

Background on Services Outside the District

The limited service on the west side is supported by special assessments paid to Flagler County under Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU) and used to reimburse the District for emergency spraying according to the 2003 agreement (see attached). The fees for Rima Ridge and Espanola are \$11.76 and \$14.62 a year respectively with total revenues of \$1,350 and \$2,300 respectively (see attached special assessments). Residents of the Daytona North Service District pay special assessments by road frontage. The same scenario exists in Western portions of Volusia County, where spraying is by cooperative agreement. (see attached article and snippet from their website).

Residents of Rima Ridge, Espanola, and Daytona North experiencing a problem with mosquitoes can call Flagler County Administration, which then monitors the call volume of complaints and can authorize spraying once their threshold has been reached. The District can then send trucks to treat the areas after verifying there are indeed mosquitoes present as required by state and federal law. In other words, you must have mosquitoes before you can spray for mosquitoes. The simplest, and cheapest way to verify mosquitoes are present and spray is to send the spray truck out, conduct a landing rate count for mosquitoes to immediately verify the presence of mosquitoes, and if verified, treat the area. This system has worked without issue for nearly twenty years.

The process of monitoring call volume of mosquito complaints is the cheapest way to monitor the situation but is not the most effective. We proposed adding a trap to each area that pays the County a mosquito assessment fee, but also communication with those residents similar to our weekly operations reports available on our website and Facebook, and notifications of treatments (see attached proposal). This proposal was made in good faith at the request of the County Administrator. The District has not received a formal request for proposal or a request for bid so that all entities are giving prices on the same level of service. Since the District charges only a reimbursement rate for services, it would follow naturally that since we are closer than St. Johns County our costs would be lower for the same level of service.

We do not require, nor do we recommend adding surveillance to these communities, but instead suggest streamlining the process for authorizing mosquito spraying at the County based on requests for service. Since these areas have separate special assessment funding mechanisms for each, The District can provide *a la carte* service dependent on individual community's preference. In other words, the tax payers can decide their own level of service.