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Lake Host Program

Jennifer West – Lake Host Coordinator

CPLA Lake Host Program History

- We started in 2019, 2021 was our third year
- Consistently expanded the program and ramp coverage each year.
- Supported by member contributions, Newton NH Warrant Article and NH LAKES Grant
- Provided 354 hours of inspectors at Newton Boat Ramp in 2020
- Volunteers provided 91 hours of service
- Completed 305 inspections, 86.56% were compliant with “Clean, Drain & Dry”
- Inspected several boats coming from infested water bodies for a total of 25 “saves” for potential infestations.
- Educated many boaters about Clean, Drain and Dry requirements – *NH law*



Country Pond Infestations



Good News! - Country Pond is still not known to be infested by milfoil!

Current challenges –

- *Brittle/Spiny (European) Naiad*- widespread in 2021. Treatment by diver is planned
- Southern Naiad was observed in 2019 & 2021. This is a nuisance but not invasive
- Chinese Mystery Snails in 2020 & 2021 have been reported
- Weed Watchers will be on the lookout for all invasive species and report to NHDES
- If you are interested in learning about weed watching let us know, we could use more eyes on the lake!
- Also have an opening for Weed Watcher Coordinator

Nearby waterbodies have milfoil and zebra clams as well as other invasive species.

We are working hard to keep this from happening to Country Pond and need your help!



Lake Host Program 2022

- We continue to **expand** ramp coverage
- Funding from member contributions, NH LAKES grant of \$1,550 and this year's *Newton warrant article of \$2,000!*
- **Our Program is growing!**
 - Two paid inspectors and assistant coordinator *increasing from 357 to 528 paid inspection hours*
 - *Five regular volunteers for host & coordinator work*
 - This equates to 44 hours per week or 5 paid shifts of about 4-8 hours each.
- **Our NH Lakes Funding requires volunteer match.**
 - *In 2021 we had part time volunteers, but the combined efforts did make the threshold to achieve the 2022 full grant*
- **Volunteers are urgently needed** for more complete coverage and to ensure we will continue to achieve full grant potential.



Become a Volunteer Inspector

- NH LAKES grants ***must be matched*** by volunteer hours to qualify for grant next year
- Volunteering is fun and rewarding!
 - ☐ Work as little as one hour or the whole day!
 - ☐ It is **EASY** and quick to get trained
 - ☐ Meet new people and enjoy the outdoors
 - ☐ Weekly volunteer sign-up for available shifts- No long-term commitment required
- Materials can be downloaded from NH Lakes
- A volunteer information form must be completed prior to working the ramp. **Yup- we can help with that 😊**
- Contact Jennifer West at Jnnawest@gmail.com or Pat Masterson at patmasterson96@comcast.net to schedule hours.



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Thank You!