



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: June 20, 2022
To: Media Outlets
From: Todd Darden, City Manager
Re: Mosquito Spraying

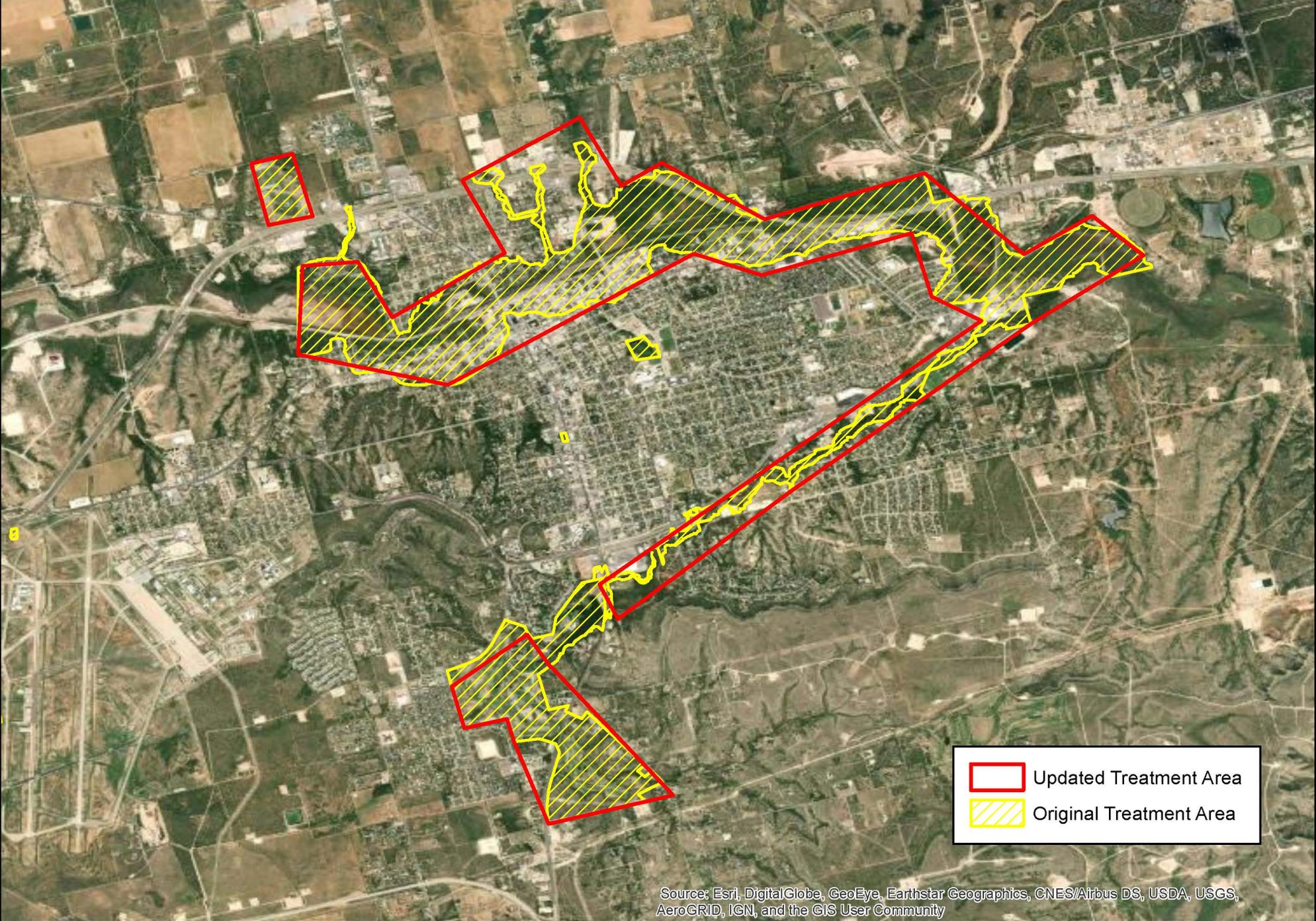
Due to concerns expressed by the public, City Administration has contacted City officials from municipalities that have participated in the aerial spraying technique that will be used in Big Spring this week. Those officials contacted reported no adverse effects or problems with the use of the aerial mosquito spray. City administration wants to reassure the public the procedure and product to be used has been approved by FEMA, the Texas Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We have attached a map showing the area that will be treated.

- The plane will spray Big Spring sometime during a time period starting on Wednesday, June 22nd, late evening, and again on Thursday, June 23rd, weather permitting.
- The actual time of spraying will be determined by where we fit in the line-up of cities.
- Aerial spraying is particularly effective to reach hillside and rural areas in Big Spring that truck-mounted sprayers cannot reach.
- Vector Disease Control International is the company that will be spraying. They specialize in aerial application, have been in business since 1992, and have over 40 offices across the United States. These products are being applied in strict accordance with label instructions as set forth and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The company is fully licensed and certified by Federal monitoring agencies. Visit www.vdci.net for more information about the company.
- The product used will be Perm-X UL 31-66; visit www.clarke.com for product information.
- Is aerial spraying safe for people with asthma?
 - When aerial spraying is done correctly, it does not cause asthma attacks.
 - When applied according to label instructions, EPA-registered insecticides do not pose a risk to human health or the environment.
 - If people prefer to stay inside when spraying takes place they can, but it is not necessary.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the office of Todd Darden, City Manager, at 432-264-2401.

Big Spring, TX

Updated Acres to be Treated = 2,892



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community