the IR-4 Public Health Pesticides Program (PHP) of \$350,000 to provide critical assistance for supporting vector control, including regulatory and other support needed to maintain public health and welfare.
  - Support the Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act (H.R. 1029) and increase EPA/OPP funding levels to ensure a timely and effective registration process

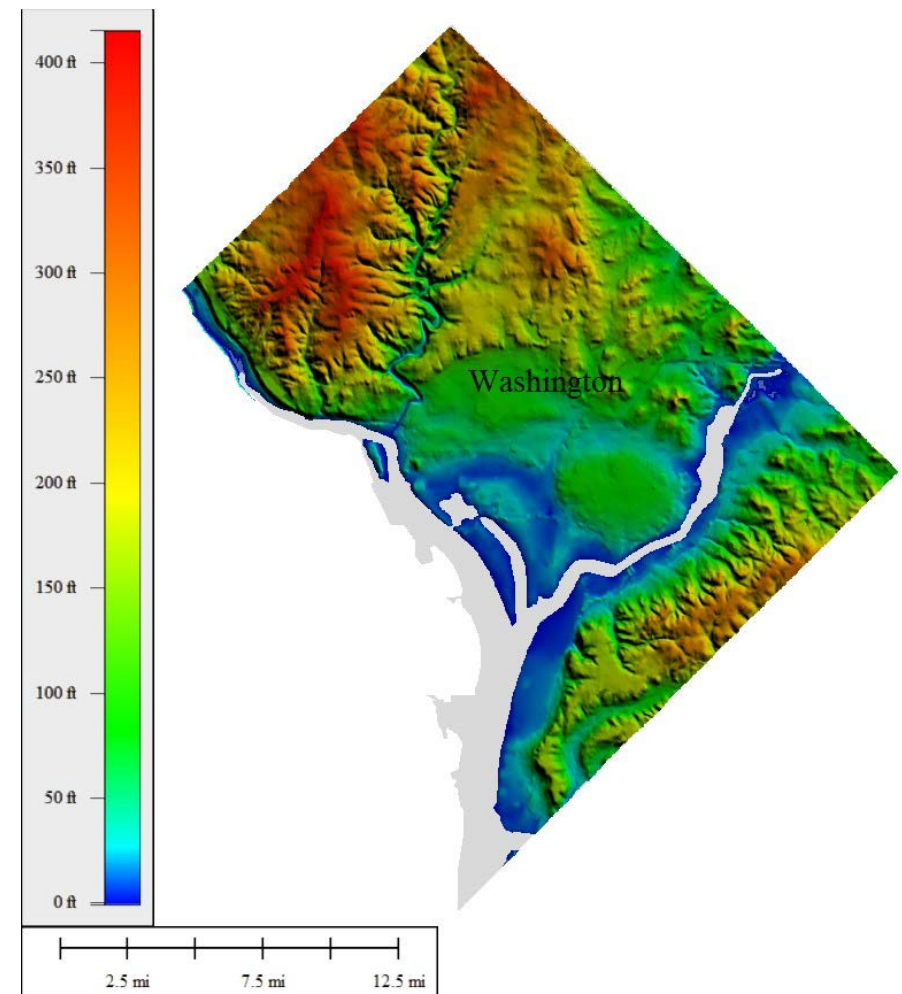


# Lobbying

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- Things to remember -

1. Washington DC is an interesting place
2. Change is not necessarily a good thing.
3. The memory of politicians is short and fickle
4. ZIKV scared people, but see point #2
5. Some things never change, Washington is still hilly, and everywhere you need to be is uphill



# Lobbying – You have to hit the high points

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**Build Comprehensive Mosquito Control Programs/ Federal Funding for Mosquito Control - The Demise of Small Programs: Does it Matter? (it does)**

**NPDES – PLEASE, just make it go away!**

**Endangered Species Act – Mosquito control uses small amounts of pesticide per acre, with low percentages of active ingredients, targeting flying mosquitoes**



