# The Spread of Connecticut River Hydrilla Continues: Interstate Movement Likely

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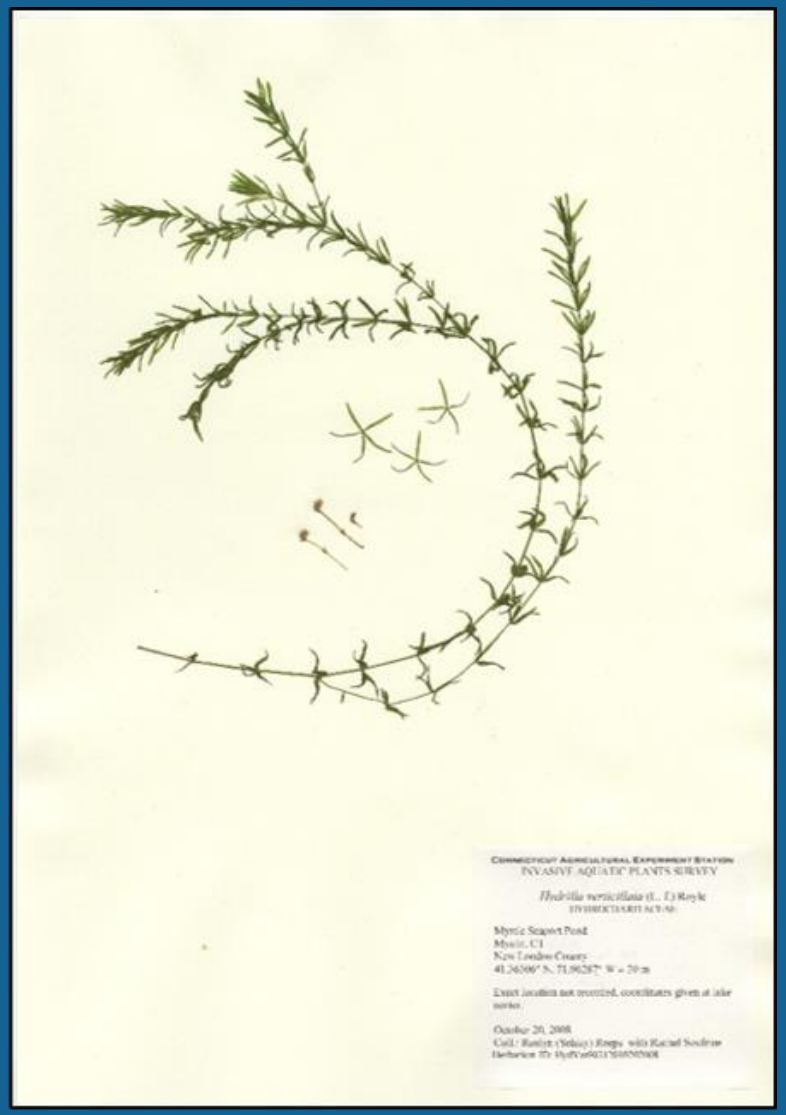
# Monoecious Hydrilla

- Whorls of 5
- Less robust
- Tubers
- Less turions


# CT River Hydrilla


- Whorls ≥ 5
- Very robust
- No tubers
- Abundant turions

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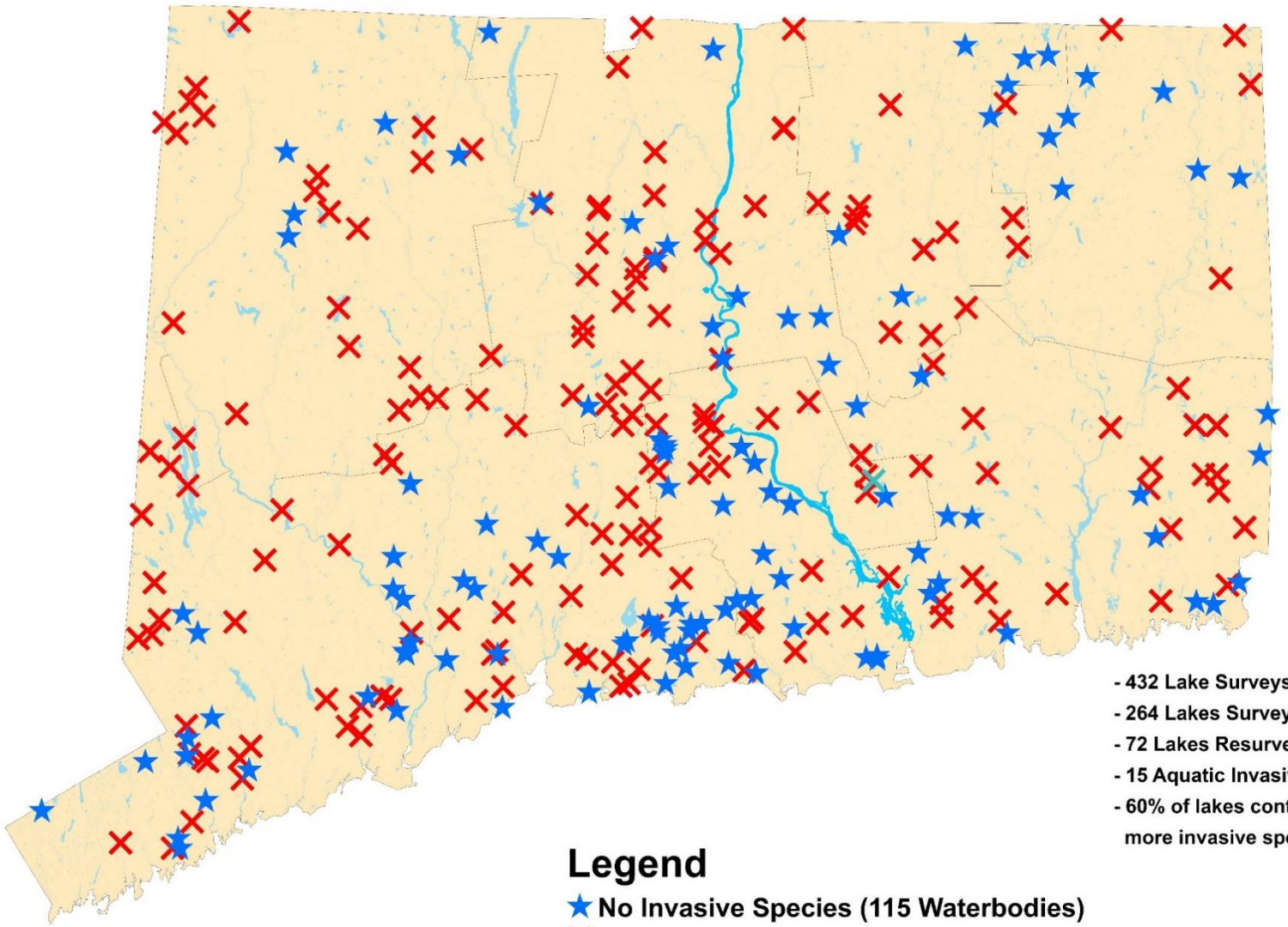
# Locations of Invasive Aquatic Plants 2004-2024



