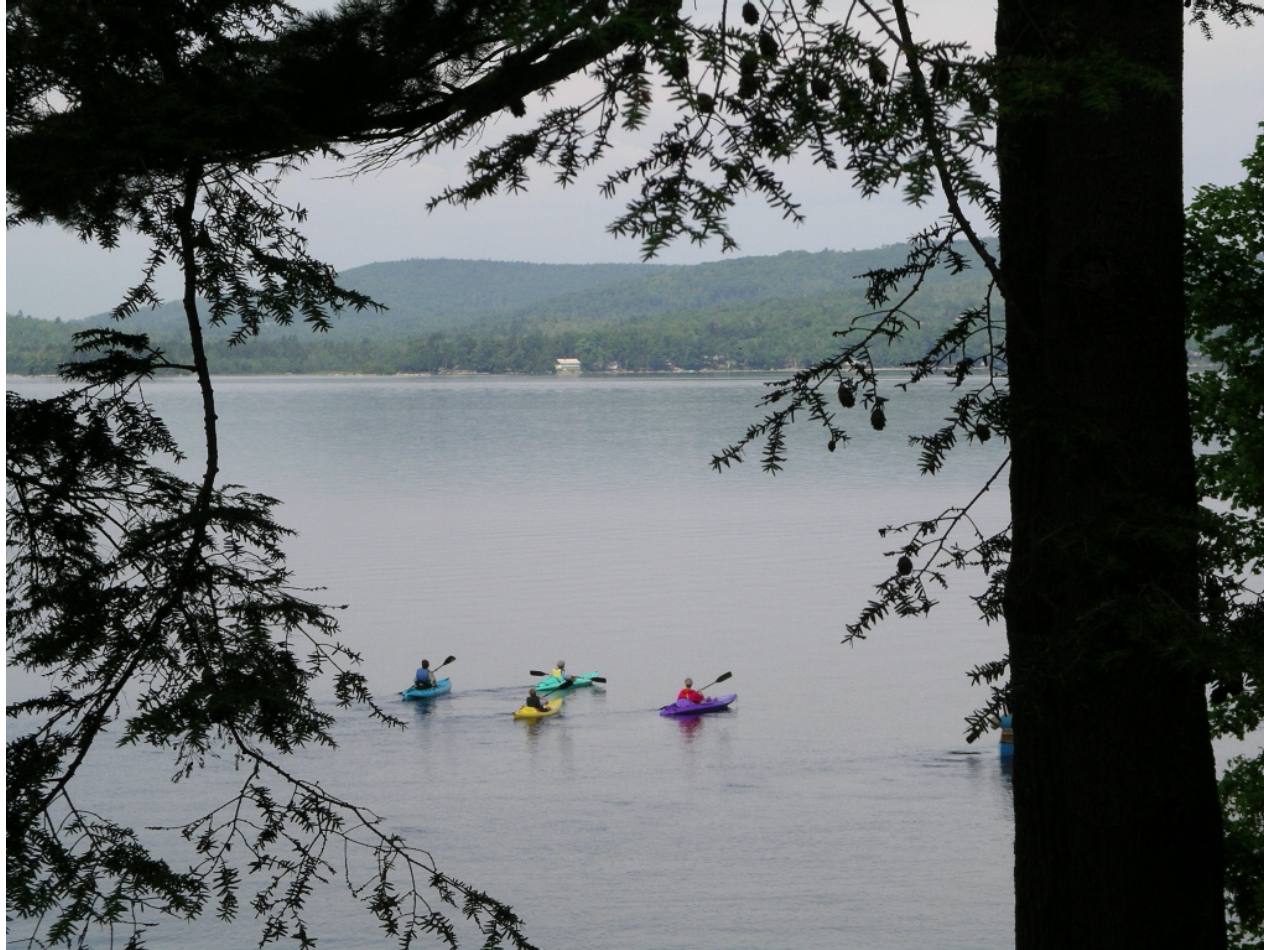


# Branch Pond's Milfoil Rangers



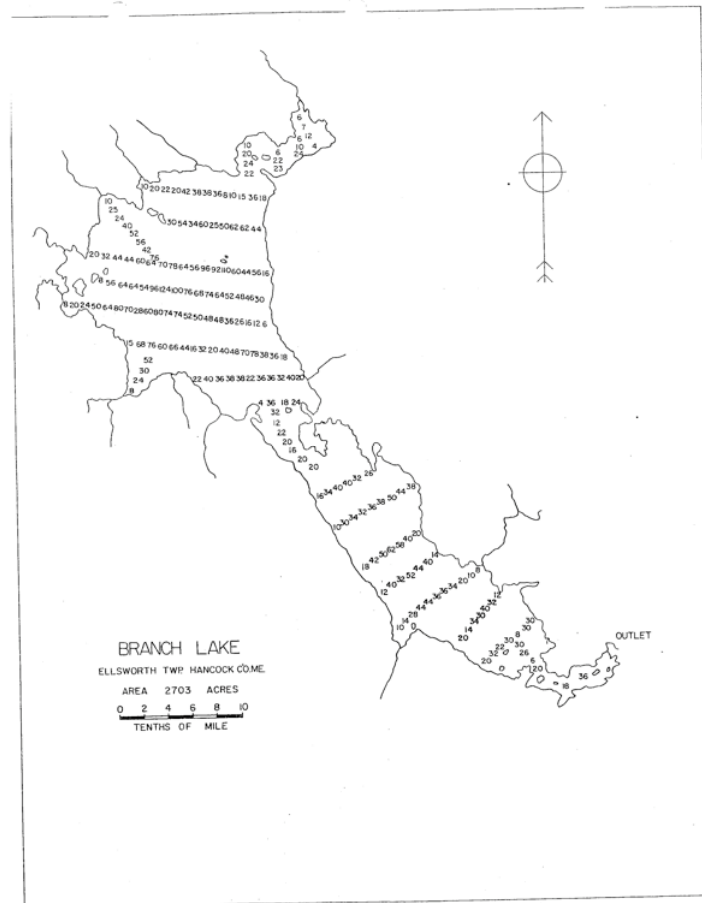
Branch Pond Association  
Invasive Species Committee  
Co-chairs: Carol Gabranski and Don Hayes



