



# Aedes aegypti in Norfolk

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## A familiar face in unfamiliar territory

- ◆ In May 2023, a single female *Aedes aegypti* was collected from a CDC light trap in Norfolk.
- ◆ This was the first *Aedes aegypti* collected in Norfolk in at least 20+ years.
- ◆ Further surveillance would yield additional adult and larval specimens.

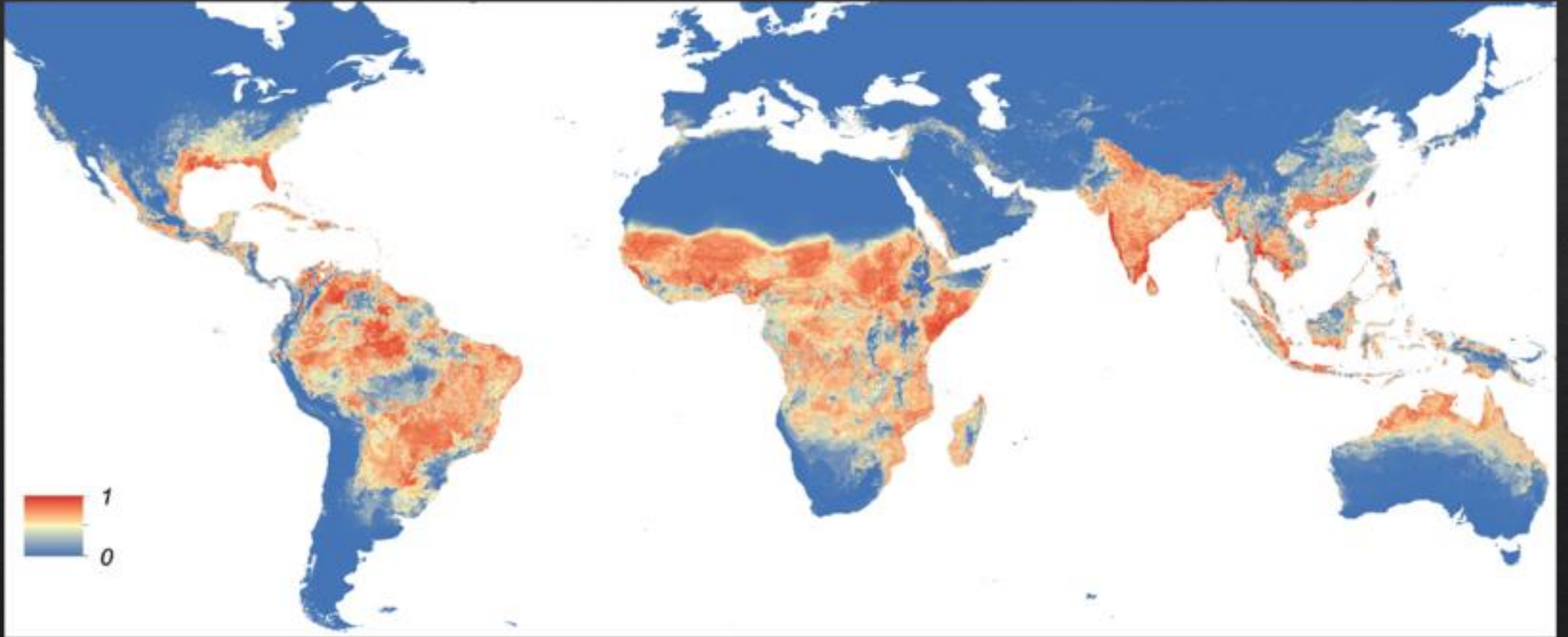


# The Main Character

- ◇ *Aedes aegypti* is THE prominent vector for many arboviruses: dengue, zika, chikungunya and yellow fever.
- ◇ Found in close proximity to humans, *Aedes aegypti* is an urban mosquito
- ◇ Breeds in artificial containers
- ◇ Distribution globally in tropical and sub-tropical regions and in temperate regions during summer months.



