

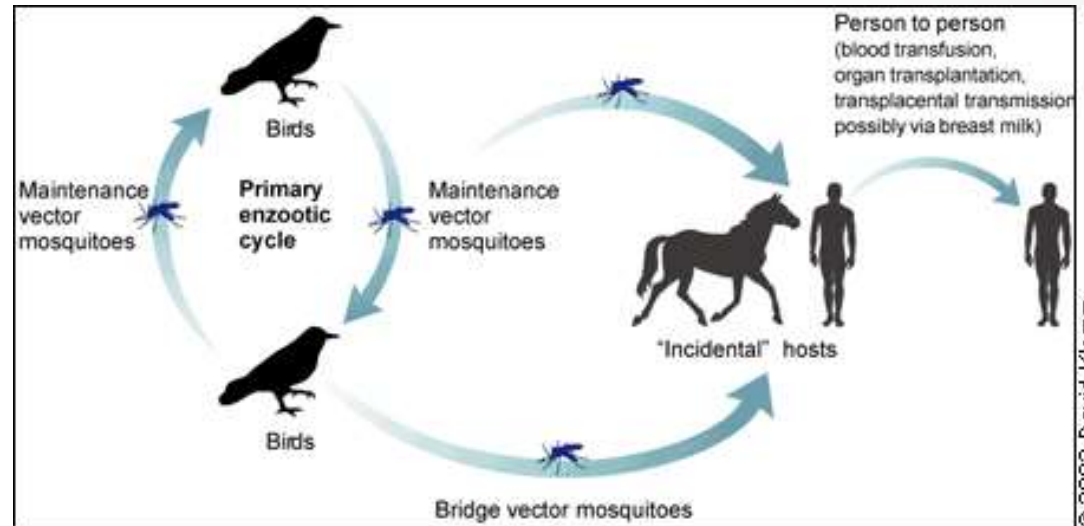
HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES ON ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND WEST NILE VIRUS VECTOR INFECTION IN SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK (USA)

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- West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease endemic in Suffolk County, NY.
- Surveillance programs sample mosquito populations across the county and test for the presence of West Nile.

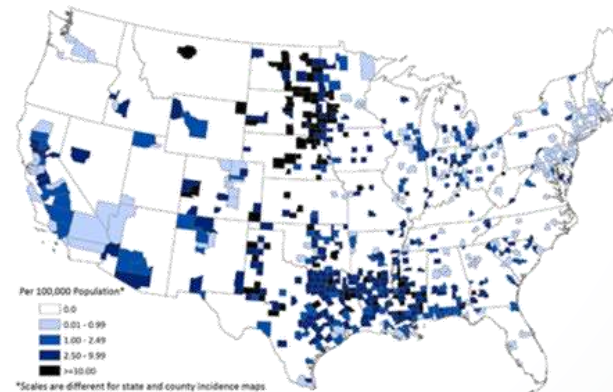
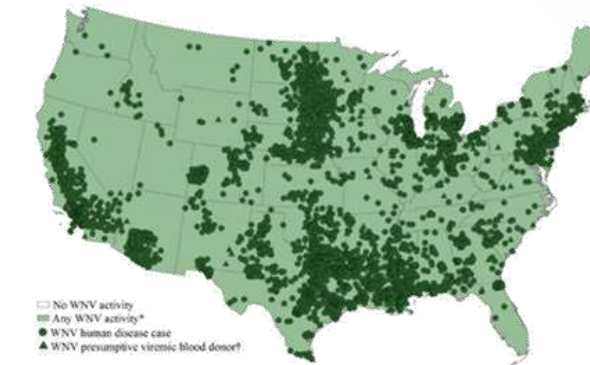


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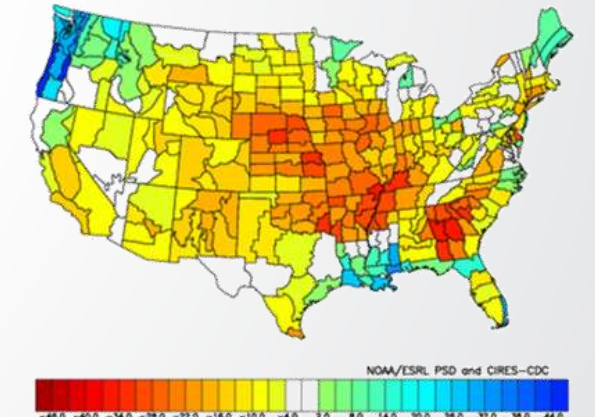
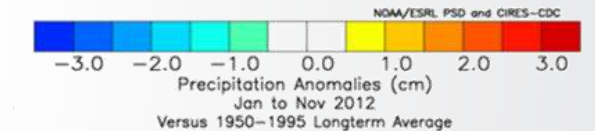
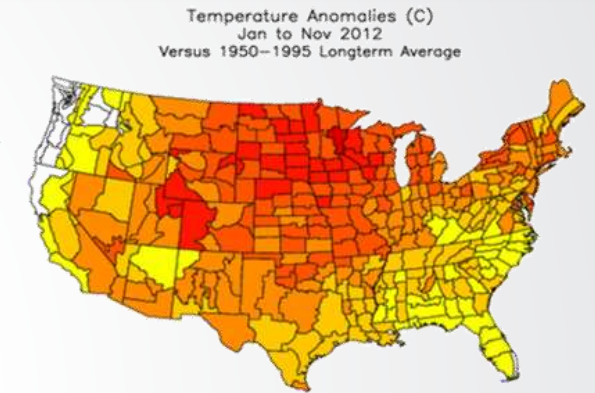


Factors Influencing WNV Ecology

- Land cover and use
 - WNV mosquitoes are associated with developed land.
- Weather
 - Warm weather and low precipitation favor WNV transmission.
 - Cases occur in the summer.
- Anthropogenic influences
 - WNV mosquitoes breed in containers and ponds.
 - Water contaminated with nutrient and organic runoff favors WNV mosquitoes.



<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/surv&control.htm>

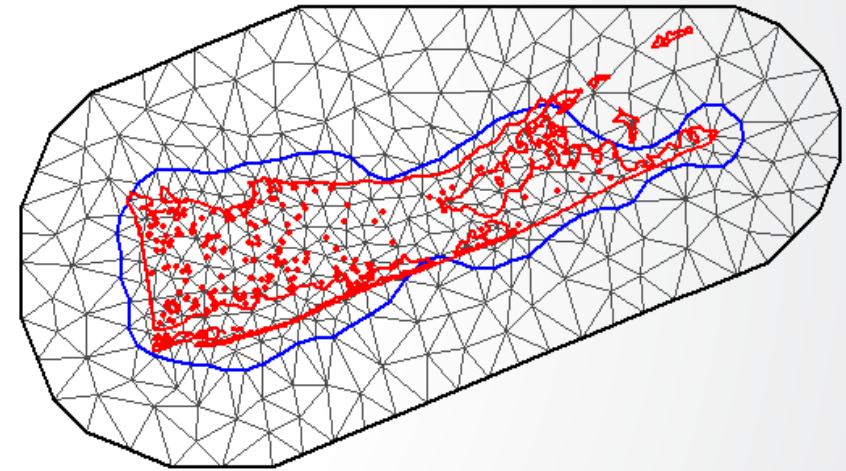


<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/usclimdivs/>

The INLA SPDE Method

- Previous models of West Nile in mosquitoes struggled to incorporate spatial and temporal variability.
- The Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation – Stochastic Partial Differential Equation (INLA SPDE) allows a complex spatiotemporal model in common R statistical software.

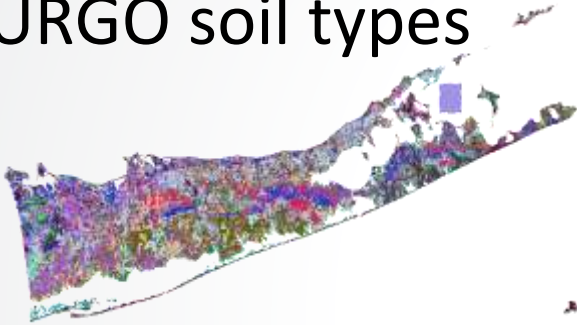
Constrained refined Delaunay triangulation





Variables Evaluated

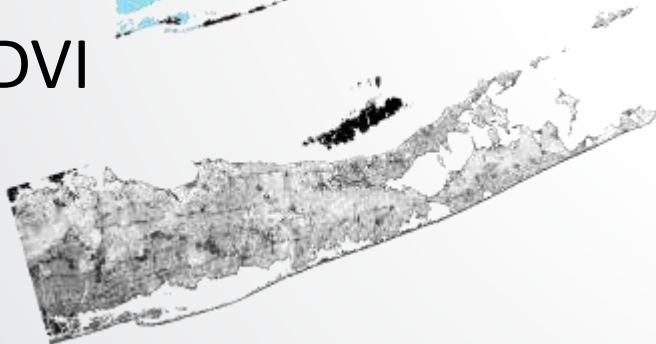
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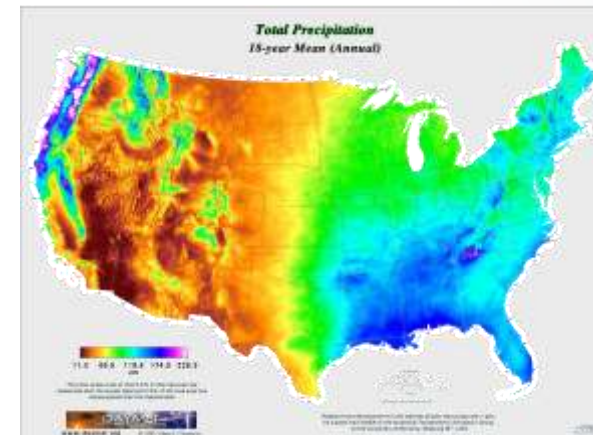
Septic systems



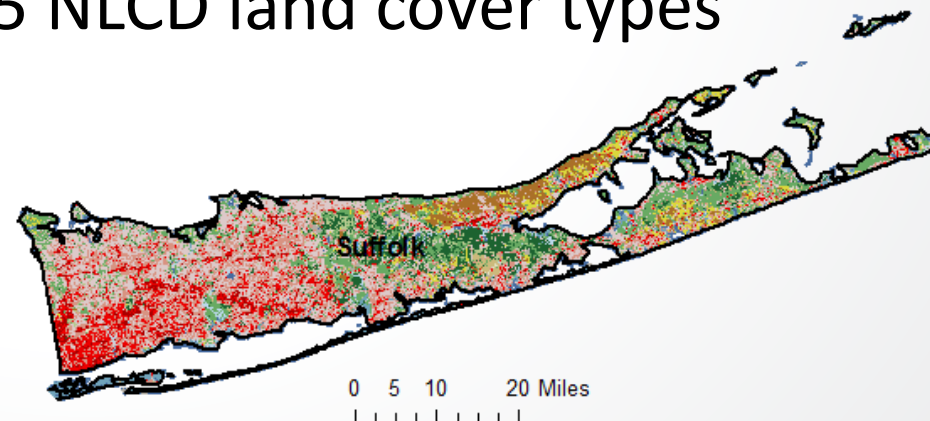
NDVI



6 DAYMET weather variables



15 NLCD land cover types



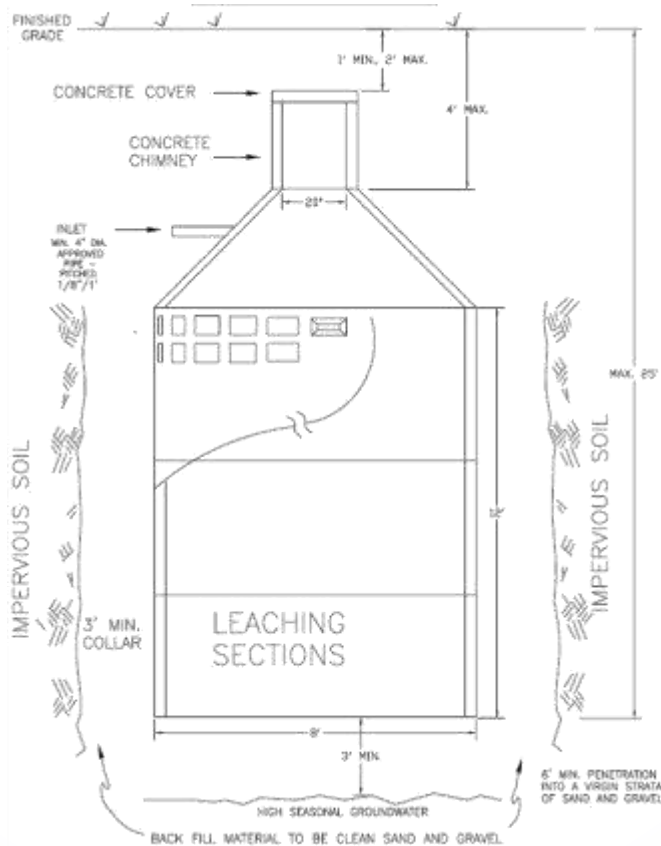
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- Land_Cover
- Unclassified
 - Open Water
 - Developed, Open Space
 - Developed, Low Intensity
 - Developed, Medium Intensity
 - Developed, High Intensity
 - Barren Land
 - Deciduous Forest
 - Evergreen Forest
 - Mixed Forest
 - Shrub/Scrub
 - Herbaceous
 - Hay/Pasture
 - Cultivated Crops
 - Woody Wetlands
 - Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands



Septic Systems on Long Island

- Population grew by 471% between 1940-1970, leading to a construction boom.
- 74% of residences are unsewered.
- Unusually high prevalence of old, unserviced cesspool systems.
- “Much of the nitrogen pollution in Suffolk County waters has been linked to unsewered, dense suburban sprawl” - *Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan 2015*.



Source: U.S. EPA. (2005) A Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems



Source: riverheadlocal.com



Septic Systems as Mosquito Habitat



Source: Marin Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control



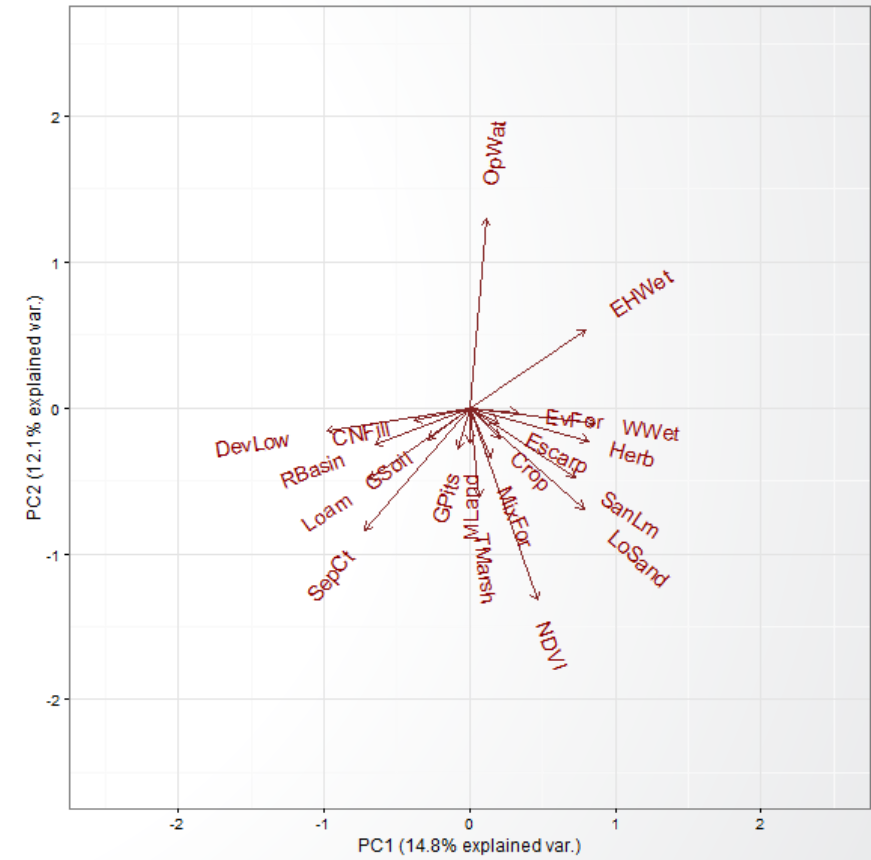
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1	Result	Result	AREIS_1	NDVI	Open_Wt	Develop	Develop	Develop	Develop	Barren_Li	Deciduos	Evergreen	Mixed_F	Shrub_Sc	Herbaceo	Hay_Past	Cultivate	Woody_L	Emergen	Beach	TidalMar	Water	Dunes	Muck	GravelPit	GradedSa	ModelLr	MuckySc	Dredged	UrbanLi	Recharge	DuneLan	Escarpm	SandyLo	SiltyLoar	Hayen.Sc	Sand	LoamySa	Loam	CutnFill	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean	WtMean
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3	AREIS_1	-0.0141	1	0.34379	-0.218	0.1254	0.3935	-0.192	-0.263	-0.224	-0.114	-0.217	0.066	-0.132	-0.118	-0.16	-0.162	-0.306	-0.245	-0.278	0.163	0.4282	0.2866	-0.255	0.0536	0.3407	0.1434	-0.382	-0.253	-0.075	0.1159	-0.238	-0.061	-0.011	0.2143	0.5015	-0.341	-0.038	0.1334	0.0172	0.1245	0.1165	-0.066	0.1837	-0.058	0.2232	0.2245		
4	NDVI	-0.195	0.34379	1	-0.503	0.4864	-0.144	-0.473	-0.592	-0.473	0.6971	0.1175	0.2652	0.2196	0.2105	0.0655	-2E-04	0.2736	-0.016	-0.546	0.3488	0.464	0.4213	0.2088	-0.087	-0.087	-0.271	-0.462	-0.072	-0.527	0.1461	0.3314	0.3511	0.2309	-0.122	0.458	0.1458	-0.108	-0.013	0.063	0.0145	-0.048	0.0158	-0.042	-0.044	-0.014	-0.067		
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24	Muck	-0.057	-0.25	0.2088	-0.152	-0.128	-0.235	0.0187	0.0228	-0.171	0.185	0.0523	-0.032	0.0567	-0.026	0.0193	0.0341	0.583	0.0784	-0.226	0.2016	-0.244	0.0905	1	0.0064	-0.083	-0.02	0.3735	-0.057	-0.151	-0.123	-0.228	0.1096	0.3126	-0.106	-0.08	-0.028	0.4123	-0.109	0.1938	-0.017	0.0263	0.3085	-0.036	0.0043	0.0108	-0.03	-0.023	-0.004
25	GravelPit	0.0417	0.0536	0.1013	-0.167	0.1385	0.0204	0.0723	0.1211	0.0463	0.0171	-0.109	-0.024	-0.045	-																																		



Variable Selection





Regression Results

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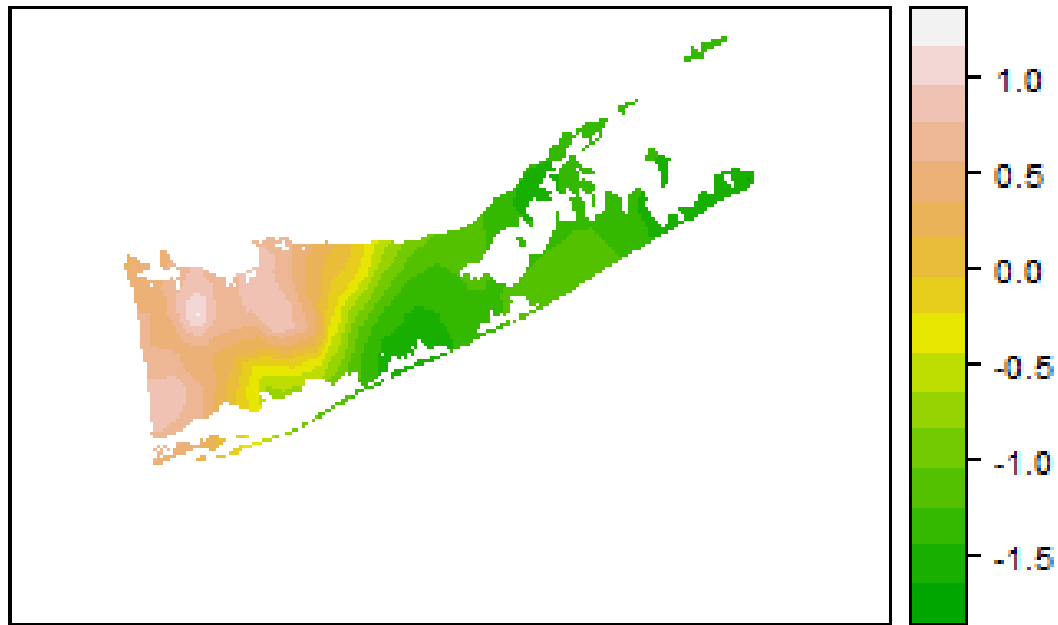