- 432 Lake Surveys Performed
- 264 Lakes Surveyed
- 72 Lakes Resurveyed
- 15 Aquatic Invasive Plant Species
- 60% of lakes contained one or more invasive species

## Legend

- ★ No Invasive Species (115 Waterbodies)
- ✕ Invasive Species Present (174 Waterbodies)
- Waterbodies
- Counties

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0 5 10 20 Miles

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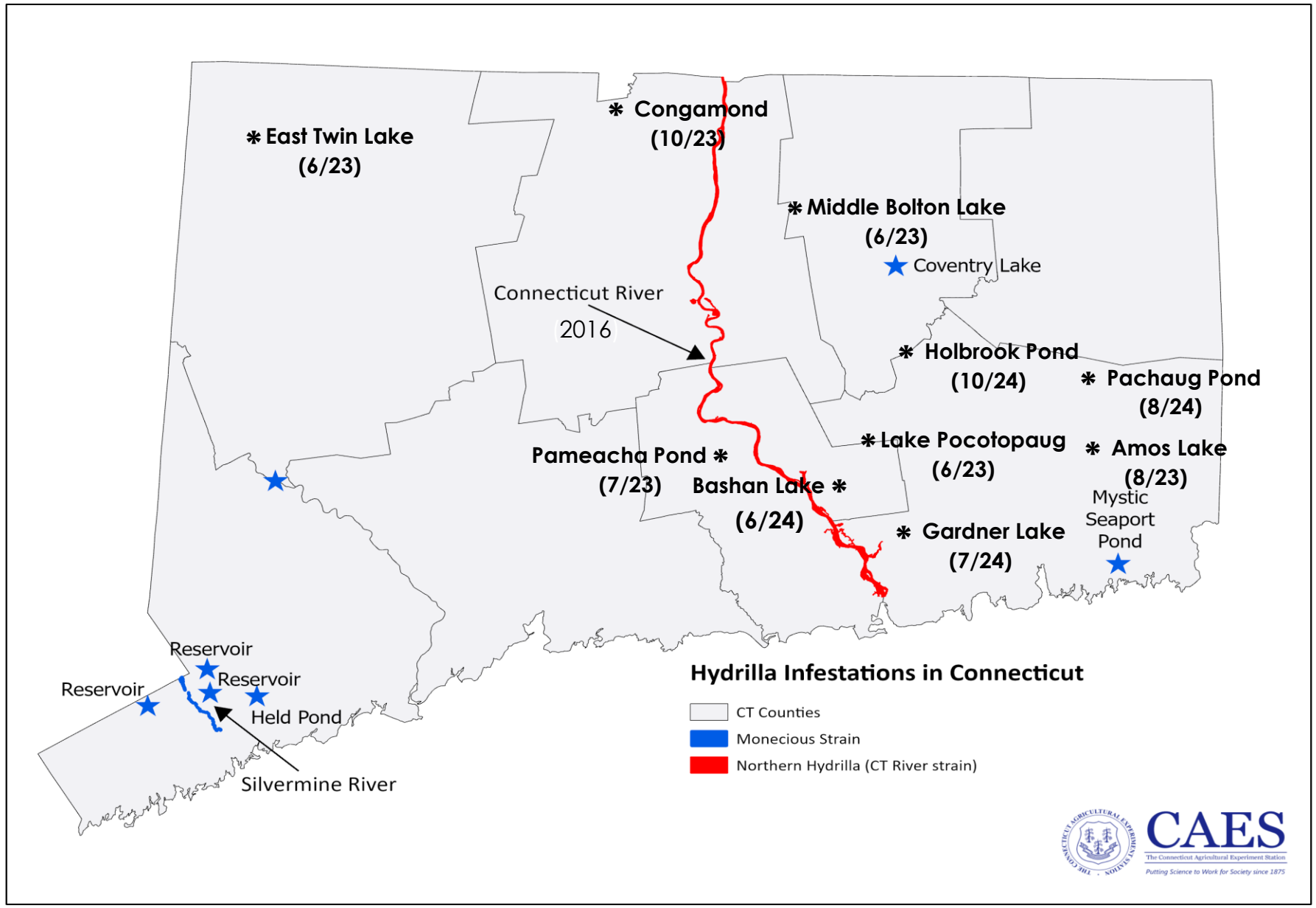
# CT Hydrilla Detection Timeline

