

VMCA TURNS 75

Malaria Control in War Areas

Before there was a VMCA, there was MCWA, a group that was dedicated to controlling Malaria in areas that were important to the war effort; mainly bases and housing in the surrounding area. In 1946, funding for mosquito control in the state was shifted towards the counties and cities that were in need of continued control.



Localities with Control in 1946

- Virginia Beach-Princess Anne County
- Elizabeth City County
- Warwick County
- City of Norfolk
- City of Richmond
- City of Newport News
- City of Hopewell
- US Public Health Service - Focused 1 mile radius of military bases
- US Navy - On Site at Naval Bases

Virginia Mosquito Control Assoc.

“On January 24, 1947, a group of citizens interested in Mosquito Control met in the office of the Virginia State Health Department, Essex Building, Norfolk, Virginia, at which time the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was created.”

First members included some from many states and professions.

California	Florida	PHS Workers	Engineers
New Jersey	Georgia	Medical Doctors	Entomologists
New York	Puerto Rico	Lawyers	MC Workers

1st Annual VMCA Meeting

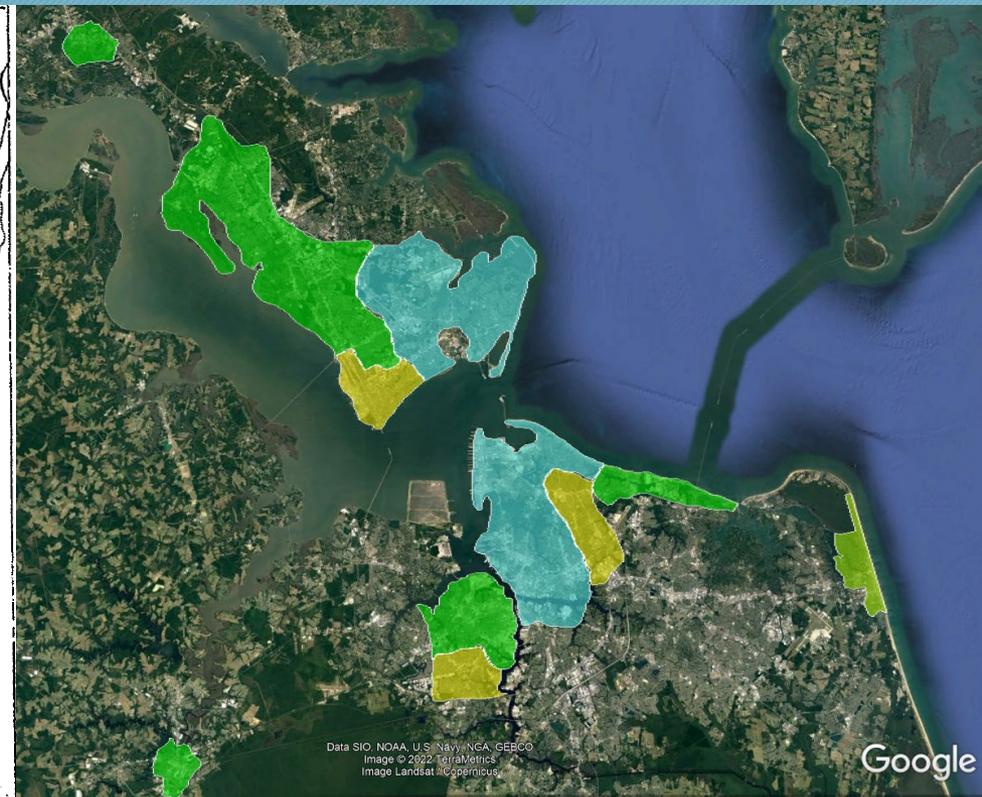
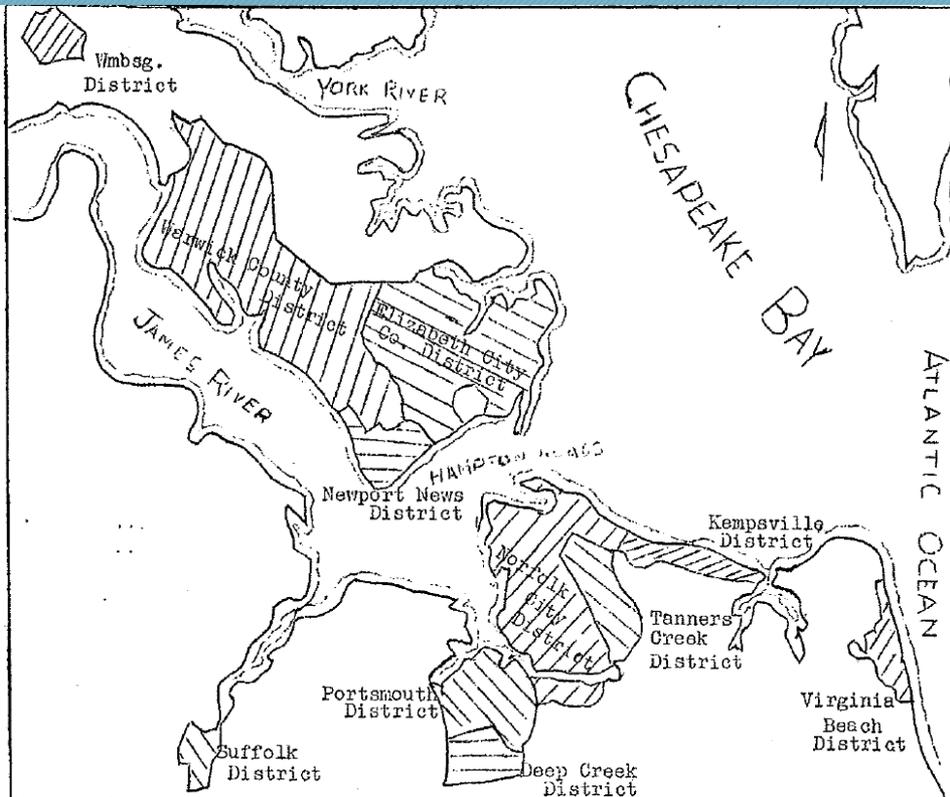
- January 16, 1948
- Monticello Hotel, Norfolk, VA
- One Day Conference, 10AM-5PM
- Attendance of 150 persons
- 19 Presentations & General Discussion