Variable name	Coefficient (95% CI)
Open Water	-0.92(-1.29:-0.57)
Average Temperature	0.29 (0.15:0.42)
Septic Count	0.23 (0.09:0.40)
Woody Wetlands	-0.14 (-0.29:-0.01)
Precipitation	-0.11 (-0.20:-0.02)
NDVI	-0.14 (-0.34:0.07)
Developed, Low Intensity	-0.08 (-0.29:0.11)
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	-0.02 (-0.19:0.16)
σ_s^2 (spatial variance)	1.29 (0.40:3.36)
r (spatial range)	82 (32:191)
ϕ (AR1 coefficient)	0.98 (0.94:0.99)

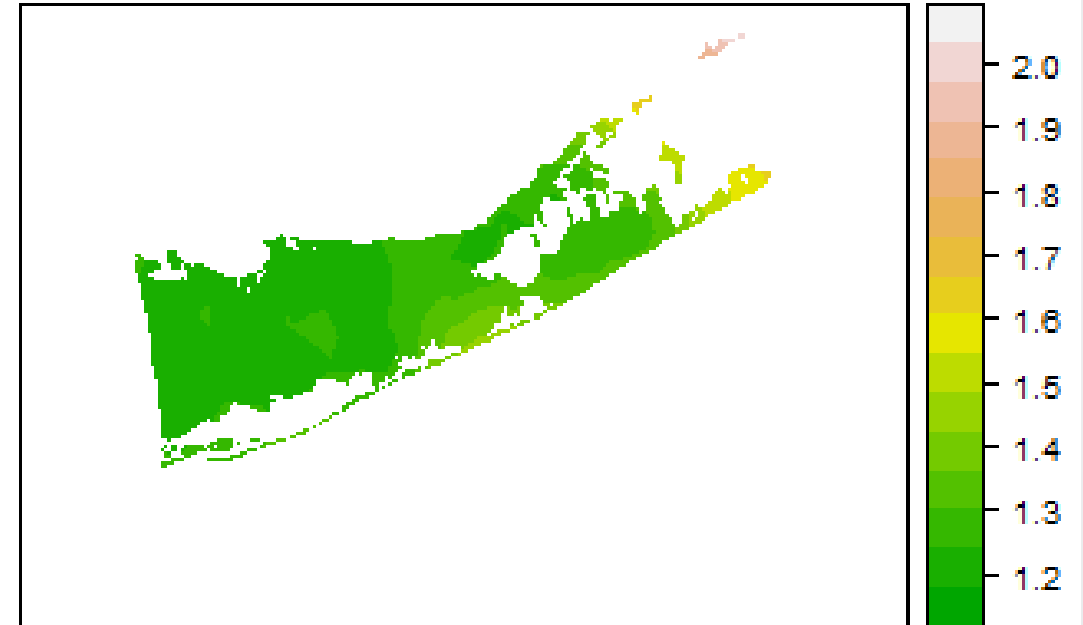


Spatial Regression Results

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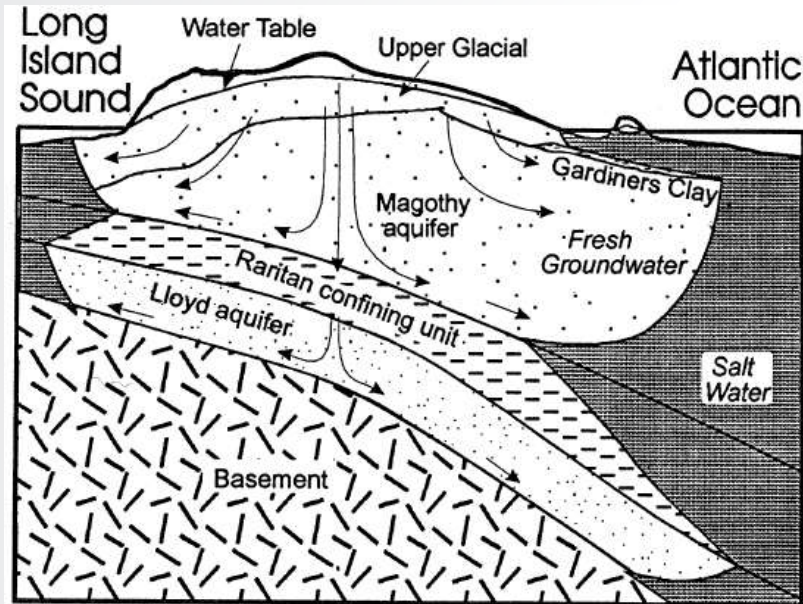
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Units are log-odds of a mosquito pool testing positive for WNV