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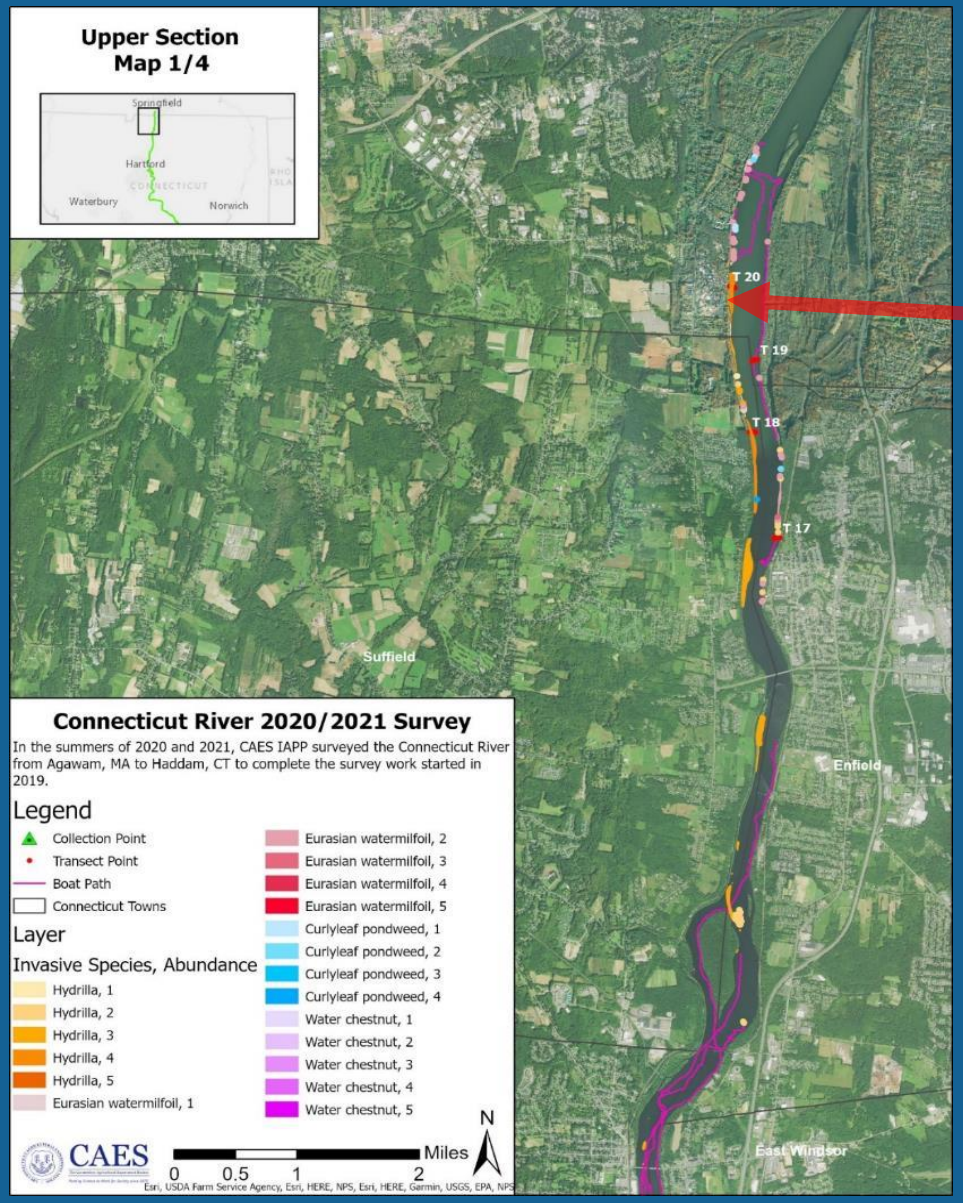
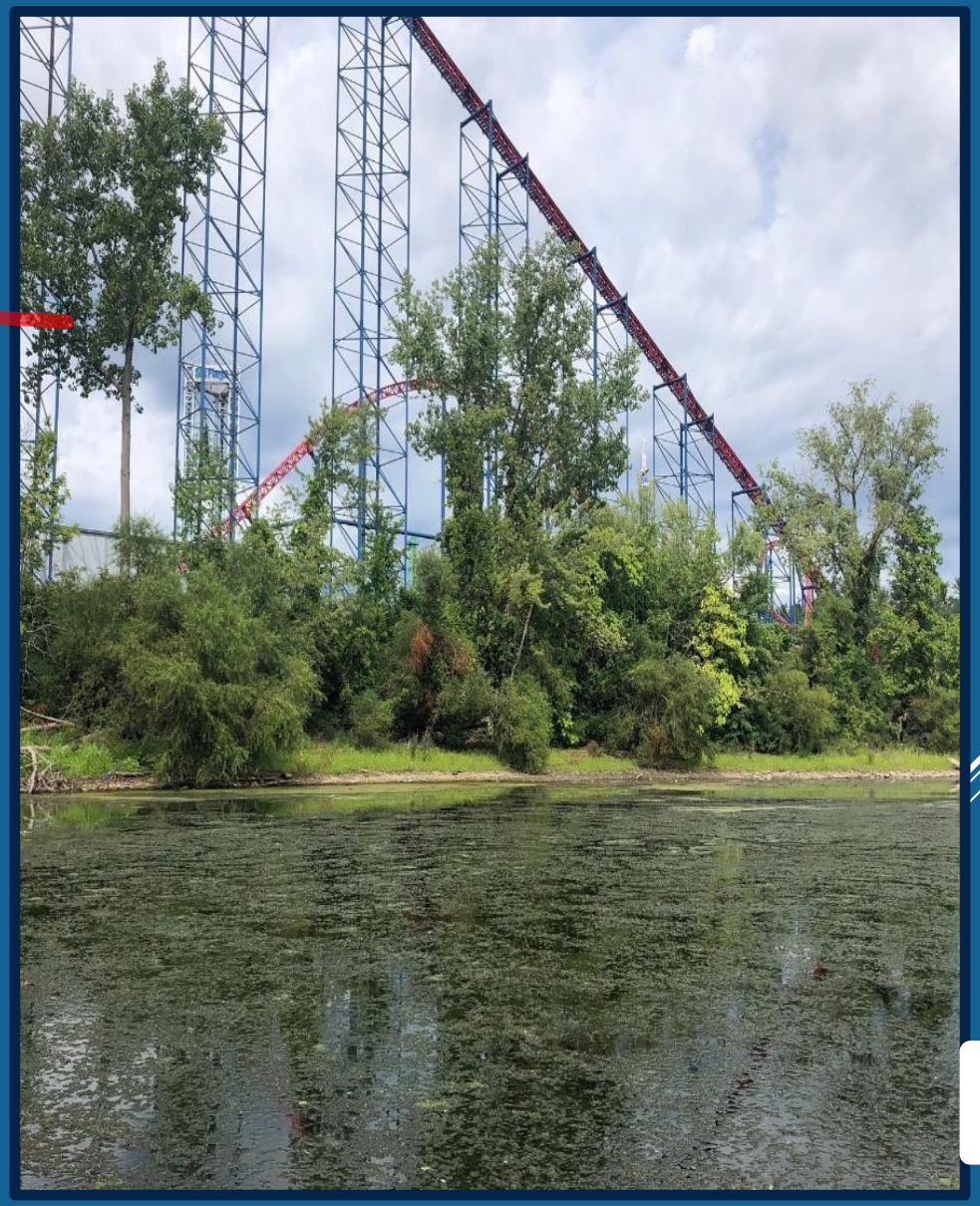
# CT RIVER HYDRILLA HAS NOT MOVED NORTH



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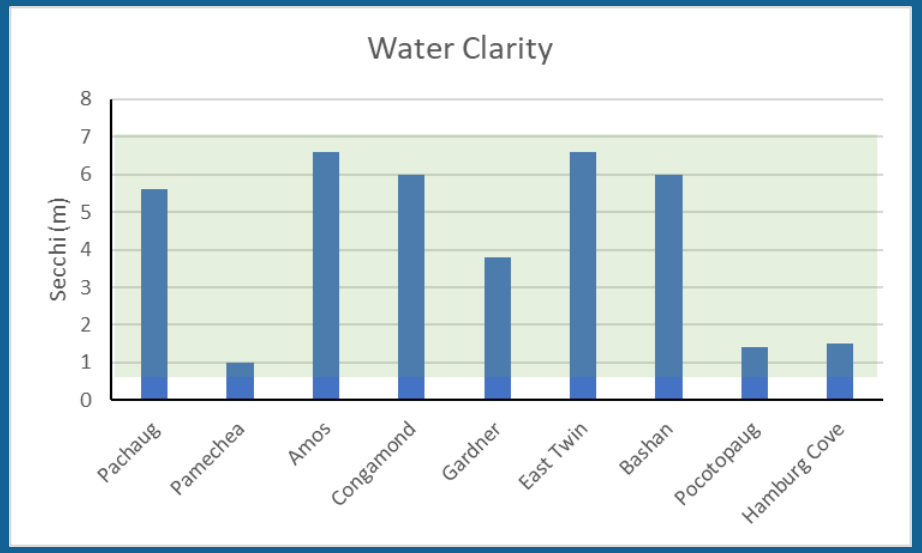
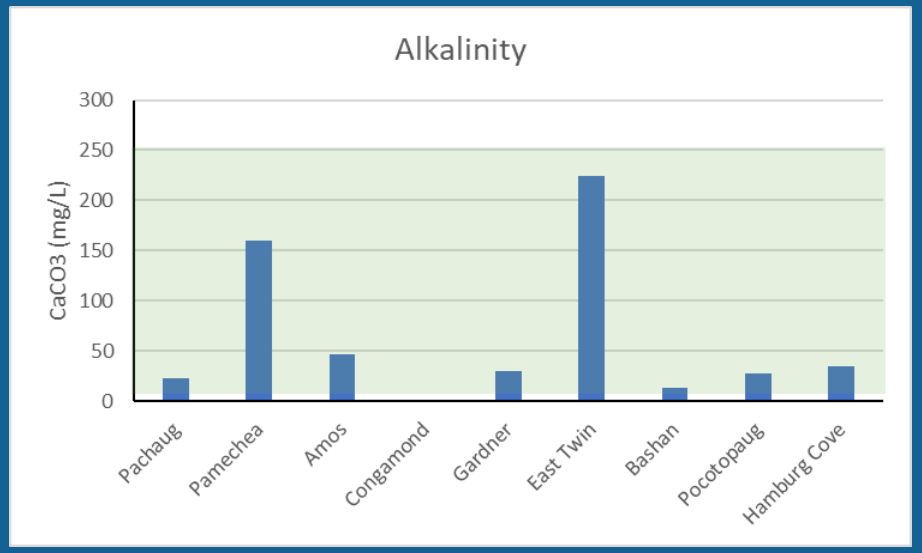
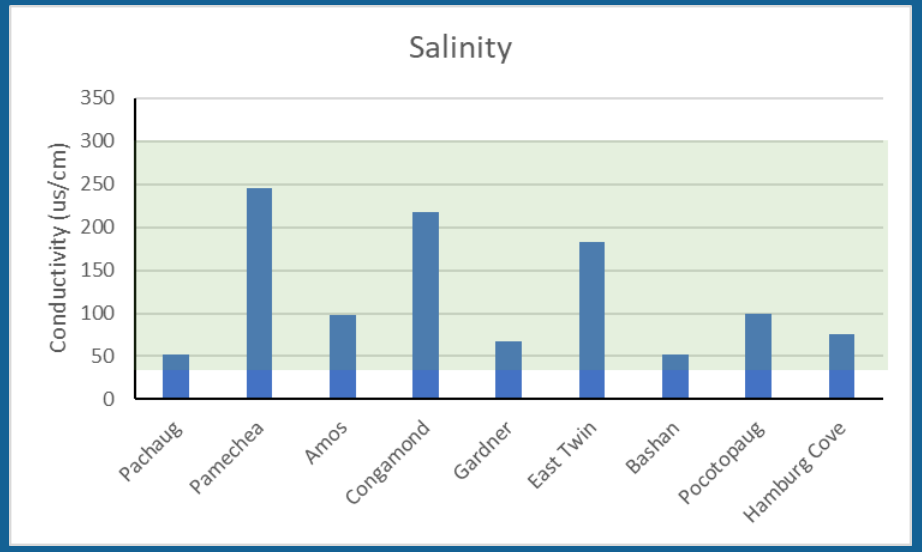
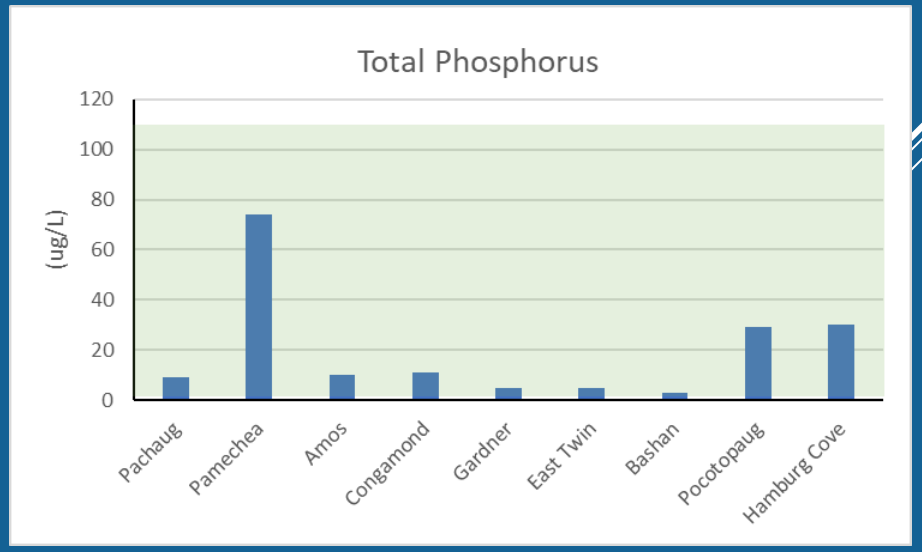
# Hydrilla Infestations are Not Affected by Water Chemistry

(Green shading = CT Range)



