

### **Rosmarie Kelly**

I was born in Lafayette, IN where my Dad was working on his education degree. We moved a fair bit until I was 5, when we settled in Aurora, OH. I spent a lot of time in Maryland on my grandparents' farm, where I developed a fondness for working outdoors. I went to Hiram College, a small college in Hiram, OH, where I got degrees in Biology and Animal Behavior. I went to Ohio State for a MS in Parasitology, then to University of Massachusetts for a PhD in Entomology. I picked up a MAT and an MPH along the way, worked in mosquito control in Massachusetts, worked at the Akron Department of Health mapping a variety of data for several of the programs, and then headed south to Georgia to become the Public Health Entomologist for the Georgia Department of Public Health at the start of the WNV outbreak. I was invited to be a member of the GMCA Board as the Public Health representative. As a Public Health Entomologist, I identify and maintain surveillance of pests, disease vectors and other animals of medical importance, and recommend procedures to ensure minimal environmental impact from pest control operations.