# Aedes aegypti Global Distribution



◇ Kraemer, MU & Sinka, ME & Duda, KA & Mylne, Adrian & Shearer, FM & Barker, Christopher & Moore, Chester & Carvalho, RG & Coelho, Giovanini & Bortel, W & Hendrickx, Guy & Schaffner, Francis & Elyazar, Iqbal & Teng, Hwa-Jen & Brady, Oliver & Messina, Jane & Pigott, David & Scott, TW & Smith, David & Hay, Simon. (2015). The global distribution of the arbovirus vectors *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*. *Elife*. 4. e08347. [10.7554/eLife.08347](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.08347).

# Magnolia Cemetery

- ◇ Small cemetery located in the southern part of the City.
- ◇ Established in 1860 and purchased by the City of Norfolk in 1911
- ◇ Virtually zero cemetery visitors observed in the past 17 years.
- ◇ Routine trap site since 2006





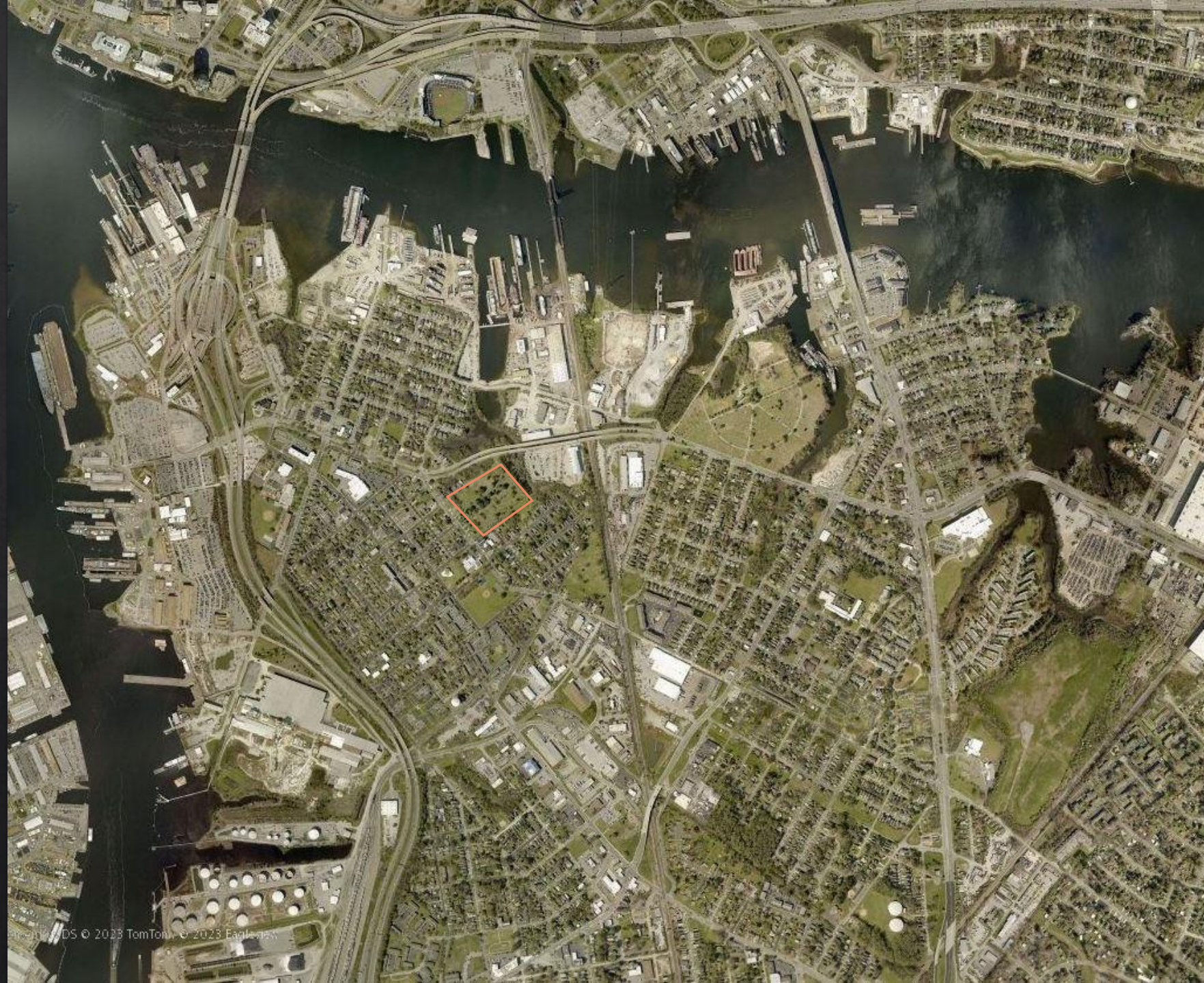
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WARNING

