

Invasive Plant Survey Report 2021 (Volunteer Team)

Water Bodies: Wilson, Dexter and Berry Ponds

Location: Monmouth, Winthrop, and Wayne, Maine

MIDAS #: 3832, 3830, 3828

Survey Level Type: Level 2

Date(s): July 13, 2020 – September 6, 2020

IPP Survey Leader/Coordinator: Susan Onion, 414 Hardscrabble Rd., Wayne, ME 04284
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Surveyors:

Volunteers: Patti Lawson, Marcia Jackson, Sue Firlotte, Carol Grandstaff, Glenn Griswold, Mary Griswold, Sam Onion, Susan Onion, Andrew Tarrant, Betty Edson, Tyler Kidder, Steve Kolenda, Jan Kolenda, Tim Byron, MT Clark, Eli Dale, Norris Dale, Paula Nersesian

Staff: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

Survey Hours:

IPP Volunteers: 45 hours on the water

IPP Survey Coordinator/Leader: 10 hours, organizing, outreach, conducting paddle training workshop and reporting

Survey Purpose: Survey high risk areas on Berry, Dexter and Wilson Ponds for invasive aquatic plants, specifically, Eurasian and Variable Leaf Milfoil

Results: No invasive Milfoil was found

Summary:

In its fifth year as an IPP team, 18 volunteers surveyed Wilson, Dexter and Berry Ponds for invasive aquatic plants. The team was tasked specifically with surveying for invasive Milfoils.

Team training: The members of the Berry, Dexter, Wilson Ponds Watershed Association's IPP team have participated in plant ID training/paddle workshops and refresher sessions to identify Milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants. These workshop sessions have been conducted by FOCW, CWD and Susan Onion between 2017 – 2021.

Volunteer aquatic plant surveys were completed over a period of several weeks between August 21 to September 17, while FOCW staff completed surveys in early July.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed staff surveyed sectors of highest risk around established boat launches, dense aquatic plant growth regions and near roadside access points. Some of the sectors were also revisited by volunteers later in the summer.

Sectors surveyed by FOCW staff

- Wilson Pond sectors: 1, 2 & 7
- Berry/Dexter Ponds sectors: 2, 3 & 4

Berry, Dexter, Wilson Ponds Watershed Association volunteers surveyed areas along familiar shorelines.

Sectors surveyed by BDW Ponds Assoc. volunteers

- Wilson Pond sectors: 1A, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- Berry/Dexter Ponds sectors: 1, 5, 6

Some of these sectors have been surveyed by the same teams for 5 consecutive summers.

Volunteer teams reported survey hours and results to IPP survey leader, Susan Onion. Reports from Susan Onion and Sam Onion detailing aquatic plants in their specific surveyed sectors are attached. Complete reports from the FOCW staff for survey results on Wilson and Berry Ponds have been submitted separately by Toni Pied, staff member at Friends of the Cobbesee Watershed.

(See attached maps for volunteer and FOCW staff sector assignment locations)