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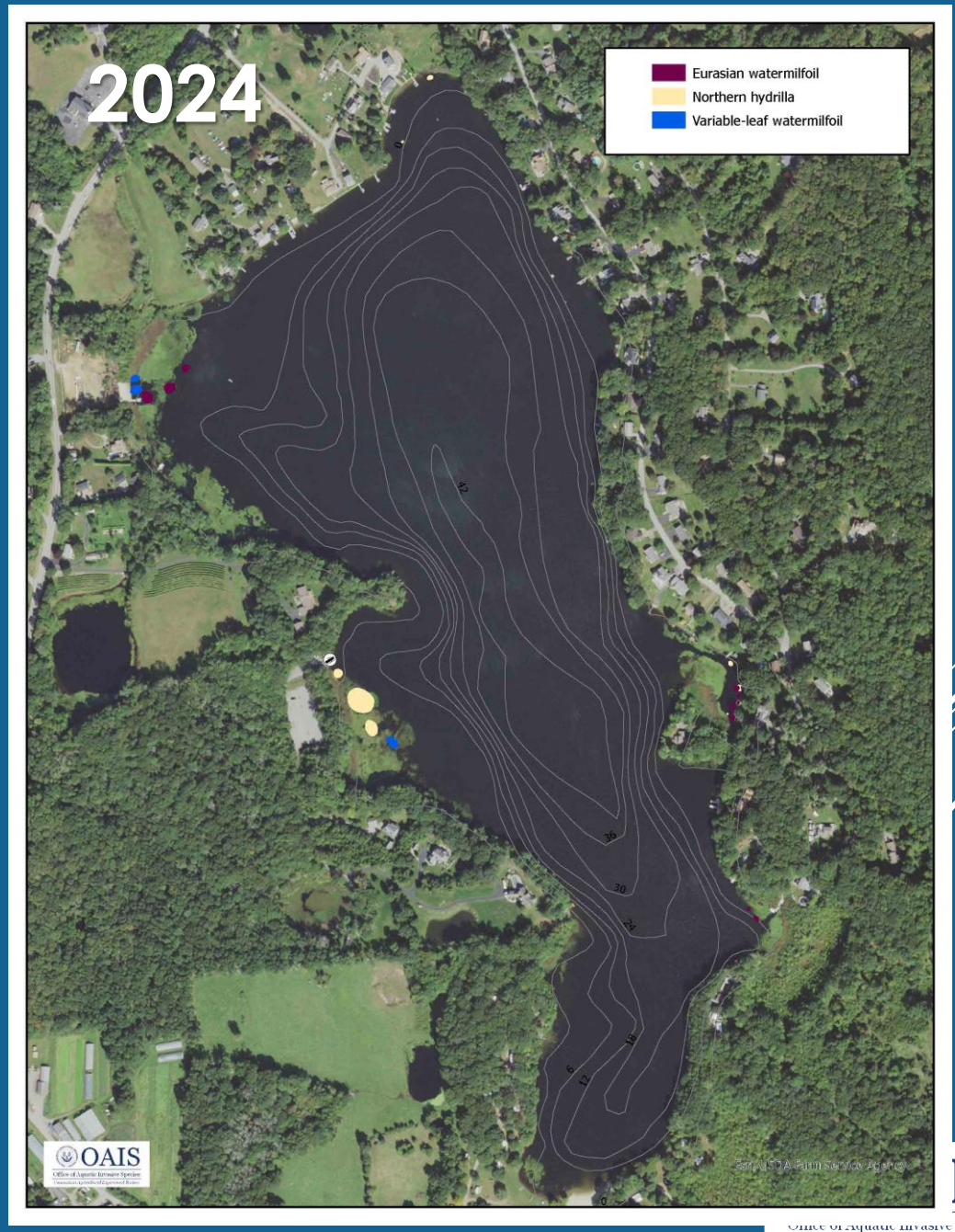
# Amos Lake


2023


2024
Eurasian watermilfoil
Northern hydrilla
Variable-leaf watermilfoil
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# MOVEMENT BY WATERCRAFT



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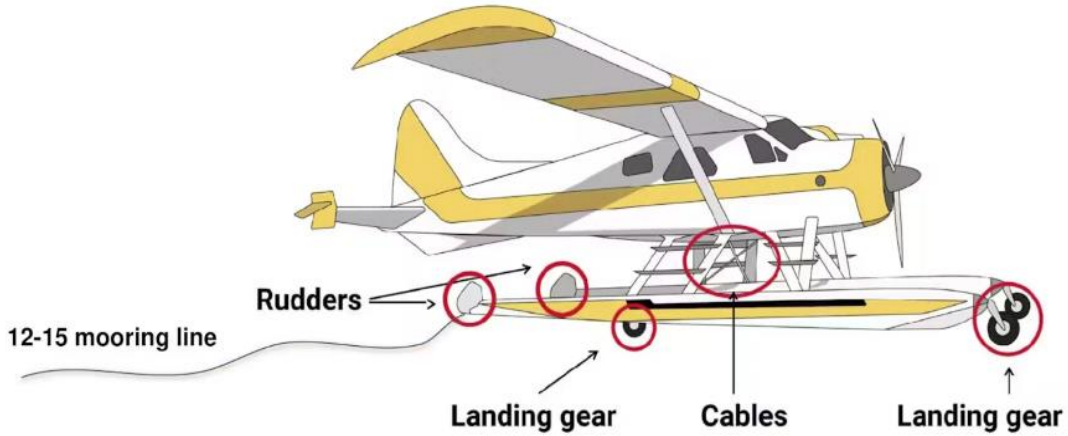
# SEAPLANES

## SEAPLANES AS A PATHWAY FOR AIS SPREAD




- Construction factors: floats
- Operation factors: taxi, moorage, landing, takeoff
- Survivability of AIS under various conditions

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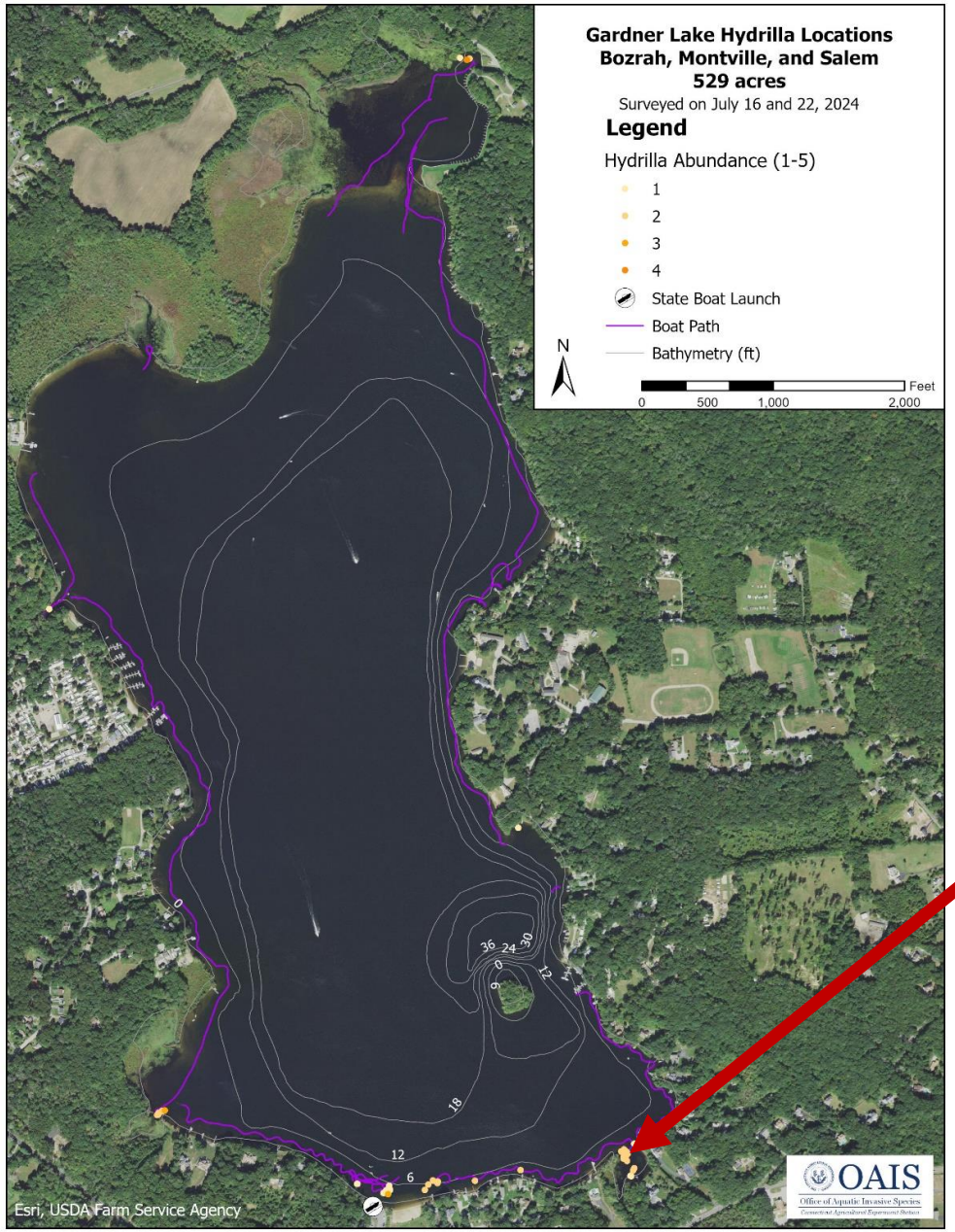
Gardner Lake Hydrilla Locations
Bozrah, Montville, and Salem
529 acres
Surveyed on July 16 and 22, 2024
Legend
Hydrilla Abundance (1-5)
1
2
3
4
State Boat Launch
Boat Path
Bathymetry (ft)
N
Feet
0
500
1,000
2,000
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# Winter Drawdown