# Georgia's Representatives

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Rick W. Allen (R) (12<sup>th</sup> district)

Sanford Bishop (D) (2<sup>nd</sup> district)

Buddy Carter (R) (1<sup>st</sup> district)

Doug Collins (R) (9<sup>th</sup> district)

Drew Ferguson (R) (3<sup>rd</sup> district)

Tom Graves (R) (14<sup>th</sup> district)

Karen Handel (R) (6<sup>th</sup> district)

Jody Hice (R) (10<sup>th</sup> district)

Hank Johnson (D) (4<sup>th</sup> district)

John Lewis (D) (5<sup>th</sup> district)

Barry Loudermilk (R) (11<sup>th</sup> district)

Austin Scott (R) (8<sup>th</sup> district)

David Scott (D) (13<sup>th</sup> district)

Rob Woodall (R) (7<sup>th</sup> district)

David Perdue (R)

Johnny Isakson (R)

# Whose Aides did we talk to about the issues?

## Appointment Schedule - May 16, 2017

✓ 9:30 AM Senator Johnny Isakson, 131 Russell Office Bldg, meeting w/ William Dent

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✓ 10:00 AM Senator David Perdue, 455 Russell Office Building, meeting with John Eunice

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✓ 11:00 AM Congressman Austin Scott, 2417 Rayburn HOB, meeting with Craig Anderson

✓ 11:30 AM Congressman Sanford Bishop, 2407 Rayburn HOB, meet w/ Ada Bucetty (Columbus) de agosto

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✓ 1:15 PM Congressman Doug Collins, 1504 Longworth HOB, meeting with Bob Burkett

3:15 PM ~~2:00 PM~~ ✓ Congressman Barry Loudermilk, ~~239~~<sup>329</sup> Cannon HOB, meeting with Susannah Johnson\*  
\*could be a problem here, she wanted to push you back to 2:30, then left town for the week

✓ 2:45 PM Congressman Buddy Carter, 432 Cannon HOB, meeting with Brooke Miller (scheduler - probably someone else)

3:00 PM

✓ 3:30 PM Congressman David Scott, 225 Cannon HOB, meeting with Ashley (Osterkamp) Smith

✓ 4:00 PM Congressman Rick Allen, ~~523~~<sup>426</sup> Cannon HOB, meeting with Zellie Duvall

✓ 4:30 PM Congressman Jody Hice, 324 Cannon HOB, meet w/ Tim Reitz

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# Follow-up

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Sent follow up letters to both those we met with (1) and those where we just dropped off literature (2).

- 1: "I would like to thank you for meeting with me on May 16th. Those of us involved with the surveillance of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases in Georgia appreciate your support. I have attached the GDPH Arbovirus Final Report for 2016, and will send the arboviral summaries for 2017 periodically throughout the year. Please let me know if I can ever provide you with any other information concerning mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito control. Thank you again for your time."
- 2: "I am sorry I was unable to get an appointment to meet with you on May 16th. I hope you received the AMCA folder that I left, with the 4 position papers and additional information. I have attached the GDPH Arbovirus Final Report for 2016, and will send the arboviral summaries for 2017 periodically throughout the year. Please let me know if I can ever provide you with any information concerning mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito control. Those of us involved with the surveillance of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases in Georgia appreciate your support. Thank you."



