

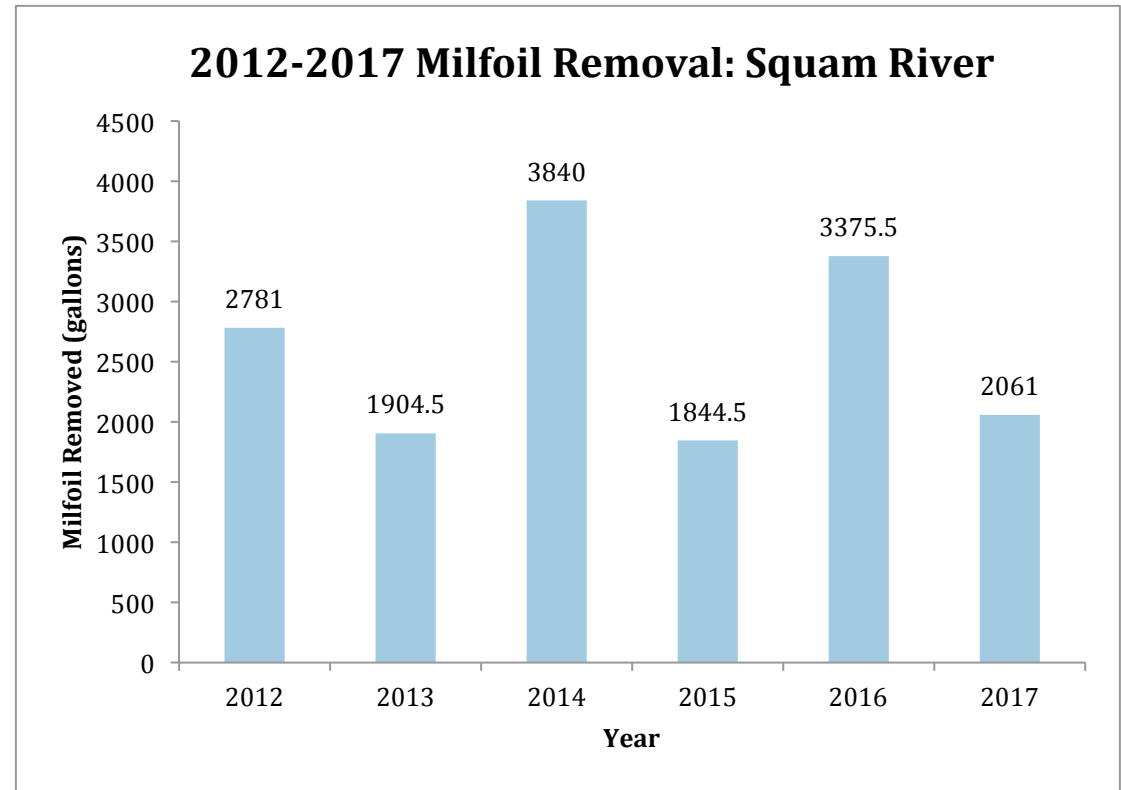


2017 Site Specific Milfoil Report: Squam River

We spent half our dive days in the Squam River in 2017. Our persistent efforts allowed us to remove 2,061 gallons of milfoil from the river. Over the years, we have observed a decrease in the quantity of milfoil removed specifically from the central area of the river. We used two removal methods in the central section of the river: Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) and hand pulling. We use the DASH for removal of large infestations and hand pulling in areas with more sporadic growth. In previous years, these central areas required the DASH system for the entire season. This year, however, we switched to hand pulling midway through the summer, a milestone of success at this site. Looking into 2018, we expect to continue our success further upstream in the river and focus more effort on the heavily infested areas downstream near the dam.

