





## **Waukesha County West Nile Virus (WNV) Map – October 16, 2006**

The Waukesha County Division of Environmental Health will routinely post WNV information on our website as it becomes available to us. Names and specific addresses will not be posted.

### Map Legend

-  WNV Positive Bird
-  Reported Dead Crows, Ravens and Blue Jays
-  Confirmed Horse Infections
-  Confirmed Human Infections

Please note, in accordance with Wisconsin Division of Health policy, public health surveillance will focus on those birds, which are highly susceptible to infection by the WNV, i.e., crows, ravens, and blue jays. Suitable specimens are submitted for WNV testing to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory until such time as testing confirms two birds positive for the virus.

### Bird Testing Update

Since two specimens have now tested positive for the WNV, as discussed above, the Environmental Health Division will no longer send specimens for testing but encourages the public to continue reporting dead birds. The Wisconsin Sick and Dead Bird Hotline for reporting is 1 (800)-433-1610. The Environmental Health Division will continue to map reports of sick and dead crows, ravens and blue jays throughout the summer and fall.

### How to dispose of a dead crow, raven, or blue jay

Residents are advised to transfer the bird using a shovel or gloves into a plastic bag that can then be enclosed in another plastic bag. The double-bagged bird can then be put in with the normal trash.