- Plants must desiccate or freeze
- Sufficient drawdown level
- Nontarget damage
- May not work under best case scenarios






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# “First, Do No Harm”




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# Ultralow Grass Carp Stocking

## Leveraging Feeding Preference

Table 1. Crass Carp Feeding Preference*

| Order of Preference | Common Name | Scientific Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hydrilla | *Hydrilla verticillata* (L.f.) Royle |
| 2 | Muskgrass | *Chara* spp. |
| 3 | Southern Waternymph; Southern Naiad | *Najas guadalupensis* (Spreng.) Magnus |
| 4 | Brazilian Waterweed; Brazilian Egeria; Brazilian Elodea | *Egeria densa* Planch. |
| 5 | Watermeal | *Wolffia* spp. |
| 6 | Duckweed | *Lemna* spp.; *Spirodela* spp.; *Landoltia* spp. |
| 7 | Azolla; Waterfern; Mosquitofern | *Azolla* spp. |
| 8 | Pondweeds | *Potamogeton* spp.; *Stuckenia pectinata* (L.) Börner; *Zannichellia palustris* L. |
| 9 | Coontail | *Ceratophyllum demersum* L. |
| 10 | Torpedograss | *Panicum repens* L. |
| 11 | Cattail | *Typha* spp. |
| 12 | Crab's-claw; Wateraloe | *Stratiotes aloides* L |
| 13 | Watercress | *Nasturtium* spp. |
| 14 | Eurasian Watermilfoil | *Myriophyllum spicatum* L. |
| 15 | Tapegrass; American Eelgrass | *Vallisneria americana* Michx. |
| 16 | Parrotfeather | *Myriophyllum aquaticum* (Vell.) Verdc. |
| 17 | Waterhyacinth | *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms |
| 18 | Waterlettuce | *Pistia stratiotes* L. |
| 19 | Waterlily | *Nymphaea* spp. |
| 20 | Spatterdock | *Nuphar lutea* ssp. advena (Ait.) Kartesz & Gandhi |

