

CITY OF CHICAGO

defeating west nile

An overview of what we're working towards.

01 Mosquito borne zoonotic
disease

02 First identified in 1999 in NY,
US

Introduction

**Current
figures**

US TOTAL CASES

51,801

TOTAL US DEATHS 1999 - 2019

2,390

OUR MAIN MISSION.

**To predict when and
where mosquitoes
will test positive for
West Nile Virus**

WHY?

**To effectively allocate
resources towards
preventing the
transmission of west
nile virus**

Data

01 Main Dataset

02 Spray

03 Weather

data cleaning

01

WNV only detected in 2 species

02

Remaining species classified
under *Culex sp*

03

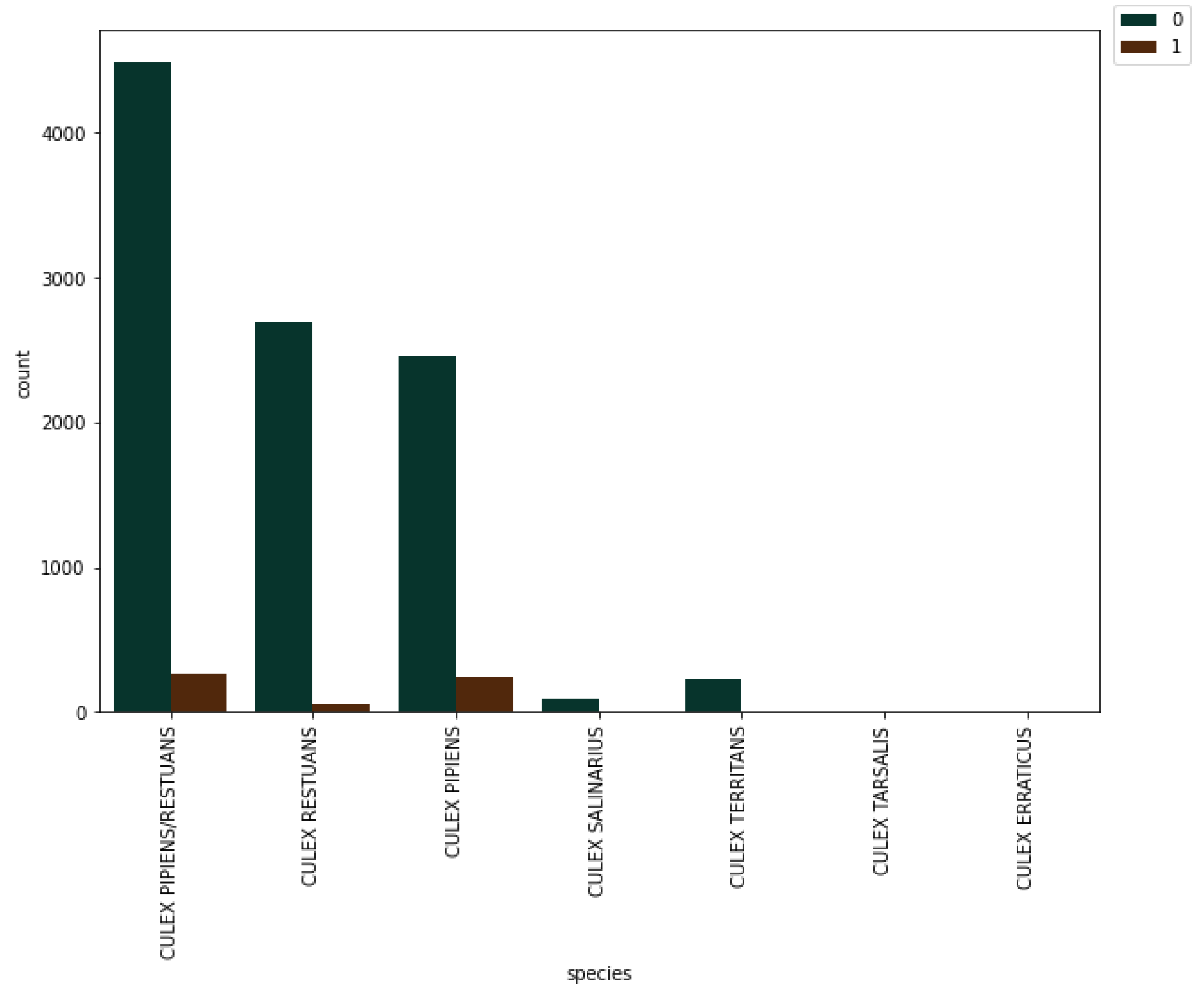
Dealing with missing data

04

Data Merging

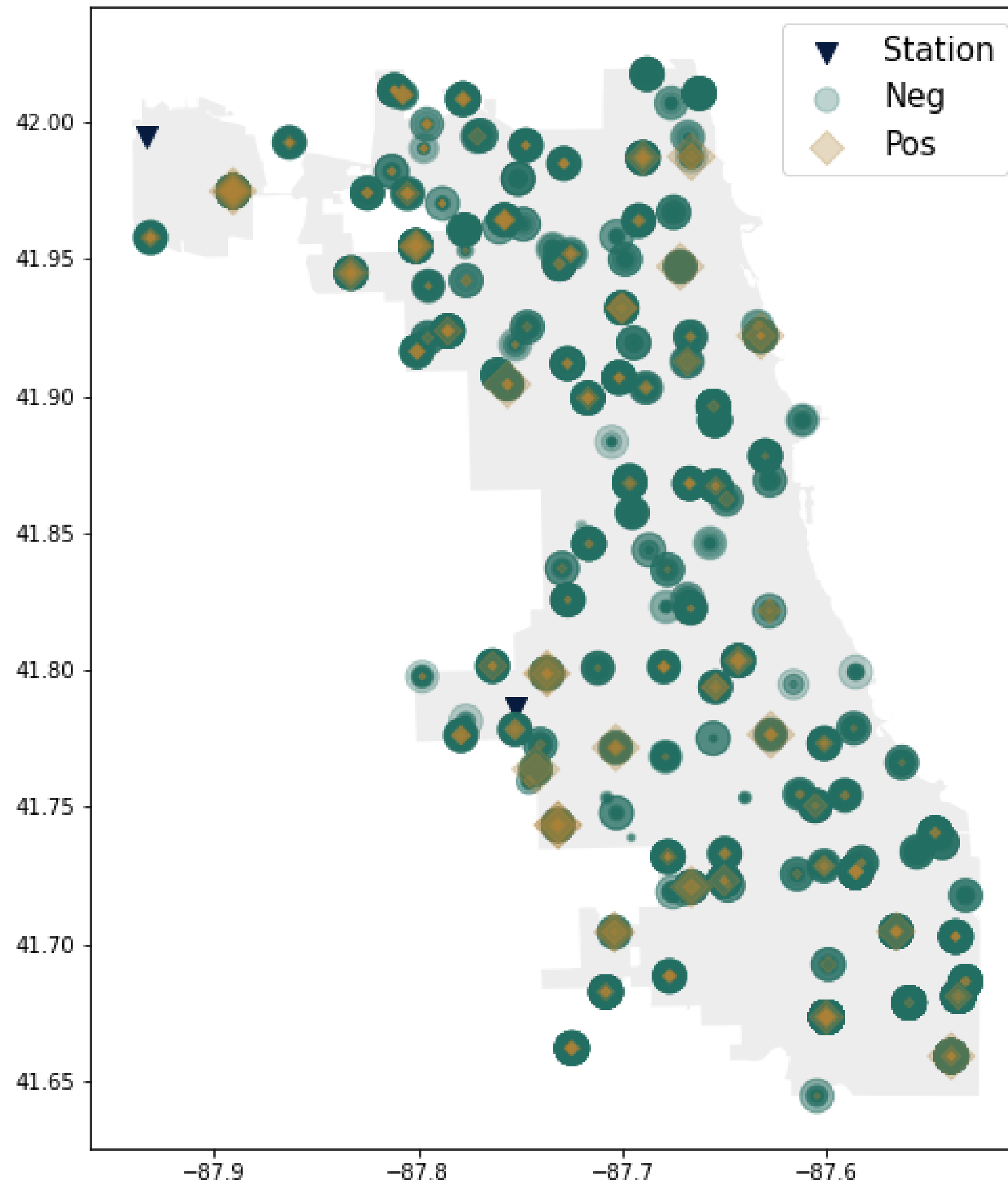
