

Town of Sudbury
Community Preservation Committee

Annual Reporting Form

Hop Brook Pond Remediation 2024,
Article 39

Name of Project including year of Town Meeting and Article Number:

Date of Report: 10/15/26

Date of Town Meeting Approval: 5/6/2024

Project Proponent: Hop Brook Protection Association

Recipient of CPC Funds: Hop Brook Protection Association

Name of Person Completing Form: Jeff Winston

Description of Project:

Eradication of invasive Water Chestnut from Hop Brook Ponds via use of herbicide.

Total Project Budget through CPC: \$56,221

Total Spent in FY 25 \$ 28825

Total Spent in prior fiscal years: 0

Balance Remaining: \$60

Is the project completed? Yes ☒ No ☐

Description of status of the project:

Originally this program of water chestnut eradication was presented to CPC as a 5+ year project. However, since the out-years budget was unclear, CPC provided an initial grant with encouragement to come back when the grant ran out. This is the first supplemental grant. Every year, the water chestnut is significantly reduced and the ponds look better.

Project results, including any changes since Town Meeting:

At the time of this writing, the pond treatments for Water Chestnut are completed for 2026, and the results look very good. Our contractor (Water and Wetland) has even shifted into hand-pulling in some areas, and it's possible that in 2027, Stearns will be hand-pull only. Although we need to keep going in order to not regress, the effort and cost decreases every year.

Description of other pertinent information: