

## Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2025 Budget Notes

**Background:** The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided on the ground or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (<https://www.lfcd.org/>).

**Fiscal Year:** The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.

**Treatment Acreage:** The LFICD’s 2025 budget assumes (8) 250-acre treatments by drone for the Lemon Fair Valley in Cornwall, Bridport, and Weybridge.

**Larviciding:** We will use a drone company (CNY Drone Services), which has a minimum of 250 acres per treatment. We will also conduct treatment on the ground when and where necessary.

**Grant Agreement:** We operate under a 12-month VAA Grant Agreement which is renewed annually effective July 1 of each year. The current Grant Agreement expires June 30, 2025. While we have received no formal commitments from the VAA, we anticipate that our Grant Agreement will be renewed effective July 1, 2025. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.

**Revenue:** Our revenue comes from two sources: the VAA Grant Agreement and the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. We request \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. VAA revenue is a function of the amount available from the VAA under our annual Grant agreement (\$70,000) and how much we incur in reimbursable expenses, e.g., cost of aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and species identification, and capital expenditures.

**Expenses:** Because of the increase in mosquitoes in the 2023 season, even though the numbers weren’t as high in 2024, the FY 2025 budget assumes eight 250-acre aerial treatments at a cost of \$28,000 with replacement larvicide purchases of \$40,000. Payroll is budgeted for \$68,000 compared to 2024’s (estimated) actual of \$57,231.83.

**Otter Creek Watershed Mosquito Control District (“OCW”):** Whenever possible, we attempt to coordinate same aerial day treatments with the OCW (formerly known as the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen Insect Control District, “BLSG”).