



Carding Mill Pond (left) and Stearns Mill Pond (right) after Water Chestnut treatment.

Water Chestnut Treatment and Dutton Road Bridge

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Summer has been buzzing in the Conservation Office. Among the various projects underway this summer, two have garnered significant attention.

First, the Hop Brook Protection Association has conducted the second year of herbicide treatment with Clearcast to manage water chestnut in the Grist Mill, Carding Mill, and Stearns Mill Ponds. Both Carding Mill and Stearns Mill had significantly less water chestnut as a result of last year's treatment. Grist Mill did not see a vast improvement over last year's conditions and continues to be heavily impacted by the water chestnut population. This year's treatment did not appear overly effective. Some of the reason for this is likely due to the on-going sporadic rain events we have experienced throughout the season.



BEFORE



AFTER

Grist Mill Pond before and after the first Water Chestnut treatment - no significant improvement.