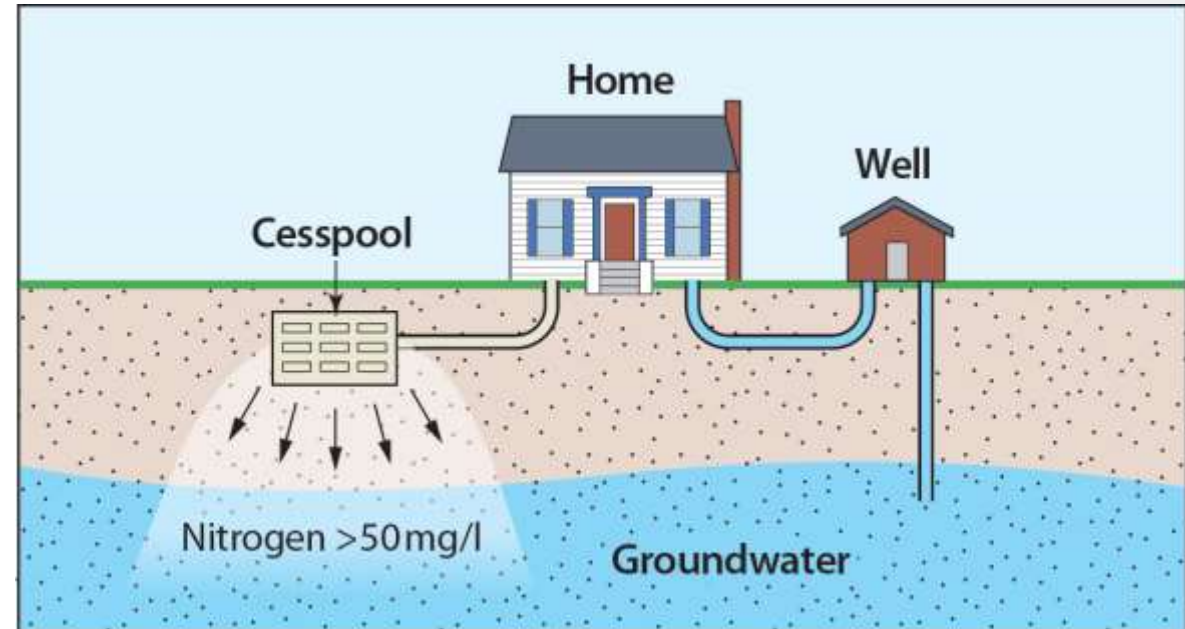


Septic Systems as Nitrogen Polluters



Source: SUNY-Stony Brook

Long Island has a high water table, and groundwater is the only freshwater source.



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Nitrogen Pollution and West Nile Virus



Source: geograph.org.uk

Culex restuans (Diptera: Culicidae) Oviposition Behavior Determined by Larval Habitat Quality and Quantity in Southeastern Michigan 🚫

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Linking environmental nutrient enrichment and disease emergence in humans and wildlife

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Healthy Wetlands Reduce Vector-Borne Disease