“On the whole, the entire program was one for which the Association should be justly proud.”

MONTICELLO HOTEL AND THE FAMOUS OLD COURT HOUSE, NORFOLK, VA.



Major Differences in Early Years



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Transportation

- Downtown Tunnel (1952)
- Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (1957)
- Midtown Tunnel (1962)
- Dulles International Airport (1962)
- Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel (1992)

Major Differences in Early Years

1947

Average Price of Gas - 0.23/gallon

Average Cost of House - \$13,000

Primary Mosquito Diseases

Yellow Fever

Malaria

Primary Mosquito Control Purchases

Dynamite

#2 Diesel Fuel

DDT

2021

Average Price of Gas - 2.75/gallon

Average Cost of House - \$389,000

Primary Mosquito Diseases

West Nile Virus

Eastern Equine Encephelitis

Primary Mosquito Control Purchases

Various larvacides

Pupacidal films/oils

Pyrethroids or other products

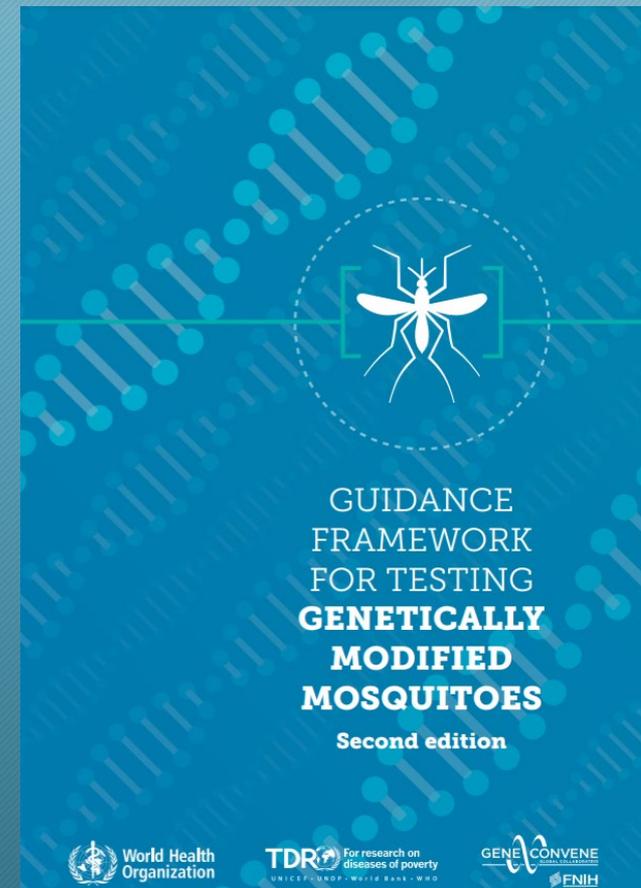
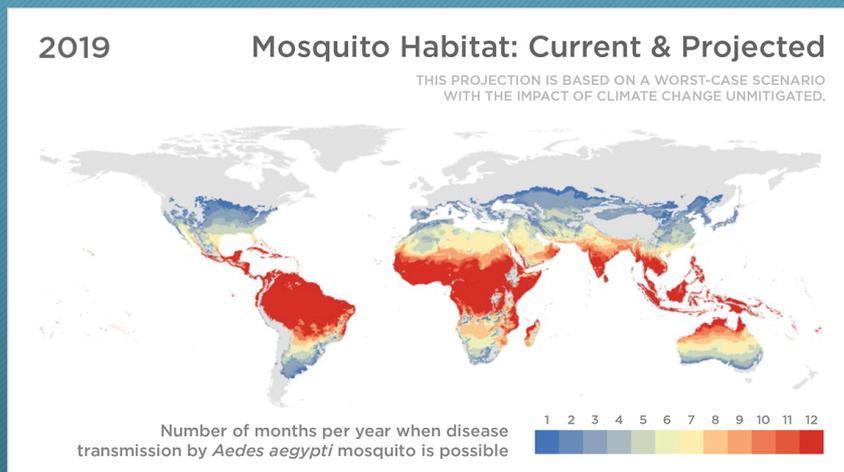
Common Themes

- Education and Outreach
- Cooperation with Military
- Striving for better technology
- Ever-Expanding arsenal of products

- Well attended Annual Conferences ;)

The Next 75

- Where do we go from here?
 - New products
 - Resistance
 - New Viruses
 - Genetically Modified Mosquitoes?



Thanks!

Be sure to check out our VMCA History table in the Vendor Room!