West nile virus vectors

0: Virus not present
1: Virus present

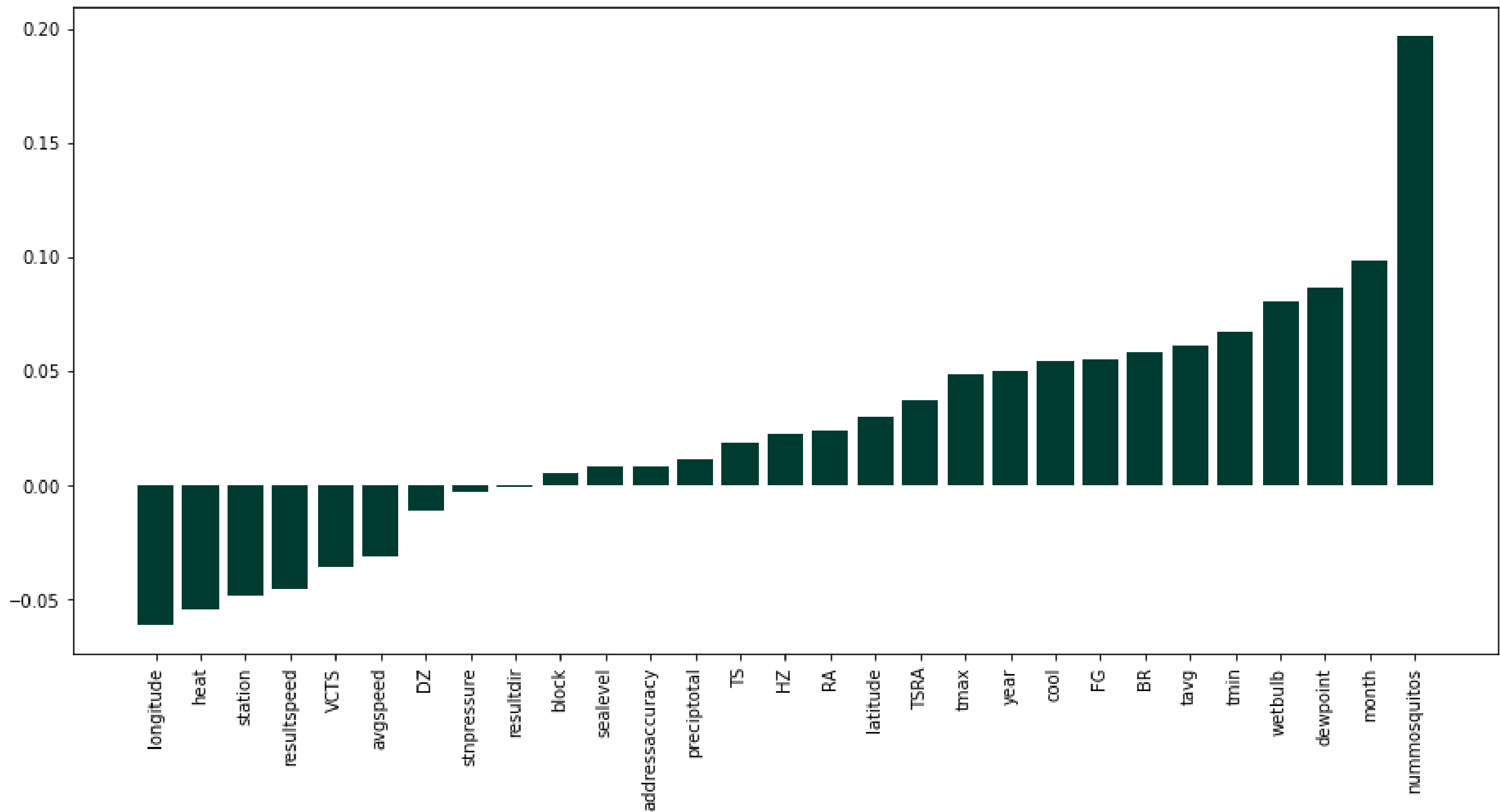


location of mosquitoes

Mosquitos found
throughout Chicago,
data from 2007 - 2013



West Nile Virus – Predictors

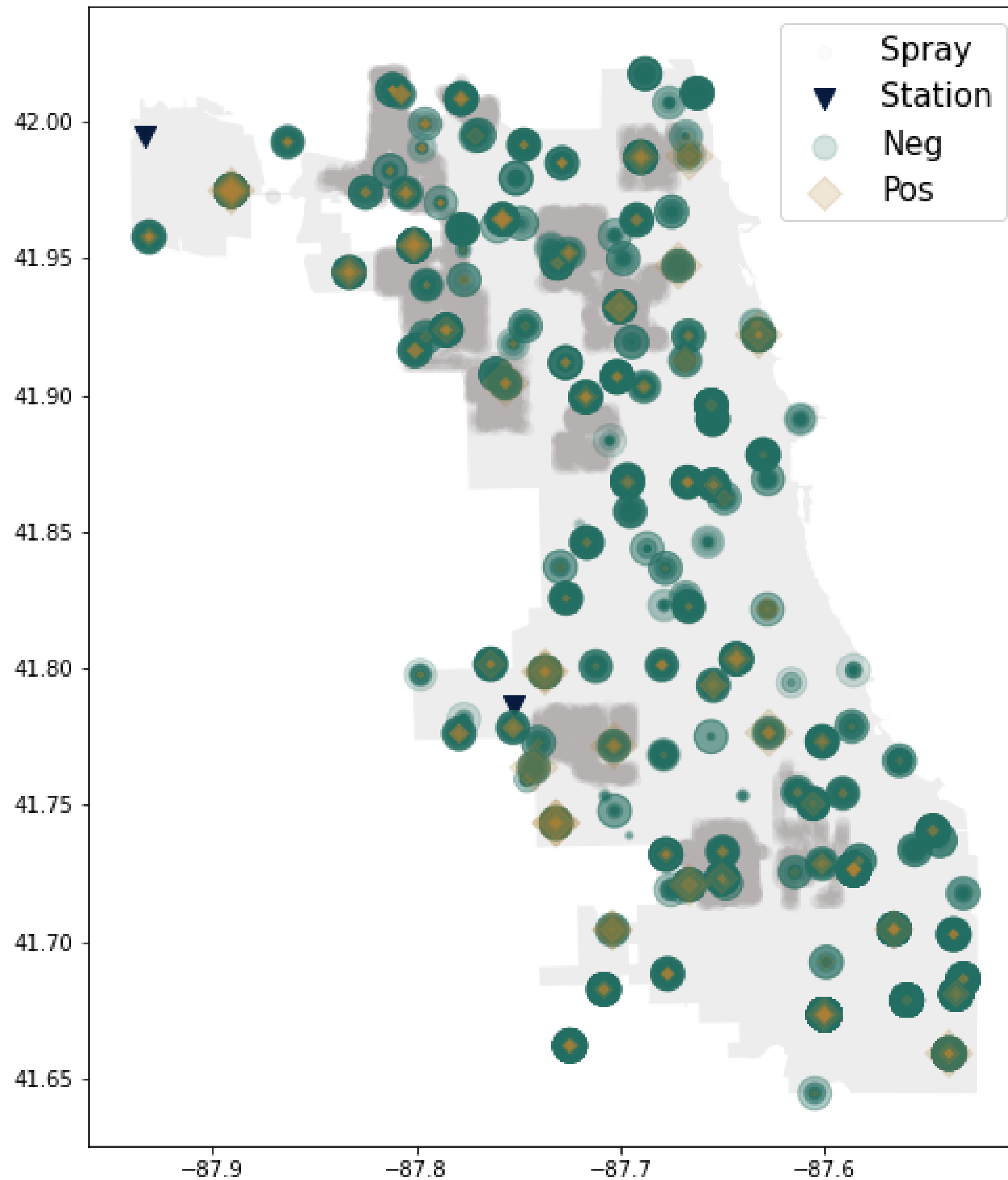


To reduce mosquitos:

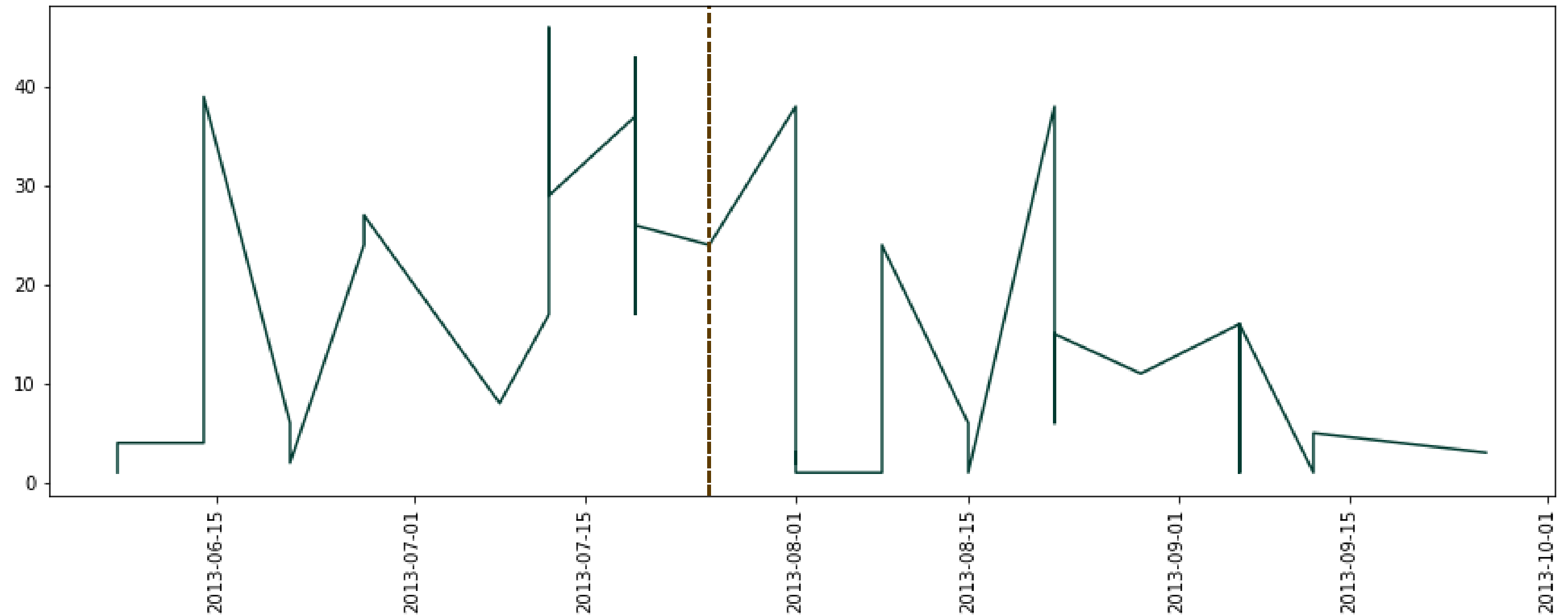
Does the spray help?

