

Public Notice

HFCA Pesticide and Herbicide Treatments for Management of Natural Resources

From time to time throughout the growing season, HFCA applies pesticides and herbicides that are needed to control infestations of invasive insects and plants in our community that threaten resources. Careful monitoring is performed to minimize the amount of chemical required for adequate control while protecting non-target species and water quality. Chemical applications are dependent on weather conditions and schedules of contractors. Registered pesticide applicators are contracted to accomplish the tasks, and required permits are secured.

Areas and organisms planned for treatment this year:

- Stagnant waters are treated where and when mosquito larvae that may carry West Nile Virus are present.
- Lakes and ponds are treated where and when excessive plant or algae growth threaten aquatic resources.
- Upland areas (roadsides and forests) and riparian areas (swamps, meadows, and wooded stream sides) in the McConnell Creek watershed, where native ecosystems are aggressively colonized and dominated by Japanese stiltgrass.
- Sites throughout the community where Japanese barberries aggressively colonize and dominate native ecosystems.

More information on the chemicals used and the areas and timing of application are available in the HFCA Office from Marian Keegan, Director of Community Conservation. Reports are located on the HFCA website.