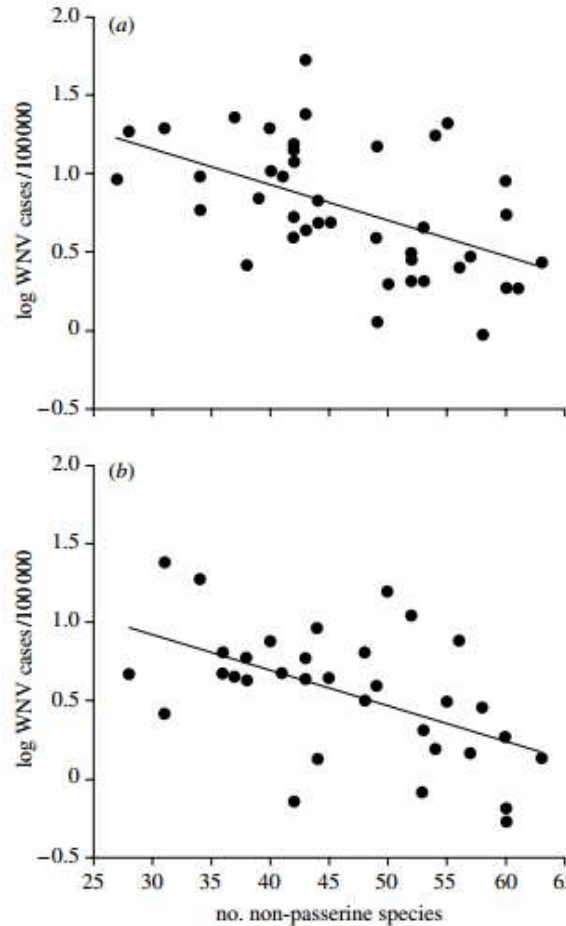
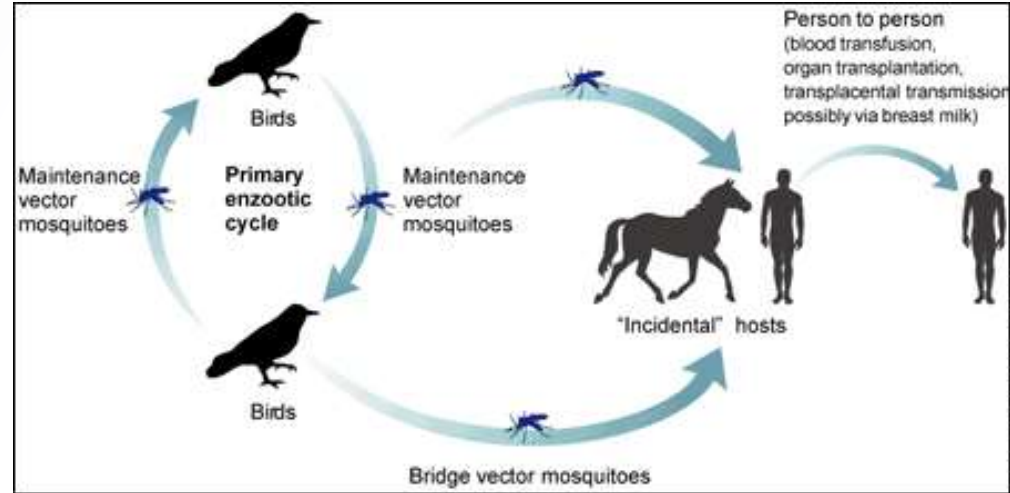


Figure 3. Relationship between human WNV disease incidence by county and non-passerine species richness in (a) 2002 and (b) 2003. In minimum adequate multiple regression models, non-passerine species richness was the sole predictor of disease incidence in 2002 ($r = -0.52$, $t = -3.79$, $p < 0.001$), and one of two predictors of disease incidence in 2003 ($r = -0.34$, $t = -2.49$, $p < 0.05$).



Year-round wetland availability discourages clustering of birds and bridge vectors.

Avian biodiversity “dilutes” community composition away from WNV reservoirs.



Source: myweb.rollins.edu



Conclusions

- Septic systems are correlated with an increase in WNV incidence.
- Woody wetlands are correlated with a reduction in WNV incidence.
- Nitrogen pollution from septic systems is known to degrade wetlands.
 - A modest negative correlation was found between septic count and woody wetland cover, $r = -.306$
 - Dynamics of the relationship as it relates to WNV are unknown.



Implications for Ecosystem Valuation

- Prevention of disease is valuable, especially for life-threatening diseases spread by mosquitoes.
 - Existing treatment and prevention efforts are expensive and time-consuming.
- The relationship between healthy wetland function and vector-borne disease prevention merits further research to determine whether prevention represents an overlooked wetland service.