

Invasive Plant Survey Report 2019 (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): Early July/ August 2nd – September 13th, 2019

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

Volunteers: Marcia Jackson, Sue Firlotte, Bob Sands, Carol Grandstaff, Glenn Griswold, Mary Griswold, Sam Onion, Louanne Parker, Susan Onion, Fritz Onion, Andrew Tarrant, Patti Lawson, Tyler Kidder, Lon Cameron, Steve Kolenda, Jan Kolenda, Tim Byron

Staff: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

Survey Hours:

IPP Volunteers: 33.5 hours on the water

IPP Survey Coordinator/Leader: 6 hours, organizing, outreach 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 third year as an IPP team, 17 volunteers surveyed Wilson, Dexter and Berry Ponds for invasive aquatic plants. The team was tasked specifically with surveying for invasive Milfoils.

5 members of the 2019 Volunteer IPP team attended a combined *Milfoil 101/plant paddle* class offered by FOCW in summer 2019. 8 members of the team attended *Milfoil 101* and *How to Survey (Plant Paddle)* classes provided by FOCW and CWD staff in summer 2017. 2 members of the team are certified IPP surveyors.

Teams were assigned identified plant rich sectors on Berry, Dexter, and Wilson Ponds to survey. Volunteer surveys were completed over a period of several weeks between August 2nd to September 13th, 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, 7 & 2
- Berry/Dexter Ponds sectors: 2, 3 & 4

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

Sectors surveyed by BDW Ponds Assoc. volunteers

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

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

Volunteer teams reported survey results to IPP survey leader, Susan Onion.

Reports from Susan Onion and Sam Onion detailing aquatic plants in their specific surveyed sectors are attached.