2017 Human Cases (exotic)

virus	country/state of origin	# cases
Dengue	Brazil	1
	Ivory Coast	1
	Puerto Rico	1
	US Virgin Islands	1
Zika	Dominican Republic	1
	El Salvador	3
	Turks & Caicos Islands	1
Chikungunya	India	1
	unknown	1

## QUICK STATS

Mosquito Pools, 2017

266 WNV+ mosquito pools reported from 4 counties

1 EEE+ mosquito pool reported

Animal Cases, 2017

virus	County	Count	District	Onset Month
EEE	Brooks	1	8-2	July
	Bryan	1	9-1	August
	Echols	1	8-1	August
	Effingham	1	9-1	June
	Houston	1	5-2	July
	Lowndes	1	8-1	July
WNV	Brantley	1	9-2	September
	Carroll	1	4-0	August
	Elbert	1	10-0	September
	Laurens	1	5-1	August
	Walker	1	1-1	September
	Worth	1	8-2	June

Dead Birds, 2017 – 1 WNV+ bird reported to date (DeKalb County)


Sentinel Chickens, 2017 – no positives reported to date

2017 Human Cases (endemic)

Arbovirus	Count
West Nile	37
California Serogroup Non-Specified	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>

\*WNV PVDs: 9

\*Presumptive viremic blood donors (PVDs) are people who had no symptoms at the time of donating blood through a blood collection agency, but whose blood tested positive when screened for the presence of West Nile virus.

 World Health Organization

**VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES**


**VECTORS MAY BE A THREAT TO YOU, AT HOME AND WHEN TRAVELLING**

**VECTORS** ARE SMALL ORGANISMS THAT CARRY SERIOUS DISEASES

COMMON VECTORS: MOSQUITOES, SANDFLIES, TICKS

**WITH JUST 1 BITE** they can transmit diseases such as:

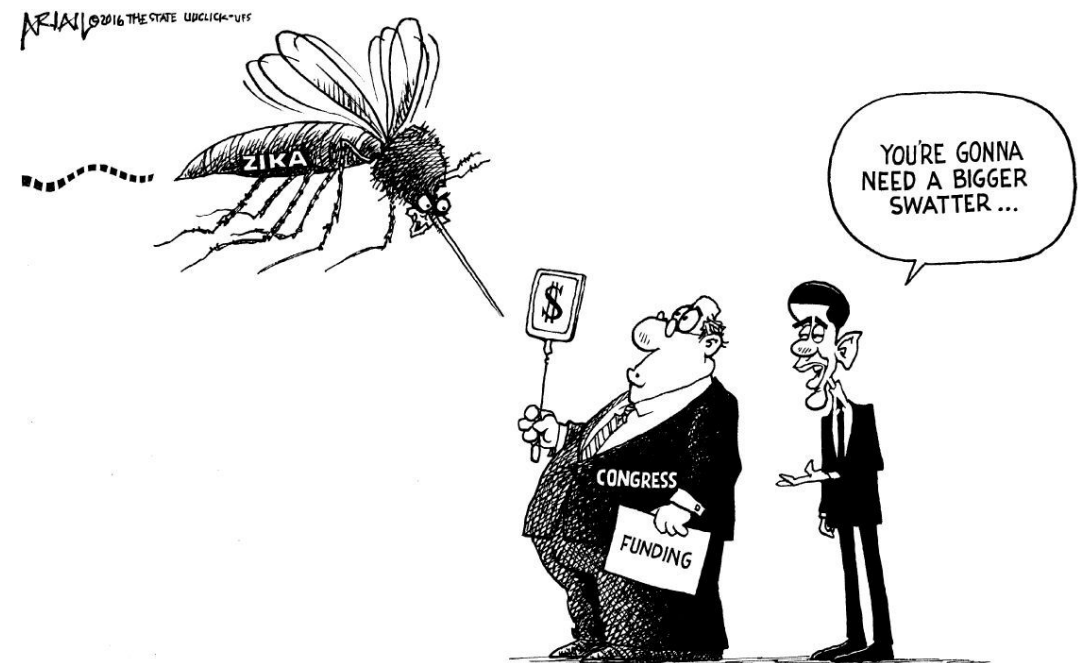
- Malaria
- Leishmaniasis
- Yellow fever
- Dengue
- Lyme disease
- Japanese encephalitis



# Thanks!

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- AMCA, for putting together this program
- Central Life Sciences, for providing scholarships
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ANY QUESTIONS?