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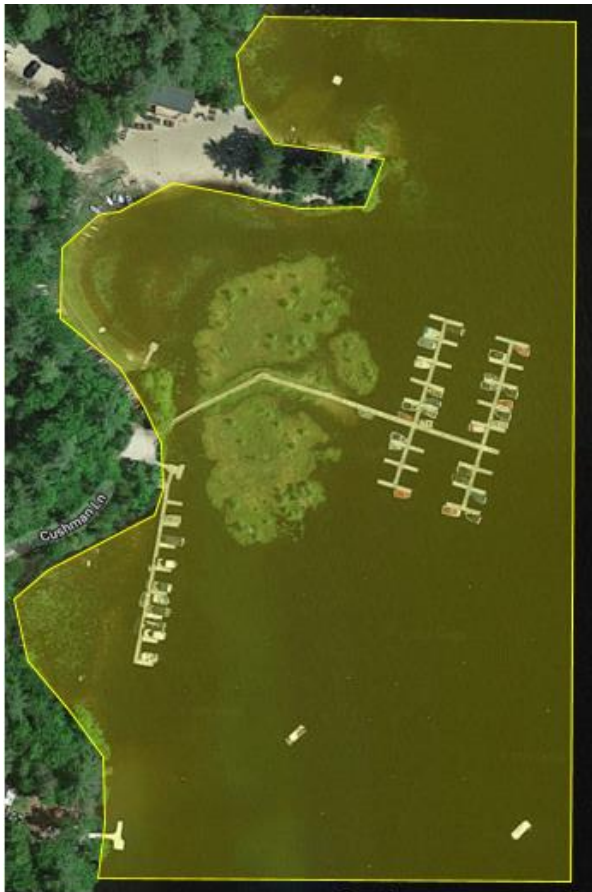
Moose Pond Survey

8/6/2020

Five LEA milfoil divers spent approximately 6 hours surveying high-traffic boat areas around Moose Pond, and, thankfully, found no indication of any invasive plants. Divers snorkeled at five locations around the lake which are mapped out below. Throughout the survey no invasive plants were found.

As in past year, LEA divers spotted Chinese Mystery Snails throughout the waterway. This is an invasive mollusk found in nearly all of the popular waterways in our area. The impact of these creatures is relatively unknown, but has not been proven to cause large water quality changes in our area.

Also of note is the native milfoil living in some of the shallow and sheltered coves throughout the pond. We suspect the native milfoil is Farwell's and Low Water Milfoil because the plants have flowers that bloom below the water, as opposed to the invasive varieties. These native milfoils are commonly mistaken for the invasive milfoils, but are natural members of the pond's ecosystem.



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Clockwise from top right: Bridgton Boat launch; Narrows near Mountain Road bridge; and Denmark Boat Launch. Native milfoil was found in the narrows for the first time.