# Berkely Campostella

- Annexed by the City of Norfolk in 1906
- Mix of Residential and Commercial Properties
- 4 Shipyards along the Elizabeth River
  - Colonnas
  - BAE
  - Lyon
  - General Dynamics/NASSCO

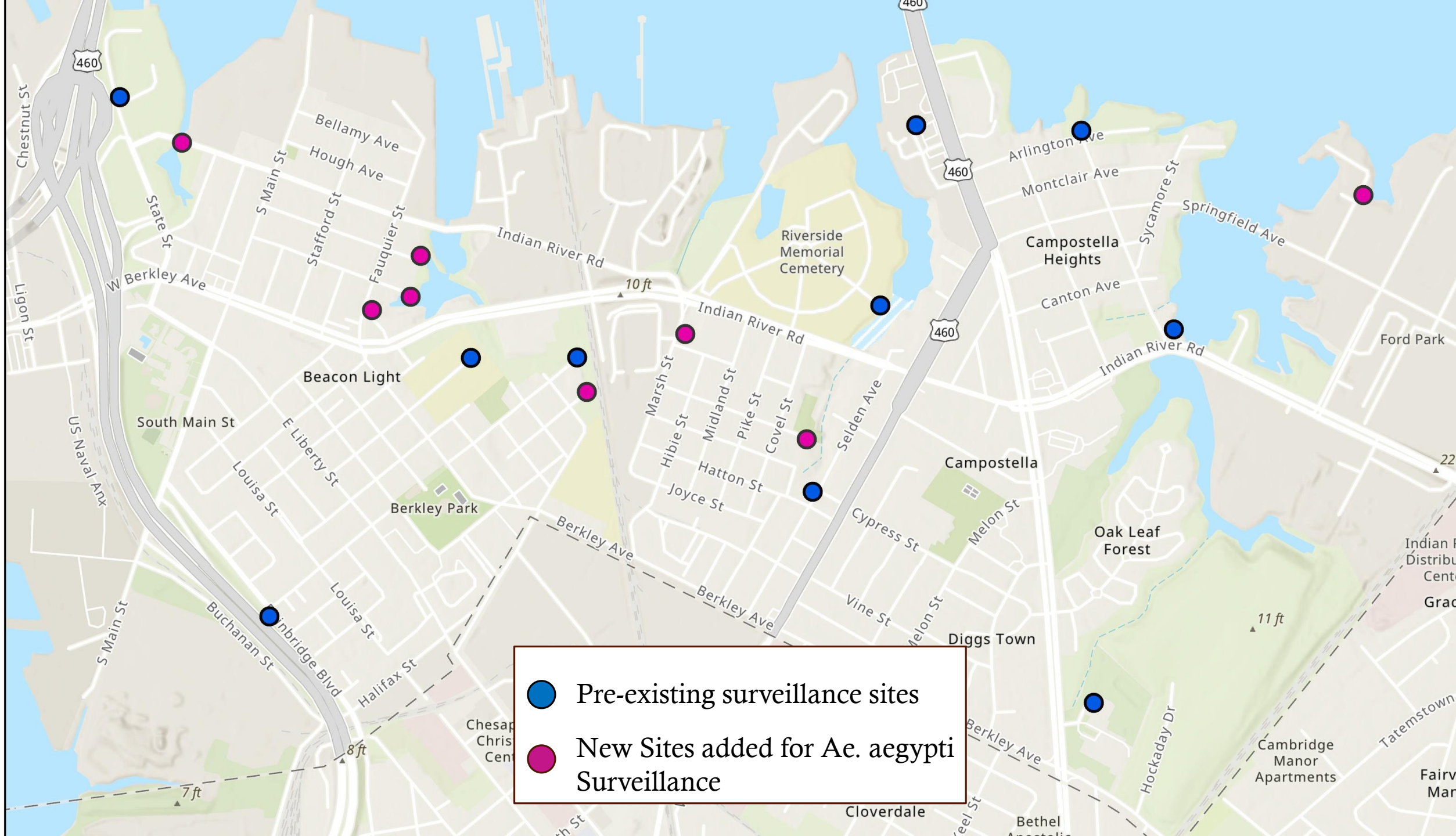




