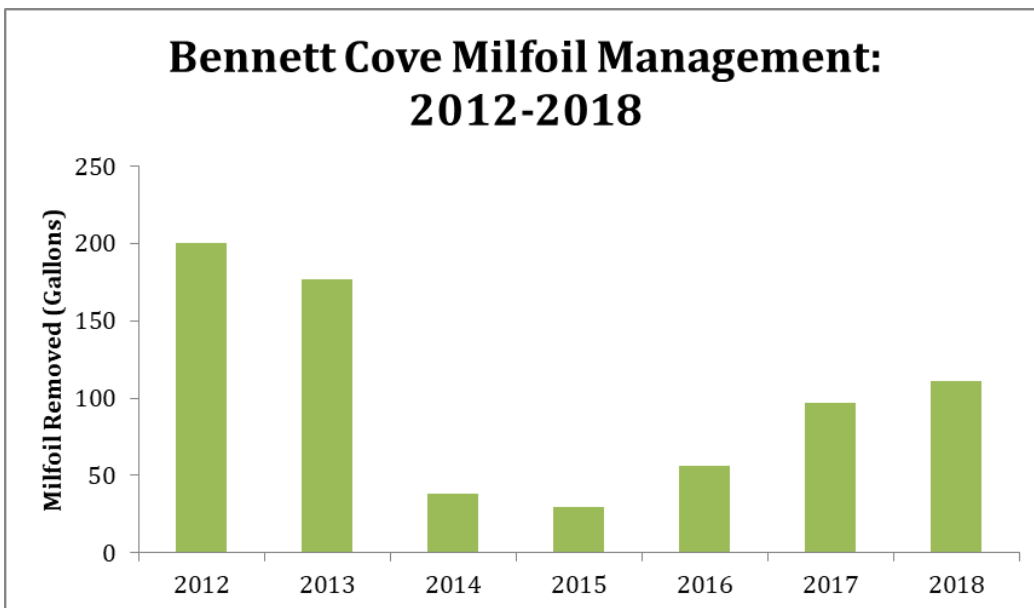




Squam Lakes Watershed 2018 Milfoil Report: Bennett Cove

In 2018, the SLA pulled 111 gallons of milfoil from Bennett Cove. Efforts were focused on removing milfoil from Bennett Brook and at the mouth of the brook. Due to past years success in managing milfoil growth, we only use the hand pulling method of milfoil removal in Bennett Cove. Bennett Cove displays an abundance and diversity of native plants. When variable milfoil is found among native vegetation, surrounding native plants are often unavoidably pulled with the milfoil plant. This causes an overestimation when recording gallons of milfoil removed. While the State of New Hampshire requires that we report milfoil removal in gallons, we are working on methods to visually report the location and distribution of milfoil plants being removed. This will allow a more accurate representation of the year to year progress of milfoil management in Bennett Cove.

	Milfoil Removed (Gallons)	Staff Hours
2012	200	75.5
2013	177	77.5
2014	38.5	124
2015	30	40.5
2016	56	46
2017	97	146.5
2018	111	114



This video demonstrates the hand pulling method of milfoil removal, and highlights the beauty and diversity that exist under the surface of Bennett Cove: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2BtYZQF2Is>

Neighborhoods, organizations, or individuals interested in protecting the Squam Lakes from invasive species can learn more by participating in a Weed Watcher training provided by the SLA. The Weed Watcher program plays a crucial role in milfoil management by finding undetected growth. To learn more, or to sign up to become a volunteer Weed Watcher visit <https://www.squamlakes.org/volunteer/weed-watching-squam-lakes>.

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