location of spray

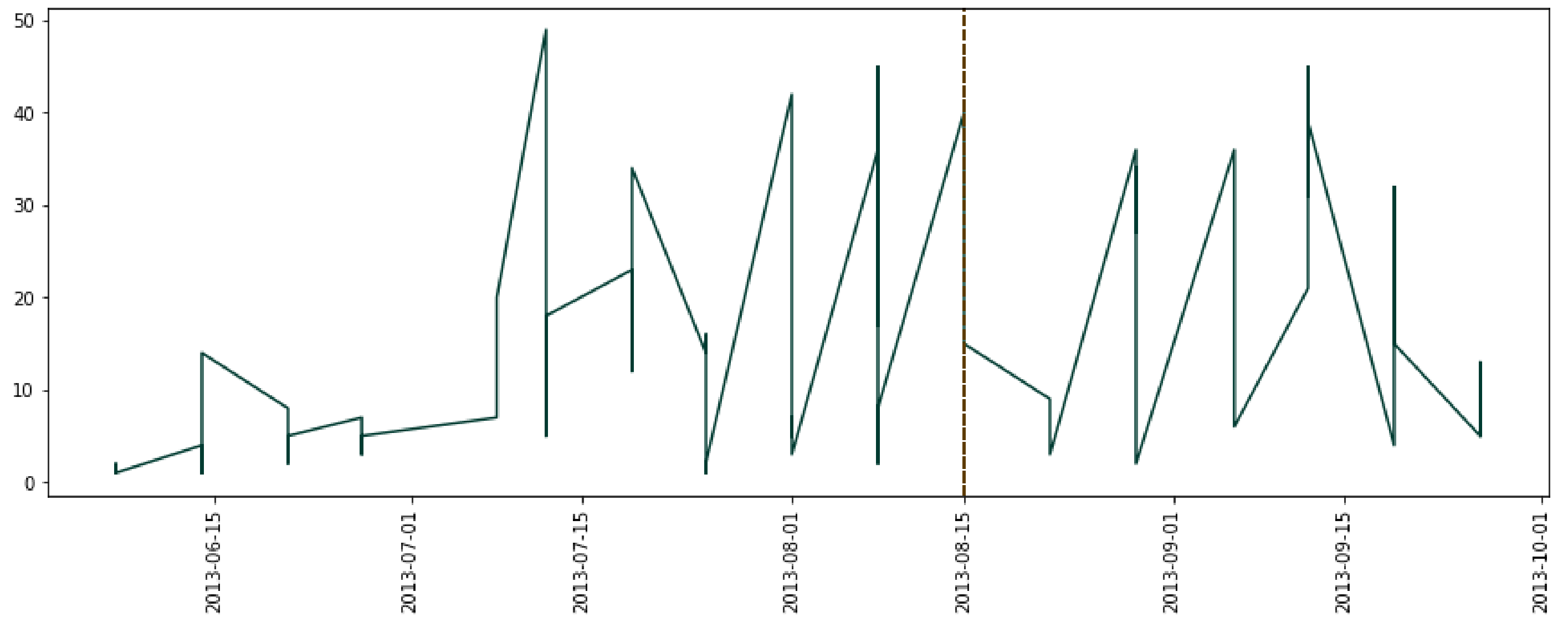
Spray data in Chicago,
from 2011 - 2013



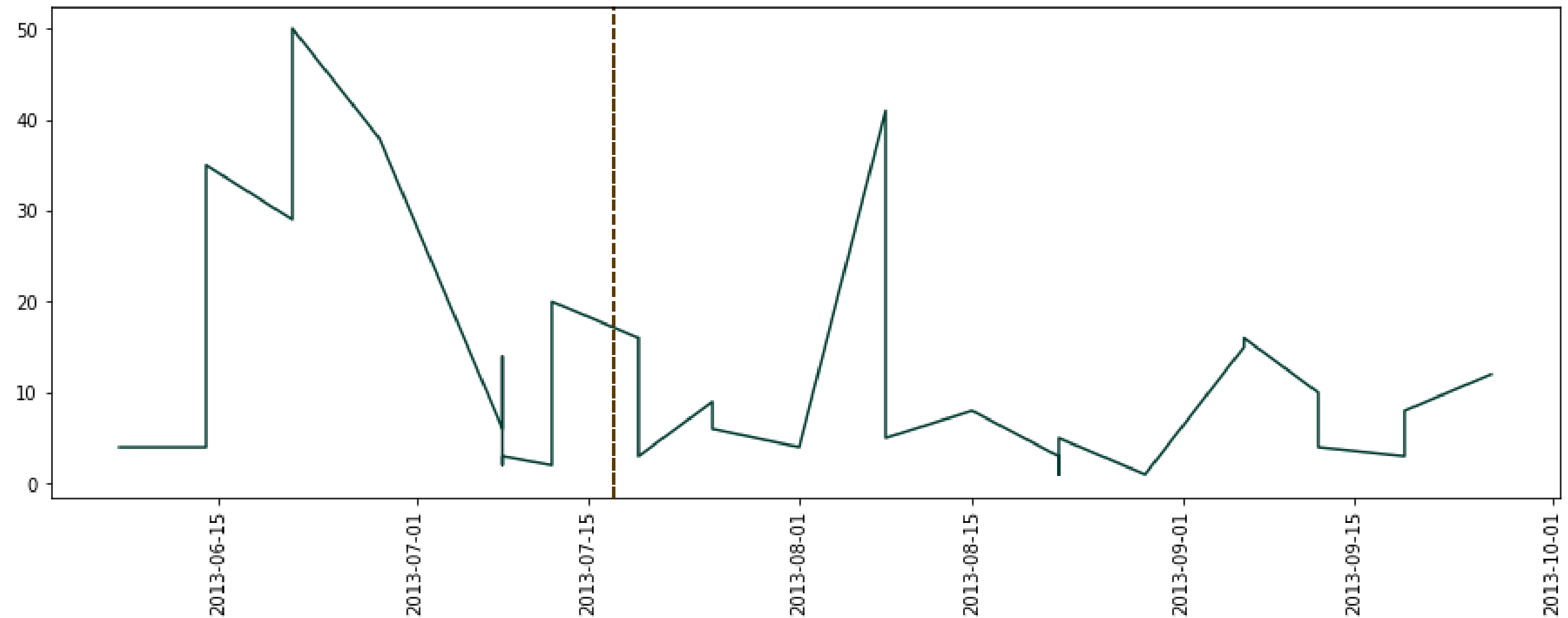
3900 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago



6100 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago & 1300 North Laramie Avenue, Chicago



1700 West 95th Street, Chicago & 9600 South Longwood Drive, Chicago



Spraying helps.