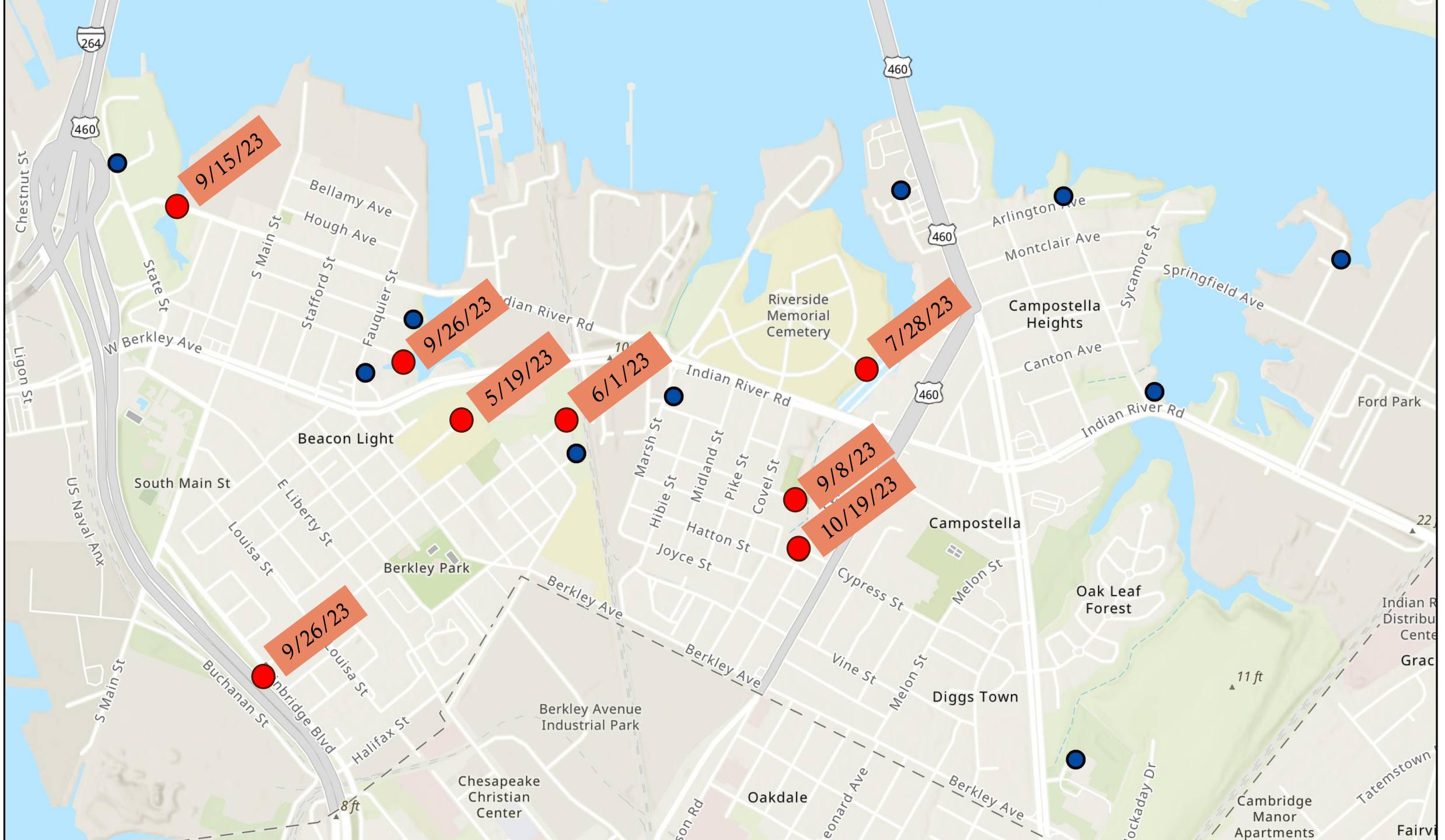


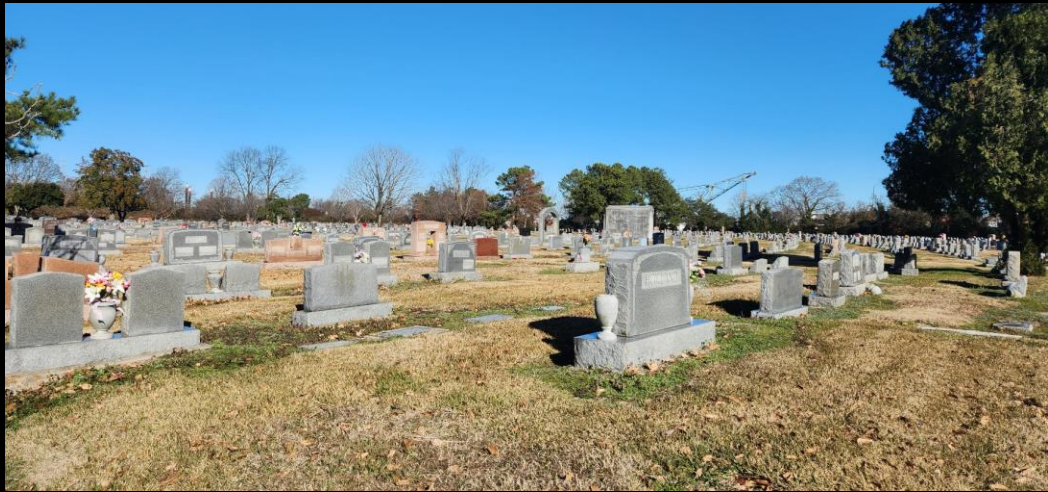
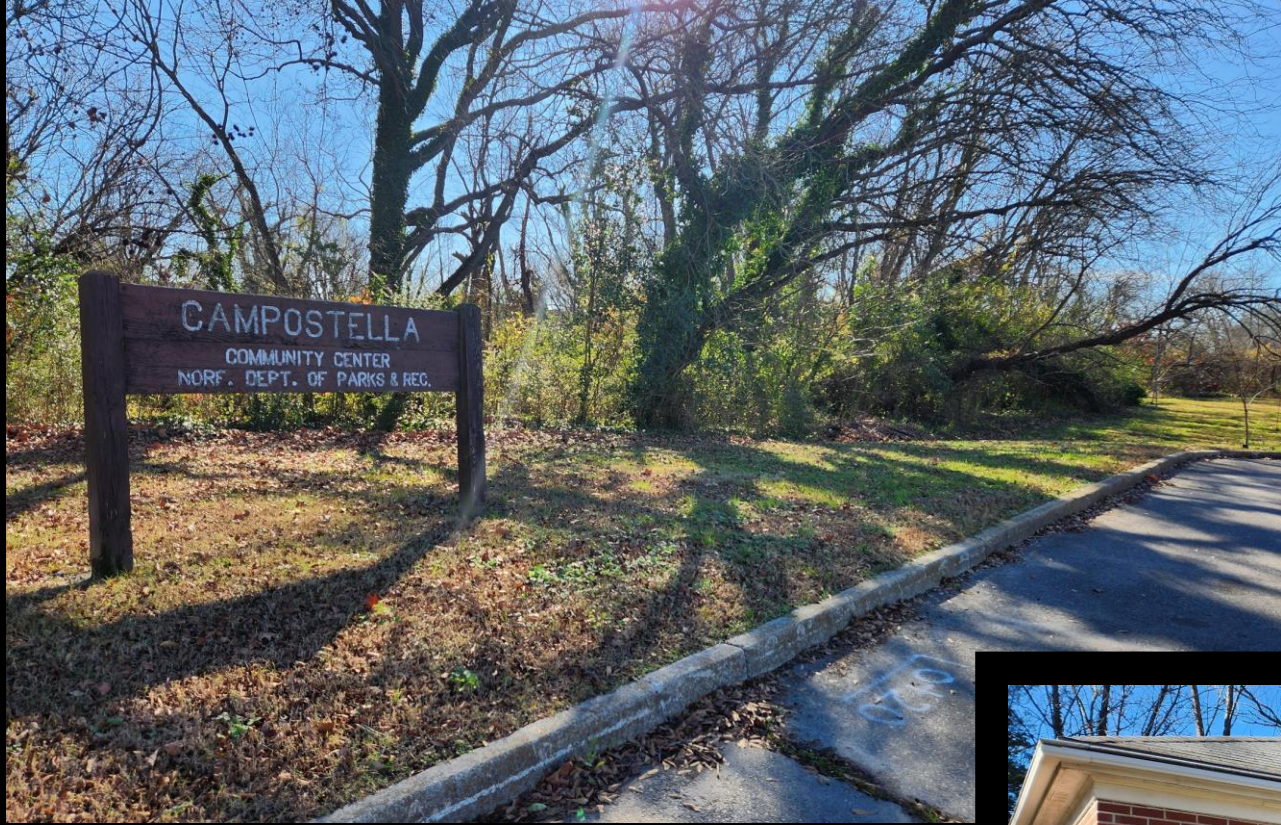
# Adult Surveillance