# Branch Pond

- Nine Miles Long
- About 25 Miles of Shoreline
- Convoluted Shorefront with Coves
- Mostly Rocky Shoreline
- Several Sandy Areas
- 12 Streams
- 110 Feet Deep

# Upper and Lower Branch



# BPA Milfoil Rangers



# The Team

- For 2010, there are 34 plant patrollers
- 32 Rangers have been VLMP trained
- Level #3 Survey (entire shoreline) conducted
- 2002, we started with 20 patrollers
- Of the original group, 18 remain active
- Age Range: 23 to 94 years of age
- Some work alone, others work in pairs

# Creating the Inspection Program

## -Defining Sectors

- \*\*Importance of Landmarks

- \*\*Sector Size

## -Recruiting Volunteers

- \*\*Personal Contact & BPA Forums

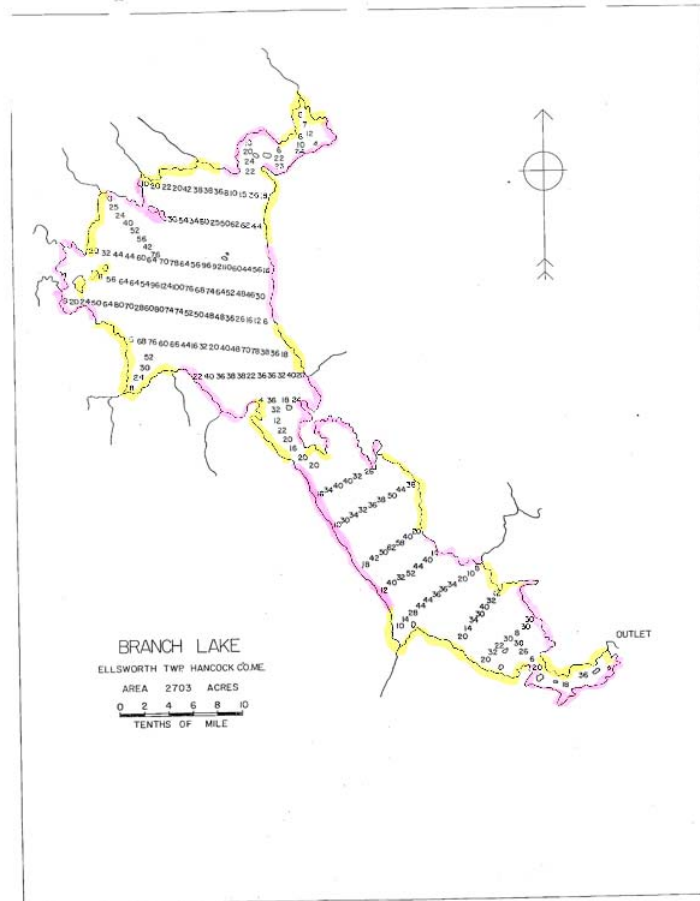
- \*\*Assigning Sectors

- \*\*Use a “soft touch”, make it as easy as possible

## -Equipping Patrollers

## -Revising Sectors

# 2010 Sectors





# Role of Branch Pond Association

- BPA Invasive Species Committee (\$2500)
- -Optional Donation in Annual Dues Payment
- Funds Plant ID Manuals for New Patrollers
- Provides Viewing Equipment for Each Ranger
  - -Viewing Buckets (with handles)
  - -6-inch Home Made Viewing Scopes
  - -Two Glass-bottom Kayaks for Ranger Use
- Funds Basic Expenses (e.g., repair, xeroxing)

# Our Scope Maker: Vince Griffin



# Kayak/Canoe Renovator: George Lewis



# The View Canoe



# Role of Team Leaders

- Assign Patrollers to Sectors
- Contact Rangers Each Spring to Affirm Engagement
- Distribute IPP Screening Forms (if needed)
- Ensure Equipment is Functional (arrange repair)
- Send Reminders to Complete Screening by Labor Day
- Provide Technical Support, or get help from VLMP
- Rangers Return Completed IPP Form to Team Leader
- Send Reminders to “Late Returners”
- Proof Returned Forms & Contact Ranger for Missing Info

## Role of Team Leaders (cont.)

- Submits Completed Forms to Regional Coordinator
- Keep Invasive Problem in the Forefront
- Remind Patrollers of VLMP Training Workshops
- Organize Social Events for Rangers
- Remember to Thank Volunteers

# Branch Pond's Milfoil Rangers IPP Team of the Year: 2007



# Future Goals

- Continue Level #3 Surveys
- Recruit Younger Rangers
- Involve Road Associations
- Networking w/other Teams