01

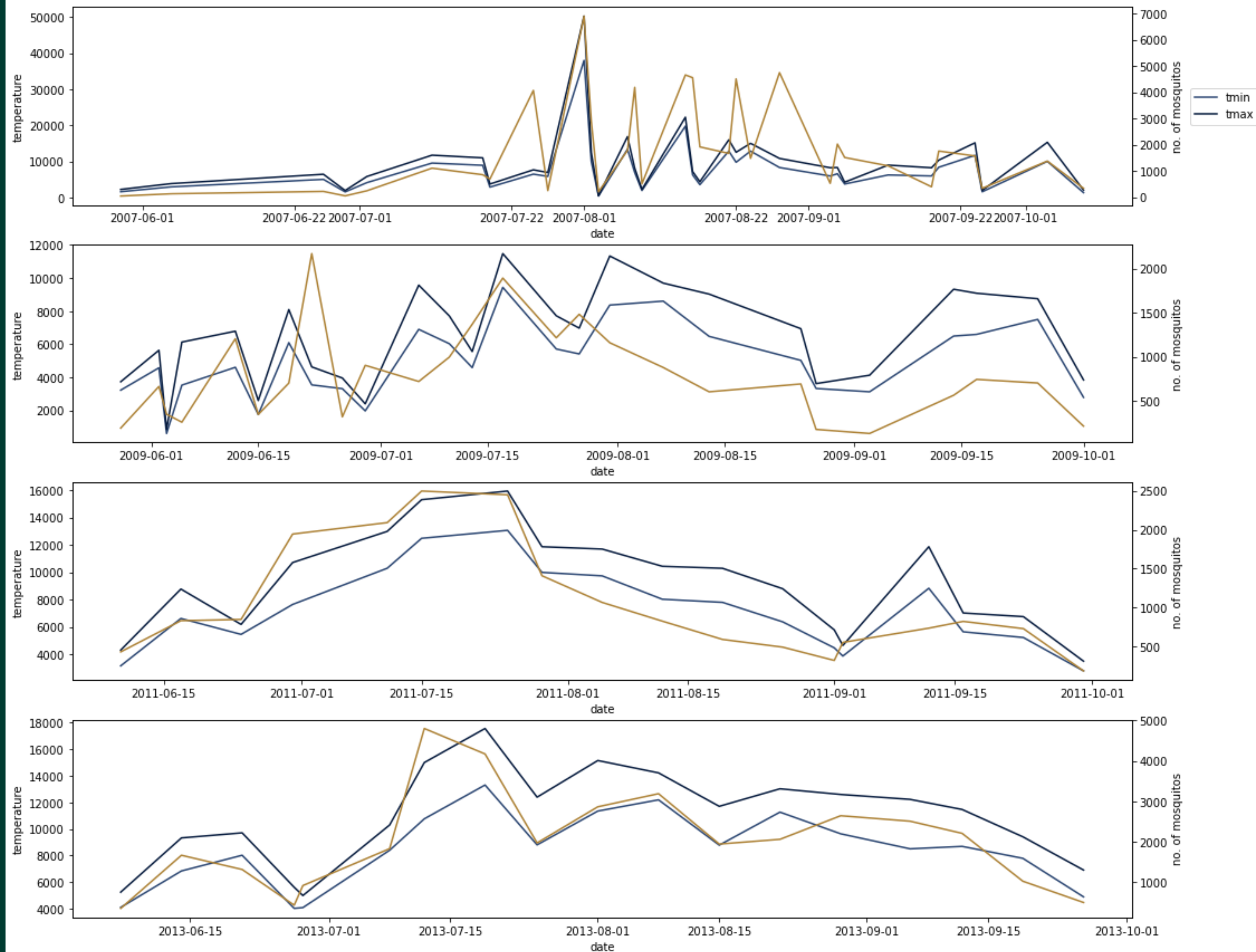
Reduce number
of mosquitoes

02

For about 10-15
days

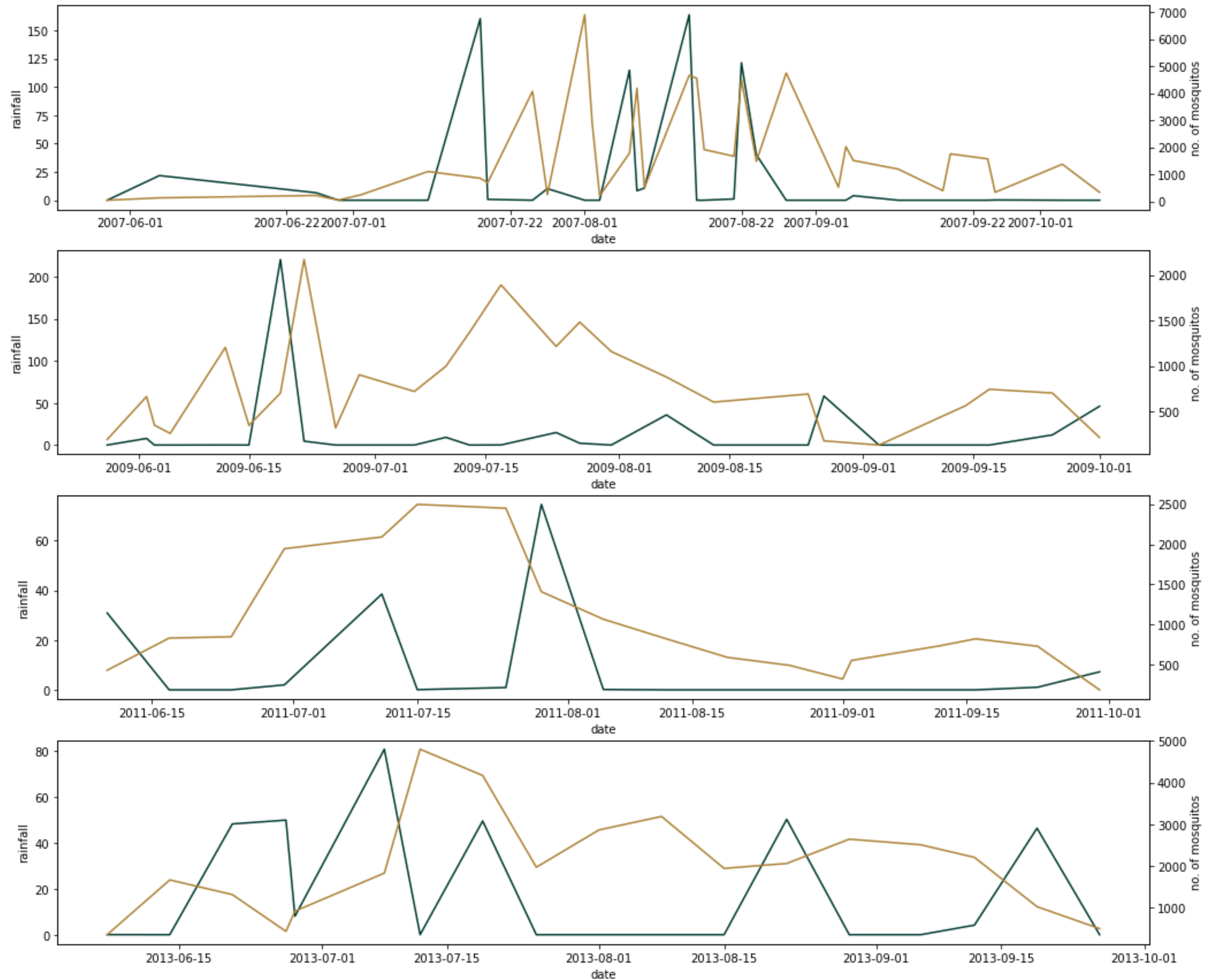
hot weather
= more
mosquitos

Temperature vs
number of mosquitos



rainfall & number of mosquitos

hot and wet weather
results in more
mosquitos



Modelling

Tested various models

01

Logistic Regression

02

Gradient Boost

03

Ada Boost

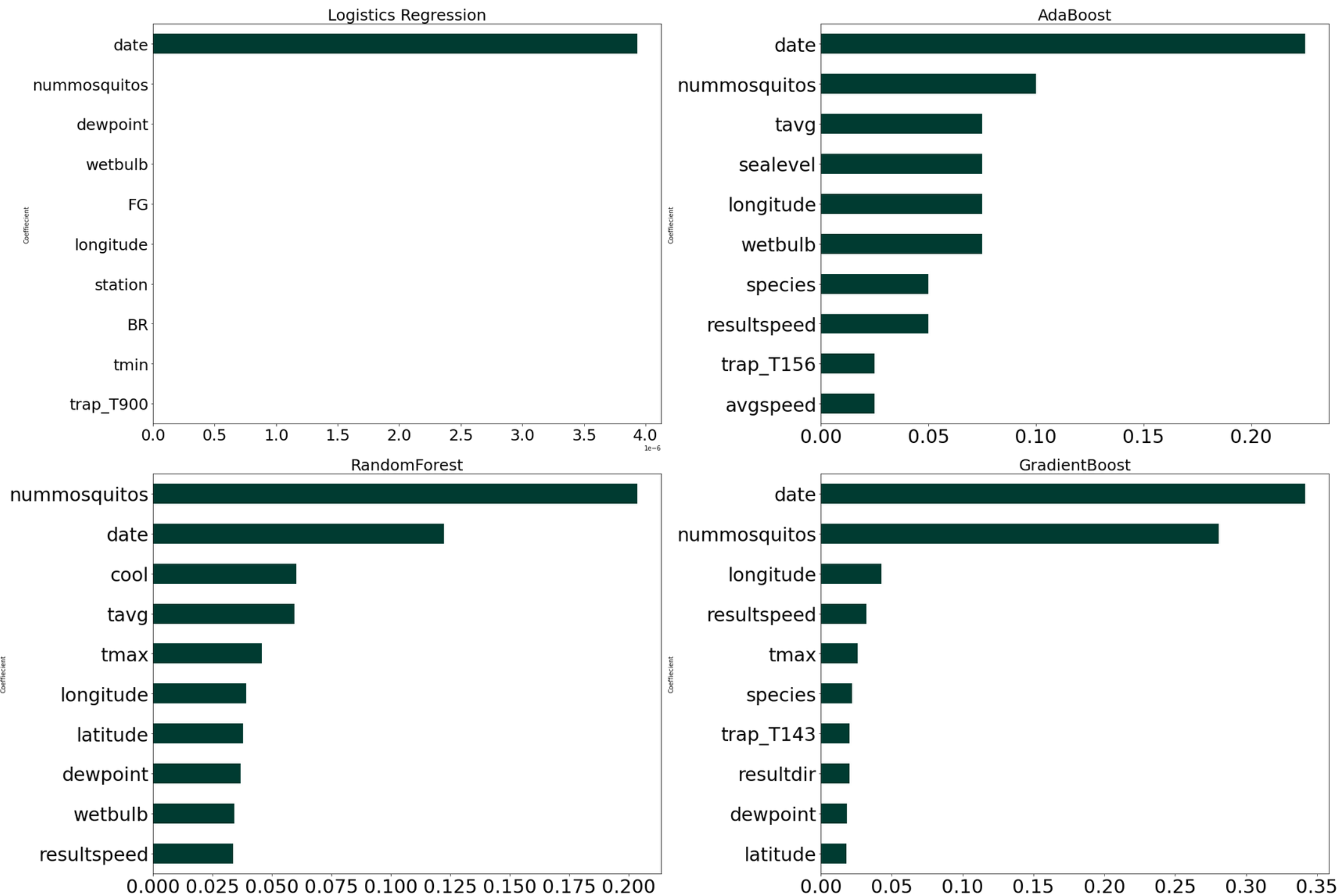
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Random Forest