- ◆ Weekly Trapping in the Berkely/Campostella Neighborhood with BG Sentinel traps and Gravid Traps
- ◆ Added additional sites to pre-existing trap sites.



● Pre-existing surveillance sites  
● New Sites added for *Ae. aegypti* Surveillance





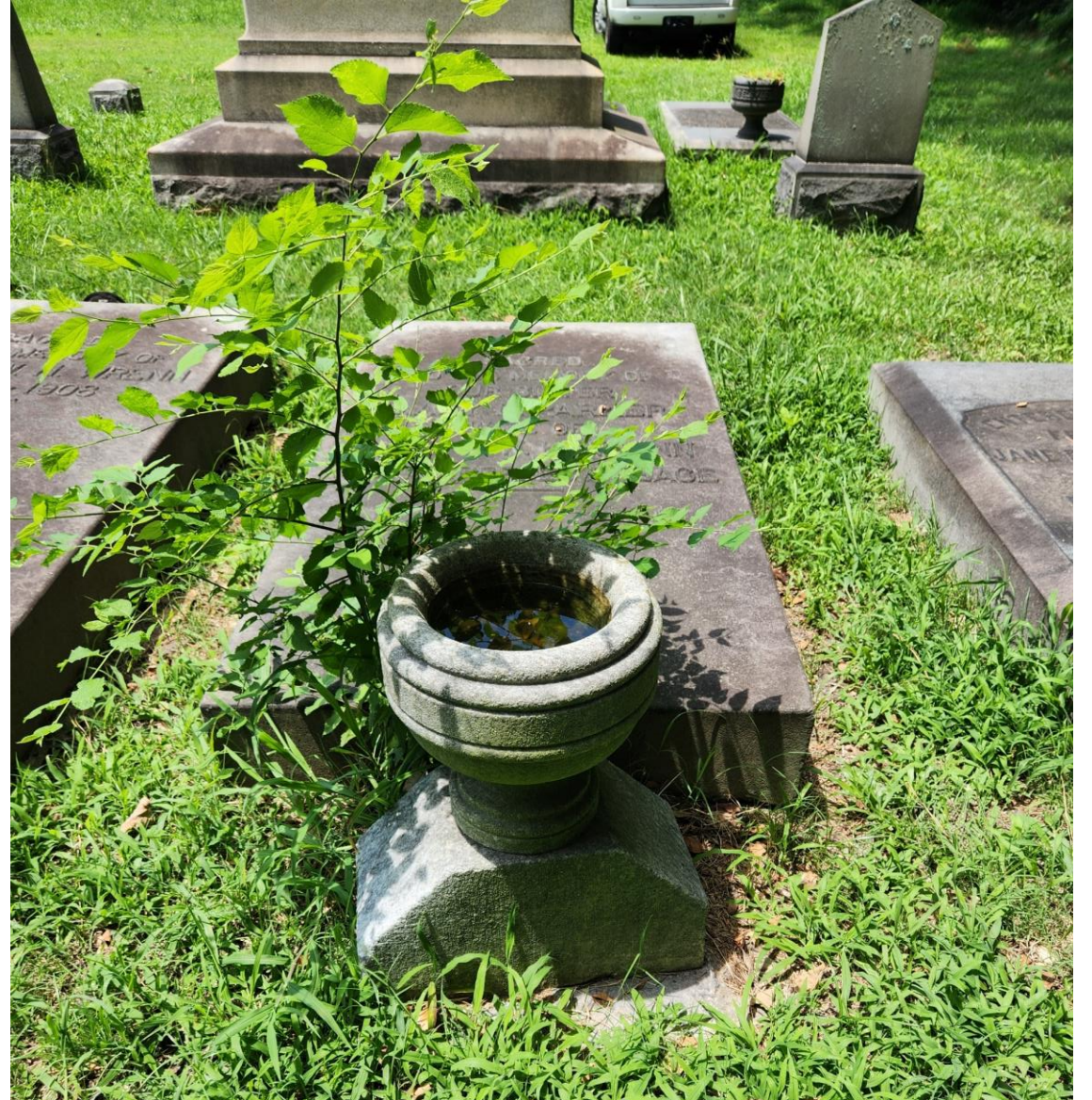
# Adult Surveillance Summary

- ◇ Traps set in Berkely-Campostella Section of Norfolk
  - ◇ 82 BG Sentinel Traps
  - ◇ 67 Gravid Traps
  - ◇ 9 CDC Light Traps
- ◇ Total of 81 *Aedes aegypti* collected
- ◇ Collected in all 3 trap types
- ◇ Specimens collected from 8 sites, all within 1-mile radius of Magnolia Cemetery
- ◇ Last collection was on December 5, 2023

# Larval Surveillance

- ◆ Larval Samples were collected from Magnolia Cemetery, Riverside Cemetery and surrounding neighborhoods
- ◆ Magnolia Cemetery contains many concrete and brass urns
- ◆ Ditch located in the western corner of the cemetery contained lots of trash and containers
- ◆ Tires, furniture, trash dumped in the woods
- ◆ Artificial containers found in nearby yards