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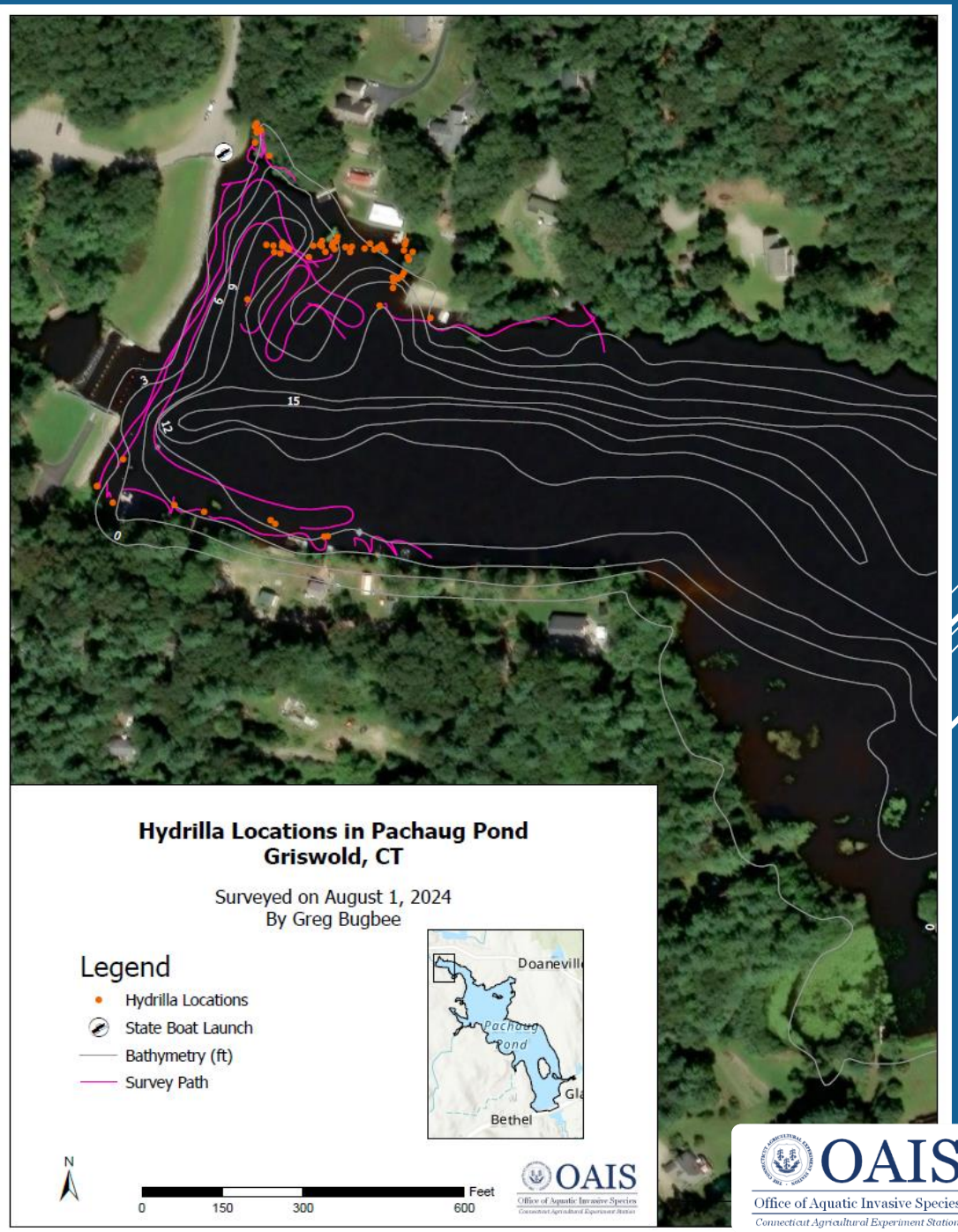
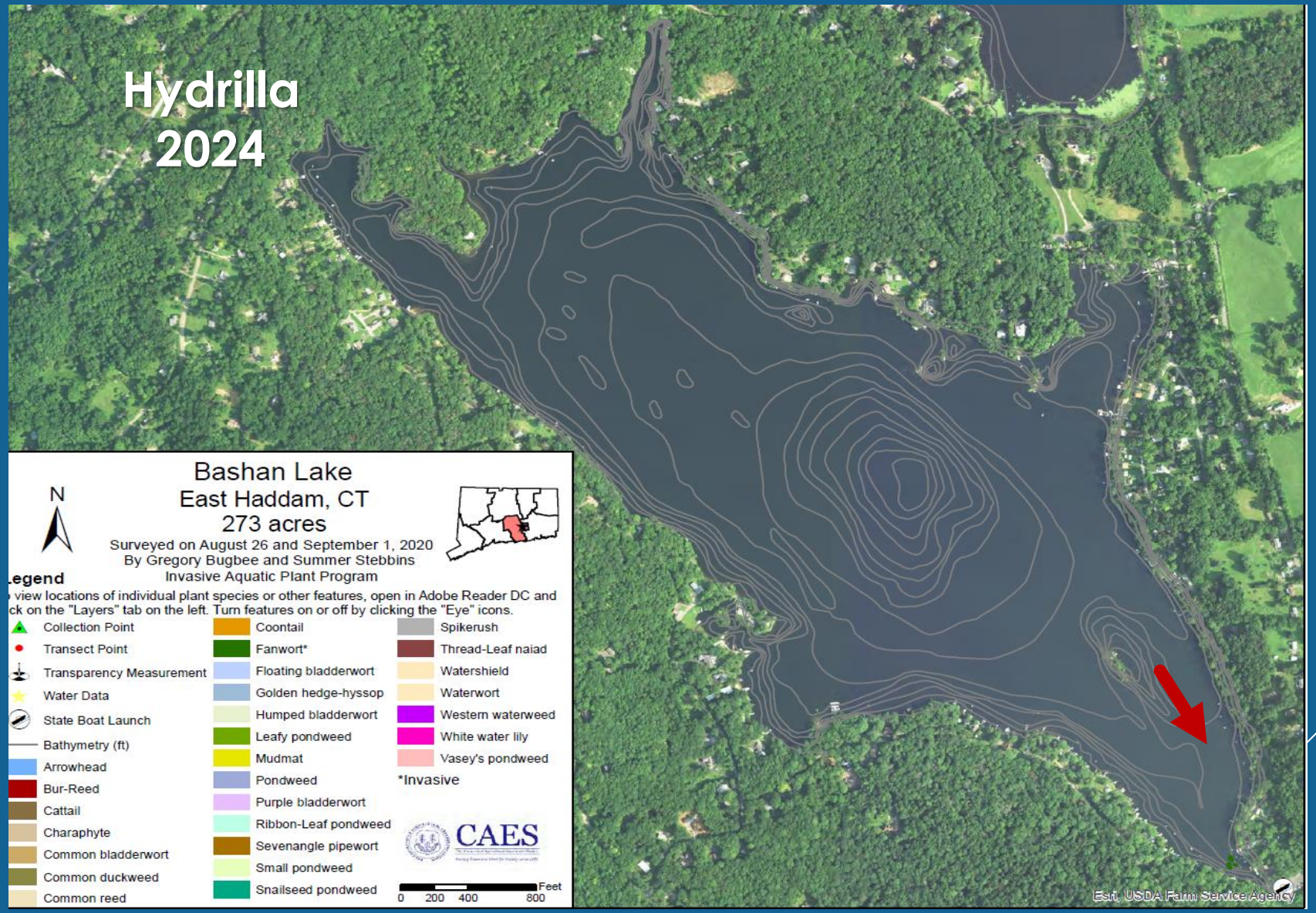
Grass Carp: A Fish for Biological Management of Hydrilla and Other Aquatic Weeds in Florida[1]

David L. Sutton, Vernon V. Vandiver Jr., and Jeffrey E. Hill[2]



# Hand Pulling Pioneer infestation



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# “TAKE A RAKE TO THE LAKE”

**Hydrilla Raking Contest!**

**Sunday, September 22nd**

## RULES:

**1) Harvesting of Hydrilla can begin at sunrise on Sept. 22nd and must come from Lake Pocotopaug.**

**2) Collected Hydrilla must be in trash bags no larger than 45 gallon size or a container approx. 19Lx14Wx14H for weighing purposes on a scale. Harvested Hydrilla not in proper bags or containers will not be accepted.**

