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As the wetlands project coordinator for the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project I am reaching out to town officials regarding our ditch maintenance program for the 2019/2020 season. Throughout the year it is my duty to assess, plan and prepare all of the water management projects. The field crew conducts water management per a seasonal operational schedule typically October – March.

Please understand that we routinely clean and rake out degraded ditch systems and streams as part of our water management program. I would be glad to assess any ditches or streams that may be of concern to the town and potentially add them to our 2019 fall work calendar.

In addition to the ditch maintenance program we offer a beaver mitigation program. Along with the positive aspects of beaver activity there come some negative aspects. Dam building activity clogs culverts and drainage ditches increasing flooding which creates new habitat for mosquitoes and increases the need for Integrated Pest Management techniques.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss potential projects for your town. You may contact me via email at [proctor@cmmcp.org](mailto:proctor@cmmcp.org) or calling me the office (508) 393-3055 ext. 102.

For more information you may check out our water management website at <https://www.cmmcp.org/ditch-maintenance-program> and beaver management website at <https://www.cmmcp.org/beaver-mitigation-program>. In addition, I have enclosed a FAQ sheet summary of the program. I look forward to working with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katrina K. Proctor  
 Wetland Project Coordinator

Enclosures