Larval Habitats in Magnolia Cemetery

# Larval Surveillance Summary

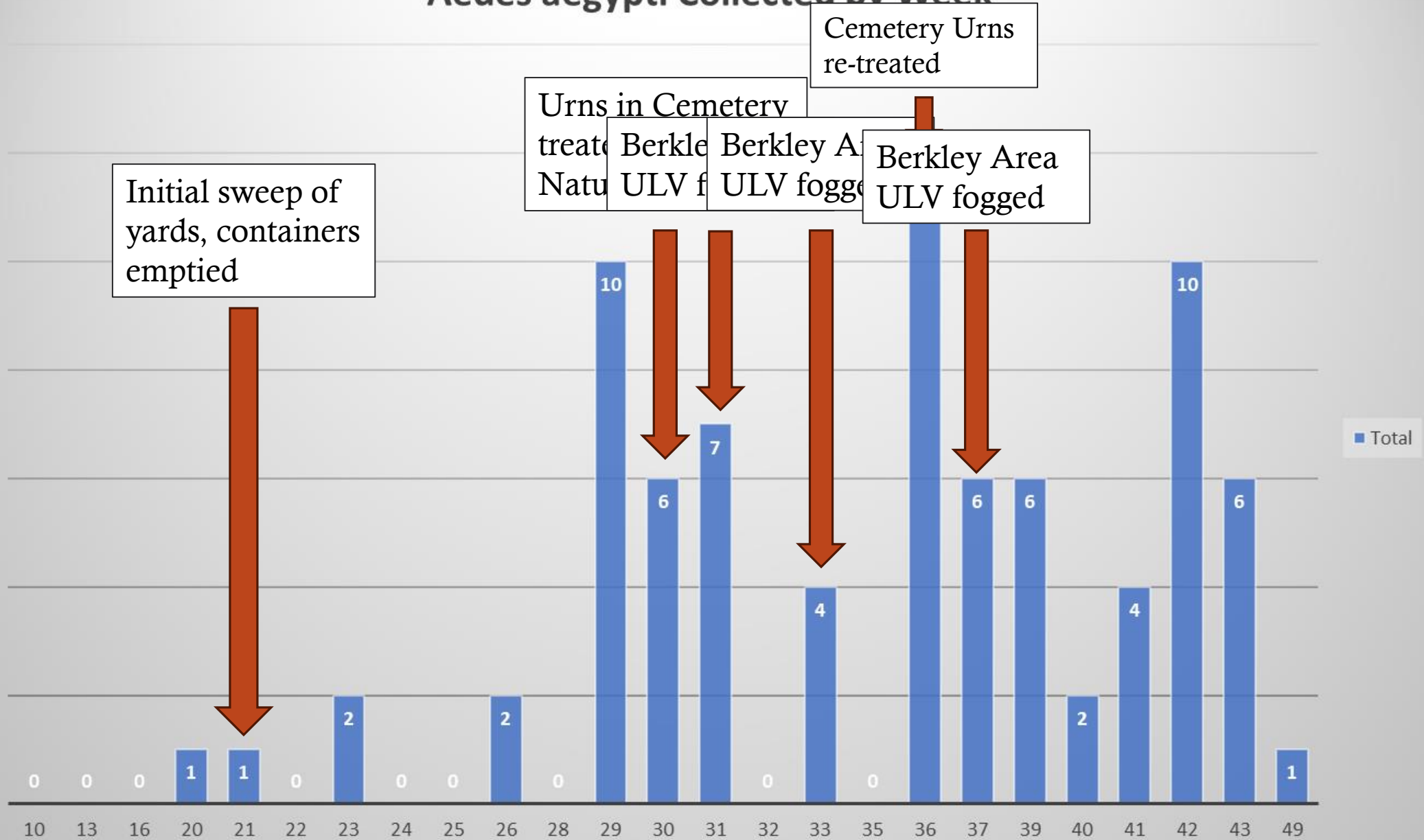
- ◆ 82 Larval samples collected between May 19 and September 8
  - ◆ 53 samples positive for *Aedes albopictus*
  - ◆ 7 samples positive for *Culex pipiens*
  - ◆ 3 samples positive for *Aedes aegypti*
- ◆ All *Aedes aegypti* larval samples were collected from Magnolia Cemetery
- ◆ All samples positive for *Aedes aegypti* also contained *Aedes albopictus*



- ◆ Artificial containers were emptied on initial sweep of residences near Magnolia Cemetery in May and early June.
- ◆ Urns in cemetery were treated with Natular DT on July 27 & 28.
- ◆ Berkely-Campostella neighborhood was ULV-fogged on August 1, August 11, and September 12.
- ◆ Urns in cemetery re-treated with Natular DT when evidence of breeding is observed on September 8.
- ◆ Where possible, urns were turned over to prevent future breeding.

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# Aedes aegypti Collected by Week



# Looking Forward

- ◆ In January 2024, 20 specimens were shipped to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for genotyping
- ◆ Information will be added to the global *aegypti* reference panel.
- ◆ Results should be available in a few months.



# Looking Forward: 2024 Season

- ◆ Can *Aedes aegypti* overwinter in Norfolk?
- ◆ *Aedes aegypti* do not enter diapause, restricting them to tropical and sub-tropical environments but...
- ◆ Recent studies have challenged this belief
- ◆ *Aedes aegypti* may overwinter in the egg stage



Looking Forward: 2024 Season

· Wait and see...

· Thank you, any questions?