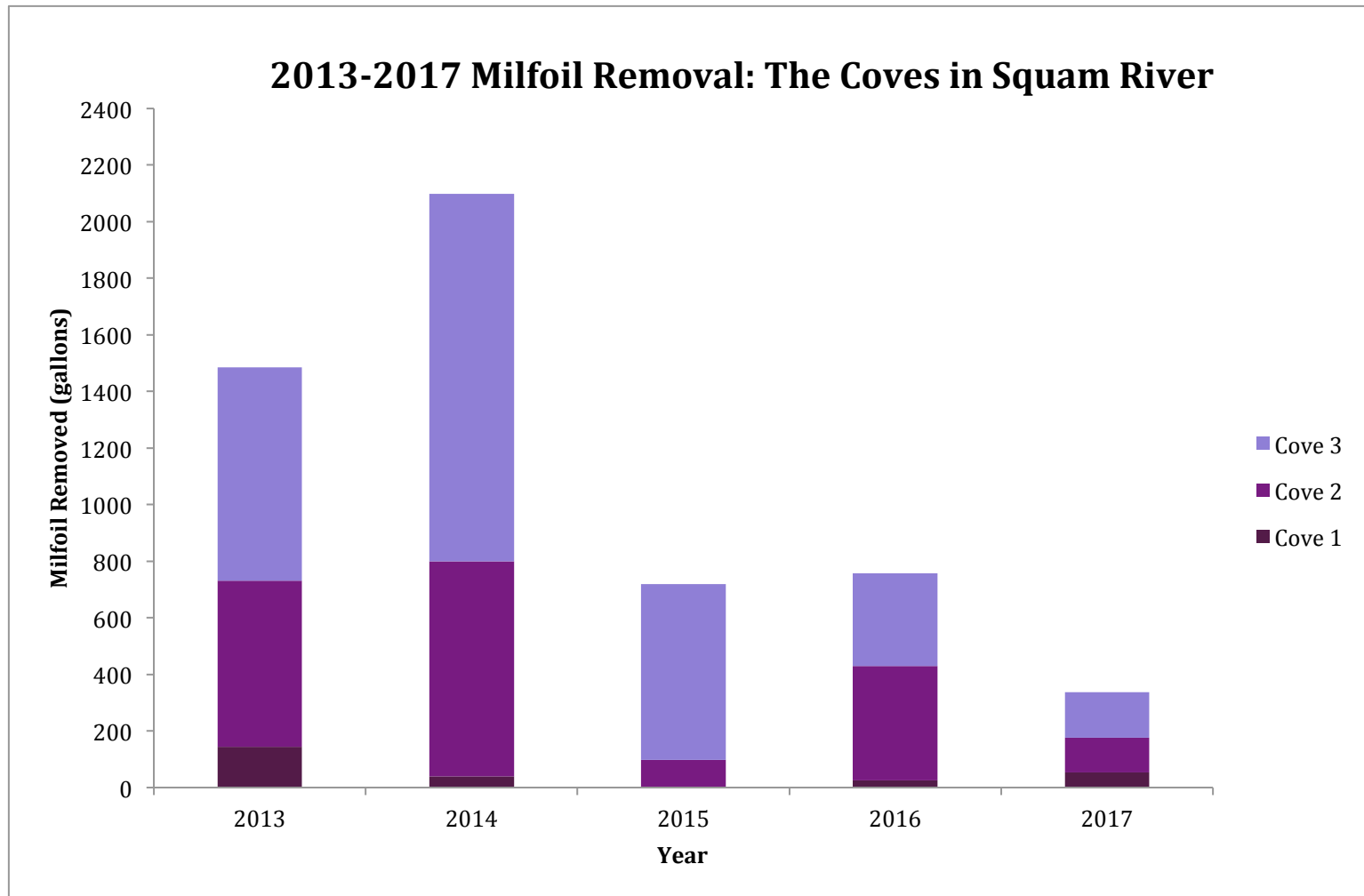
Year	Gallons Removed
2012	2781
2013	1904.5
2014	3840
2015	1844.5
2016	3375.5
2017	2061

Year	Cove 1	Cove 2	Cove 3
2013	144	587	754
2014	39.5	759	1300
2015	2	95	622
2016	25	404	328
2017	53	124	159.5





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The Weed Watcher Program on Squam is the first line of defense against aquatic invasive species. We train and coordinate Weed Watcher volunteers to scan the lake for potential invasive species infestations. Learn more about this program and get involved: <https://www.squamlakes.org/volunteer/weed-watching-squam-lakes>
Learn more about our Milfoil Management Program: <https://www.squamlakes.org/milfoil-management-squam>
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