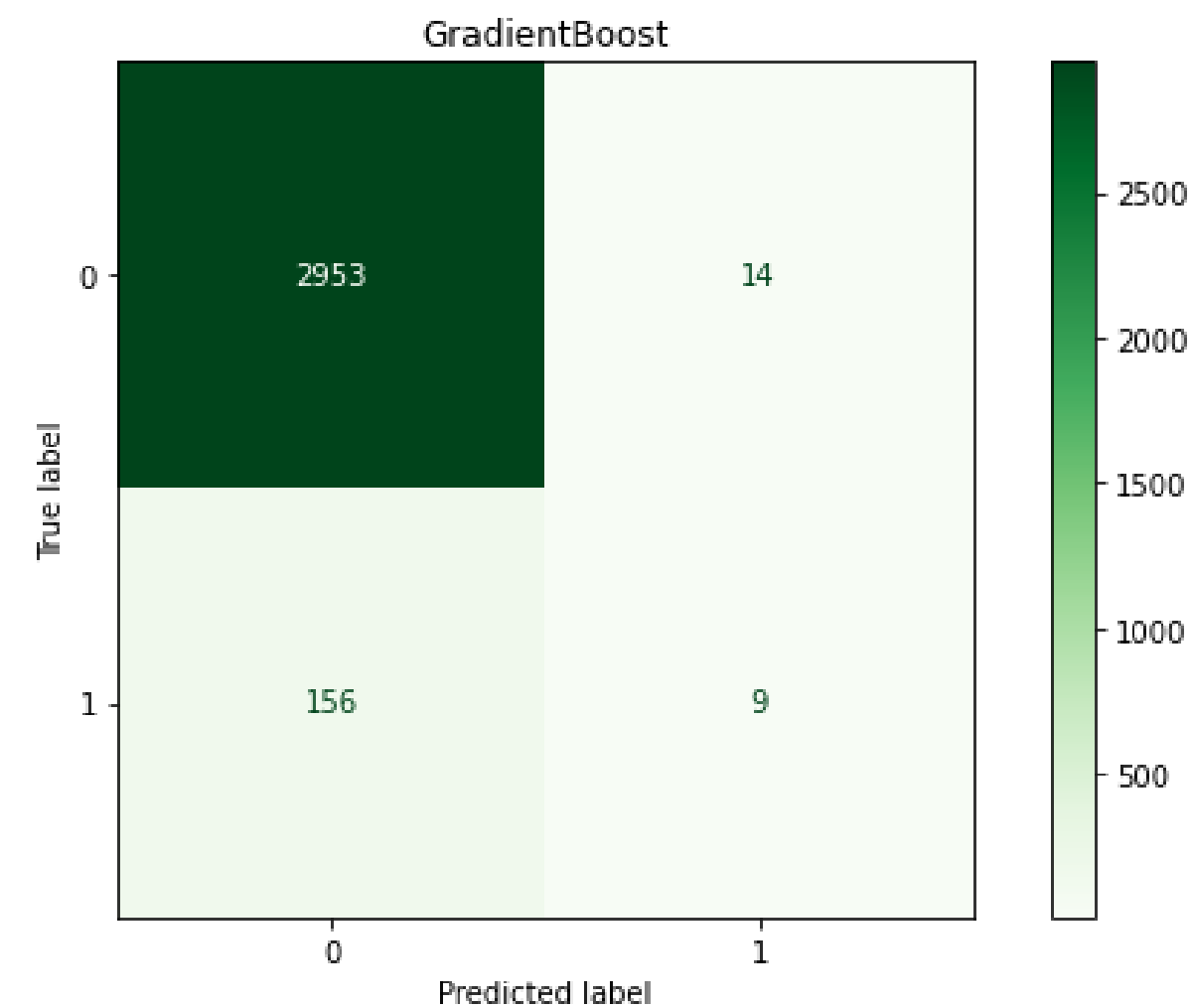
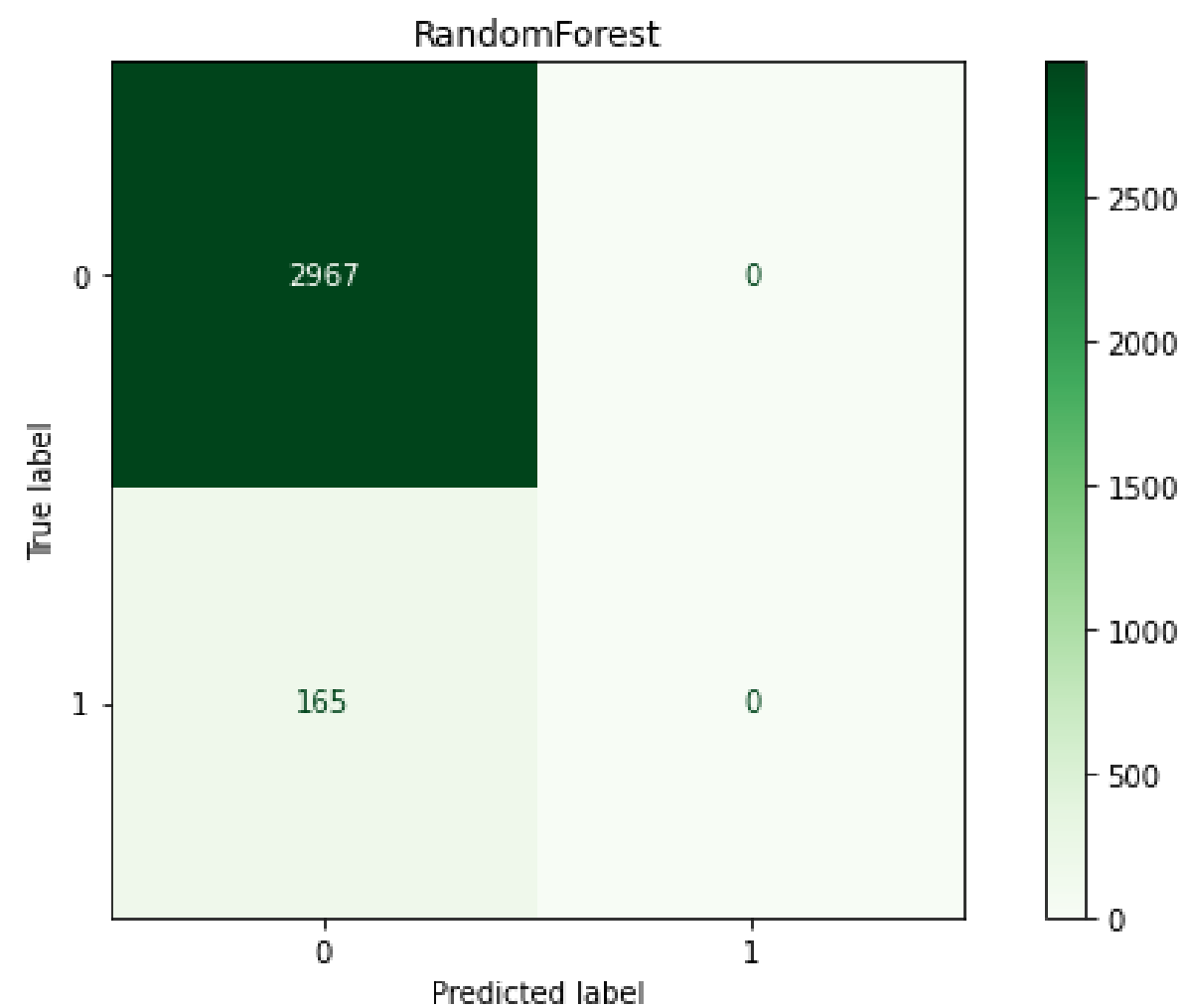
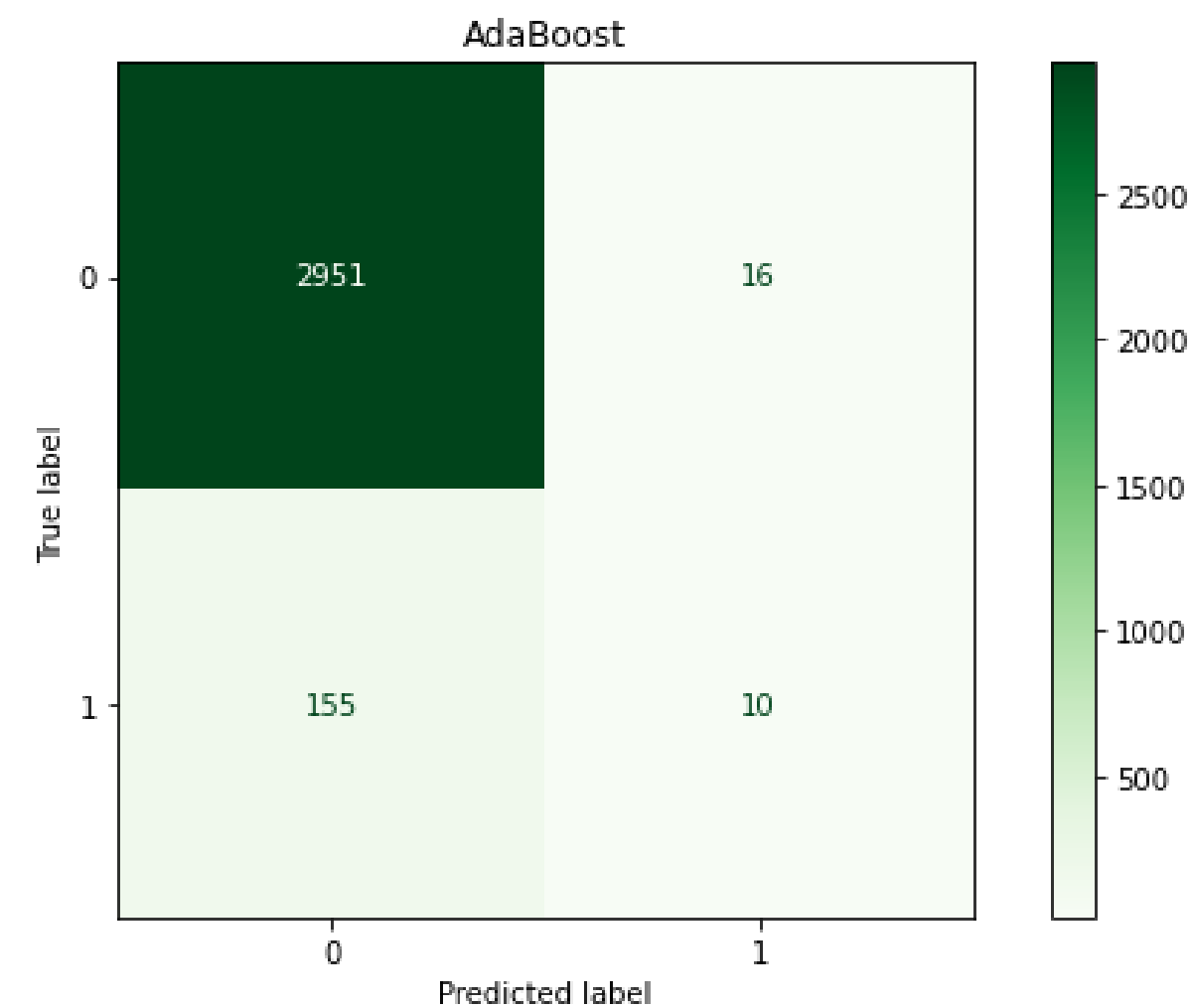