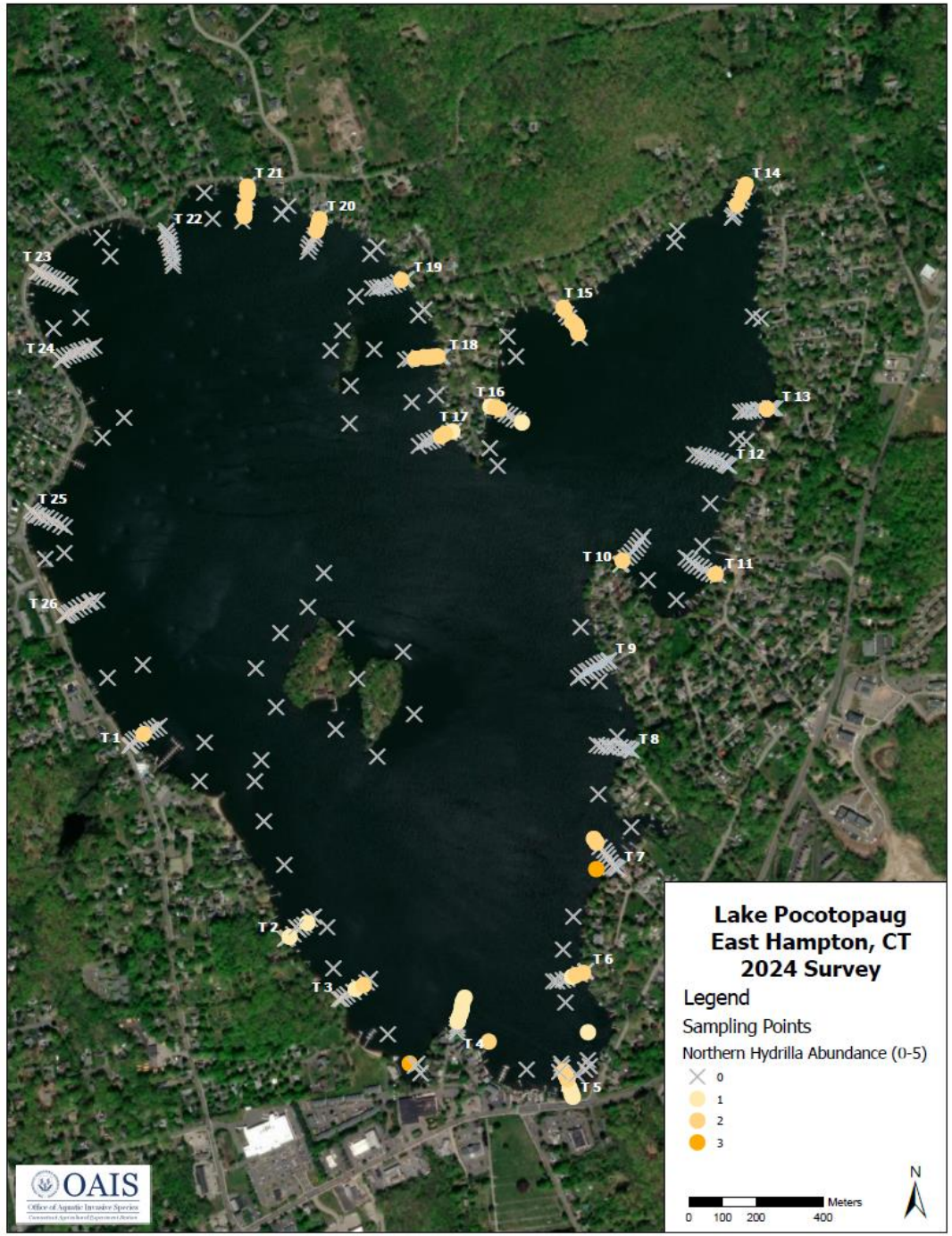
**3) Weigh-in will occur between the hours of 12pm-4pm on Sunday Sept.22, 2024 at Sears Park. Only one delivery to the weigh station of collected Hydrilla is allowed.**

**4) Judges will collect names, addresses and record weights. All decisions by Judges are final.**

**5) Three prizes will be awarded of 1st place $500, 2nd place $300 and third place $200. Prize winners will be announced at 4:15pm on the 22nd, unless other arrangements are made. In the event of a tie weight, prizes will be awarded to the first recorded person/group. Prize checks will be mailed to the winners within (5) days.**

**6) The Conservation Lake Commission and Friends of the Lake reserve the right to publish names and pictures of the prize winners**

**For more information email ryenkner3@comcast.net or call Rob Yenkner 860-638-9874**

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**Total = 2770 lbs.**

**Highest = 703 lbs.**

**Lowest < 10lbs.**

***"EVERYONE THAT TOOK PART AGREED THAT IT WAS WONDERFUL EXERCISE"***

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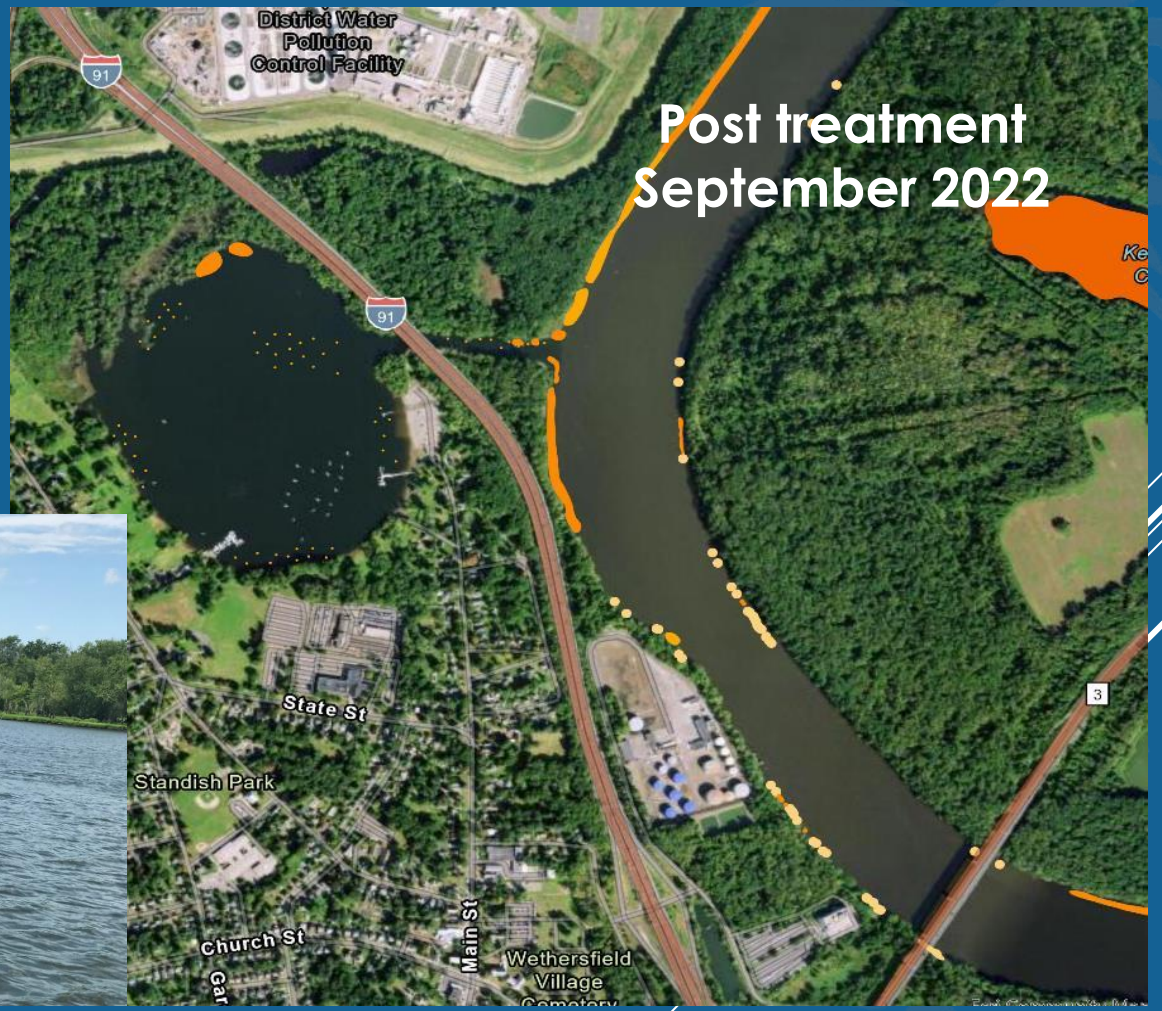
# Wethersfield Cove

## Treated with Diquat - 2022, 2023, 2024*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*Innovative Mosquito Management

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# Benthic Barriers

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