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Lake Host Program

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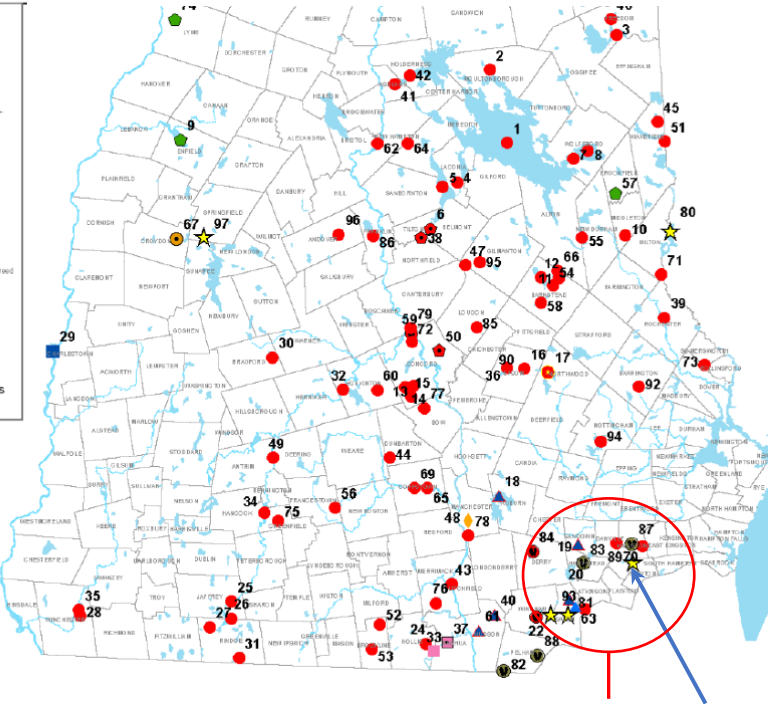
Why Lake Host?

- Invasive Species are all around
- Lake Host prevents spreading



Map prepared by NH DES Exotic Species Program Updated Fall 2023

Numbers correspond to separate key which lists waterbody name and town.



V+E-Milfoil, fanwort, E-Niad, Country Pond
A-Clam, CM-Snails, Z-Mussels

CLEAN.
DRAIN.
DRY.

NH LAKES

Protect Our Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species

<https://nhlakes.org/lake-host/>

2025 Lake Host Program Review

- State & Local Support
 - Continue to be strong and increasing
 - Less volunteer hours impacted match

Dollars		2024	2025
Grant	↓	\$2,010	\$1,150
Warrant	↑	\$3,000	\$5,000
Total	↑	\$5,010	\$6,150
Match	↑	215%	376%

- Staffing & Coverage
 - 1 Paid Asst. Coordinator
 - 2 Paid Lake Hosts
 - 2 Volunteer Lake Hosts

Hours		2024	2025
Paid	↓	358.75	332.5
Volunteer	↑	29	61.5
Total	↑	387.75	394

- Inspections & Education
 - 106 Total Inspections
 - met goal of 100+
 - Educated public and ramp users on how to prevent the spread in & out of CP



Continued Strong \$\$ Support, Less Hours Reduced Coverage

NH Lake Host Program



2025 Successes

- **85,724** statewide inspections
- **74,254** boaters committed to Clean, Drain, Dry practices
- **8** invasive species stopped
- **75** groups with **601** Lake Host Inspectors

- NH is home to some of the cleanest & healthiest lakes and ponds in the country
- Lake Hosts are the first line of defense in keeping out lakes free of invasive plants & animals
- A lake host program is the most cost effective way to address invasive species which can impact property values up to 20%
- Current concern NH Lakes is investigating this year is Spiny Water Flea spread found in 3 NH water bodies (not in CP!)

A strong Lake Host Program and broader Weed Watching are great tools



2026 Lake Host Program Update

- State & Local Support
 - Local support strong
 - Yearly inspections #s drives grant \$\$

- Program Staffing
 - 1 Paid Asst. Coordinator
 - 2 Paid Lake Hosts
 - 2 Volunteer Lake Hosts

- Ramp Coverage
 - Additional paid & volunteer coverage needed
 - And welcome

Dollars	2025	2026
Grant ↑	\$1,150	\$1,925
Warrant ↑	\$5,000	\$6,031
Total ↑	\$6,150	\$8,075
Match	215%	TBD



Hours	2025	2026
Paid	332.5	310
Volunteer	61.5	100
Total	394	410

Continued Strong \$\$ Support, Volunteer Hours Need to Increase Coverage & Match

How Can You Help?

<https://nhlakes.org/lake-host-resources/>

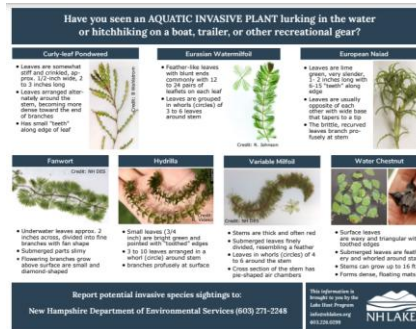


- Lake Host Volunteer
 - Work from 1 to 5 hours
 - Quick and easy training
 - Volunteer sign-up is easy

- Weed Watching
 - Just download AIS flyer
 - Keep an eye on the lake
 - Report what you see

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<https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/Lake-Host-AIS-Identification-2019-1.pdf>



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Thank You