



For Immediate Release
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Cherokee County and City of Gaffney – (Bird) West Nile Virus

GAFFNEY, S.C. – Cherokee County has received notification from SCDHEC that a House Finch has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The response area is commonly known as the Tank Branch area of the City of Gaffney and is identified on the map attached to this publication. The affected area was treated approximately two weeks ago in the City's normal vector control program, but will be treated again immediately.

Information related to West Nile Virus and mosquito control can be found on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) website at the following link: <https://www.scdhec.gov/health/diseases-conditions/insect-or-animal-borne-disease/infectious-diseases-diseases-spread>. Cherokee County and the City of Gaffney will notify local media outlets and residents of mosquito control activities through the following methods:

- Spraying of adulticiding (mosquito control agent) as per SCDHEC recommendations by spray truck application will begin immediately (as early as 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018) and will consist of a second application within 72 hours – weather permitting.
- Additional application(s) of adulticiding treatment(s) will be in 10-14 day intervals from the initial application (Information on the dates of these treatments will be posted on the Cherokee County website at: www.cherokeecountysc.gov/emergency-services/emergency-management).
- Please see all attachments included with this notice

All emergency services related inquiries should be directed to Rick Peterson, Cherokee County Emergency Management Director at rick.peterson@cherokeecountysc.com.

All other animal, livestock, poultry, bee or agricultural questions or concerns should be directed to the Cherokee County Clemson Extension Service.

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