Pleasant Pond – Cobbosseecontee Stream Lake Association

PP-CS 2026 AIS Services Summary Results

Source: Caroline Balano-Stott, Dir. of Aquatic Activities, Watershed Friends

I. CBI

CBI: Thorofare Road boat ramps, Litchfield: 90% coverage rate – Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays 7am – 7pm , Memorial Day through Labor Day

- 974 boats inspected 25 plants found, all identified to be native

II. SURVEY – Watershed Friends Roaming Team

- Cobbosseecontee Stream – 5 days, full stream survey all the way to New Mills Dam in Gardiner,
- Pleasant Pond – 4 days - no Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) found; VLM in Upper Pond
- Horseshoe Pond: VLM pushed back into reed beds along shore line – progress made!
- **VLM present all the way along the stream to near New Mills Dam**

III. CONTROL (REMOVALS)

Removals were done by three methods – raking/scooping (European Frogbit), hand pulling by SCUBA (Variable leaf milfoil- VLM), and diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH- VLM and Swollen bladderwort - SB). DASH services were contracted to Southern Maine Invasive Aquatic management (SMIAM). SMIAM DASH worked two weeks on CS and 2 weeks on Upper Pond.

Cobbosseecontee Stream – Horseshoe Pond

- European Frog-bit: 240 gallons removed by WF staff
- VLM: 235 gallons removed by WF staff, 2,442 gallons removed by SMIAM
    - **Total**: 2,917 gallons

Pleasant Pond – Upper Pond DASH (SMIAM)

- VLM: 4,070 gallons removed by SMIAM
- Swollen bladderwort: about 90 gallons removed by SMIAM (this is an estimate; removal of SB was not counted separately from VLM)
    - **Total**: 4,160