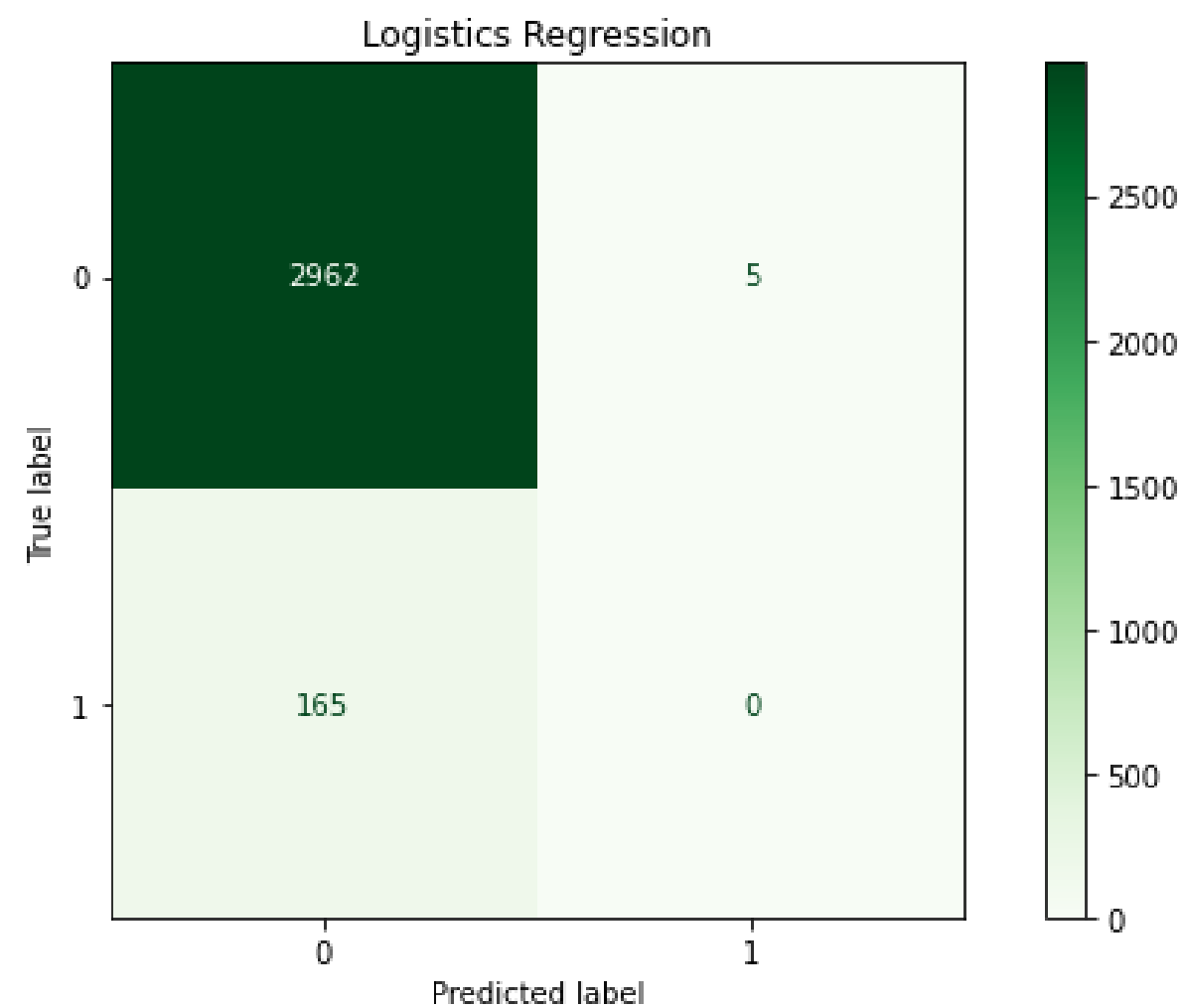
Sensitivity and F1 scores similar for all models

	Logistics	GradientBoost	AdaBoost	RandomForest
AUC Train	0.83	0.92	0.89	0.86
AUC Test	0.76	0.84	0.83	0.82
Sensitivity	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00
F1 Score	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97

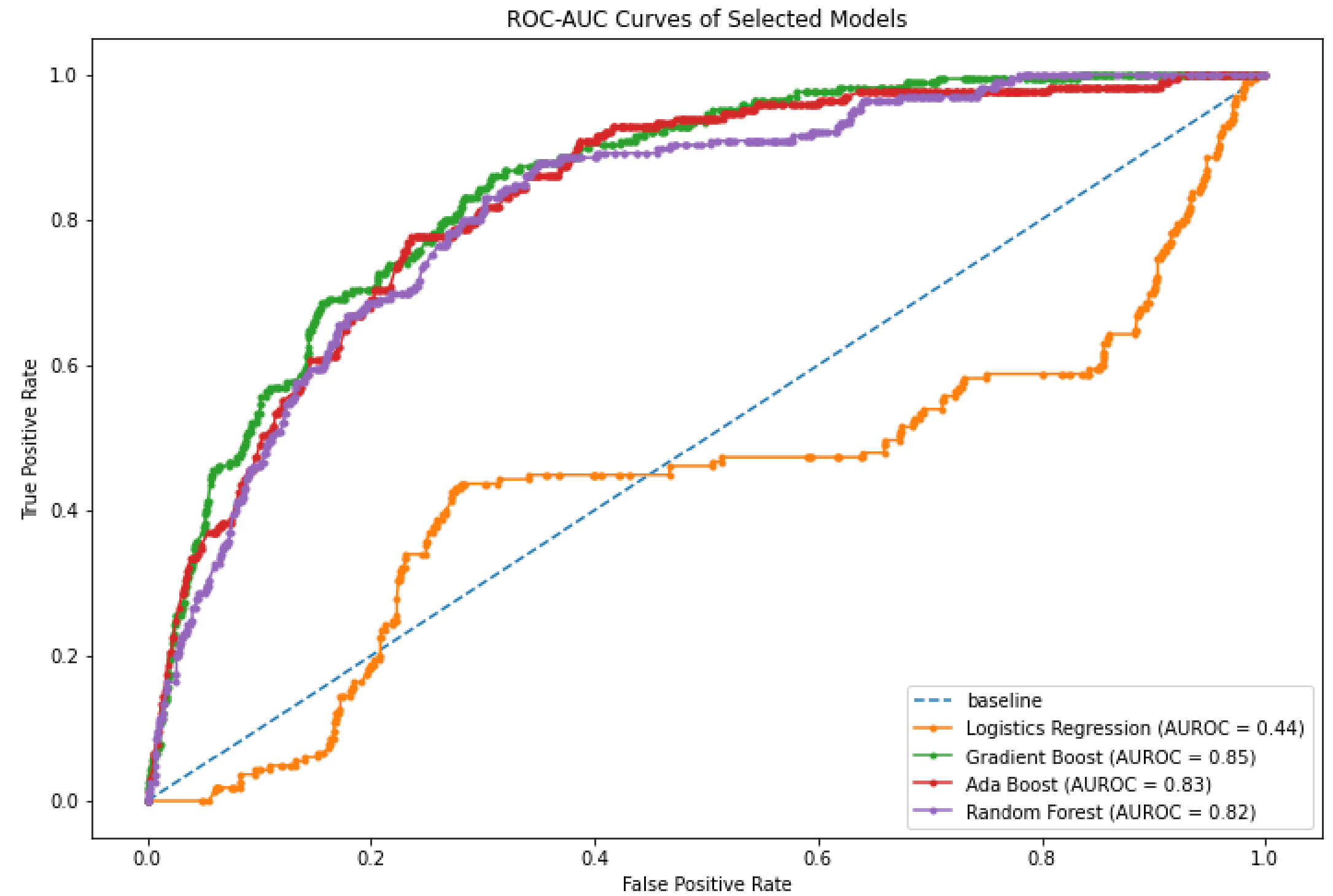
Model Coefficients



Confusion Matrix



ROC-AUC Curve



Spray Locations

ORD Terminal 5, O'Hare International Airport
4100 North Oak Park Avenue,
1000 North Central Park Avenue
7000 North Moselle Avenue
3500 West 116th Street

Spray Frequency

We recommend spraying every 10-15 days in summer.

Cost Benefit Analysis

BENEFIT OF PREVENTING A CASE OF WEST NILE
VIRUS IN HUMANS

**\$27,000 –
\$133,000**

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CASES IN CHICAGO

100

LIMITATIONS

Bird Vectors

West Nile virus can spread through other vectors - this model does not take that into account.