



How to Report a Vernal Pool Certification through the Vernal Pool & Rare Species (VPRS) Reporting System



**Natural Heritage
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Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Vernal Pool Reporting



To begin, navigate to the Vernal Pool Home Page by clicking the "vernal pools" button on the top of your VPRS home page screen.

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From	To	Date	Observation #	Category	# of Replies	Subject

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Welcome to the VPRS Reporting System!

VPRS allows you to report animal, plant, and vernal pool observations and relay important survey information to the NHESP. Use the buttons at the top of the page to begin.

Your home page is where you will receive and respond to notifications from the NHESP regarding your submittals.

We encourage you to use the "Send Feedback" feature to tell us about your experience using VPRS, ask questions, or provide comments/suggestions.

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Vernal Pool Home Page

To open an existing vernal pool report, you may enter an Observation Report ID and click here to open that report. Alternately, you can highlight a report and click the Open Report button at the bottom of the page

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For additional information use the Help link located on each page.



Vernal Pool Home

Enter an observation number to open one directly

To Start, click here to create a report.

Vernal Pool Home

To create new reports click the 'New Vernal Pool Report' button.

Vernal Pool Observation Reports Summary

135	In Progress
0	Submitted
0	Additional Information Requested
0	Received
0	Accepted
0	Lead
0	Not Accepted

This displays a summary of all the vernal pool reports you've entered into VPRS.

Bulk Upload Option

Reports can be created in bulk form using a [pre-defined spreadsheet template](#). For more information, please read the [Bulk Upload Instructions](#).

For more information on the Bulk Upload option please refer to the Bulk Upload Tutorial.

My Vernal Pool Observations

Viewing 0 to 100 out of 138 results total

Observation #	Date Created	Town	Pool Name	Status	Associated Survey	Associated Messages
V193	10/5/2012	Kingston	K Pool	In Progress	S1250	0
V192	10/5/2012	Ipswich	I Pool	In Progress	S1249	0
V191	10/5/2012	Hingham	H Pool	In Progress		
V190	10/5/2012	Gill	G Pool	In Progress		
V189	10/5/2012	Freetown	F Pool	In Progress		
V188	10/5/2012	Edgartown	E Pool	In Progress		
V187	10/5/2012	Dalton	D Pool	In Progress		
V186	10/5/2012	Chicopee	C Pool	In Progress	S1233	0
V185	10/5/2012	Barre	B Pool	In Progress	S1232	0
V184	10/5/2012	Amesbury	A Pool	In Progress	S1231	0
V183	10/5/2012	Yarmouth	Y Pool	In Progress	S1263	0
V182	10/5/2012	Westborough	W Pool	In Progress	S1262	0
V181	10/5/2012	Tisbury	V Pool	In Progress	S1261	0
V180	10/5/2012	Upton	U Pool	In Progress	S1260	0
V179	10/5/2012	Truro	T Pool	In Progress	S1259	0
V178	10/5/2012	Salisbury	S Pool	In Progress	S1258	0
V177	10/5/2012	Revere	R Pool	In Progress	S1257	0

Only 100 reports can be displayed in your Observation grid at one time. If you have more than 100 reports, use these buttons to toggle thru them.

Selected Observation Details

Observation #: V190
Date Created: 10/5/2012
Last Date Updated: 10/5/2012
Date Submitted:
Town: Gill
Pool Name: G Pool
PVP Number: 8552

Status of report: In Progress
Survey Number: S1237
Messages: 0
Observation Dates:

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation Id:
Report Status: In Progress

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Create New Vernal Pool

* Town: zoom

Pool Name (optional):

Save

Note: Fields with an asterisk (*) are Required and must be filled in to submit your observation.

Help Link

Satellite
USGS Quad
 Road Base Map
Potential Vernal Pools

Scale: 50 km, 50 mi

Information on your report including your Report Status will be displayed here.

To continue, select the town in which your pool was observed and use the zoom button to navigate to that area. Optionally, you may also enter a Pool Name in the box provided.

Once a Town has been selected, you may click Save to continue your data entry.

Vernal Pool Location Information

Potential Vernal Pool (PVP) layer

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation Id: V137
Report Status: In Progress
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Create New Vernal Pool

* Town: Abington zoom

Pool Name (optional): Test Pool

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.
Potential Vernal Pool (optional): 12345 zoom

* Define a new pool location geometry:
Define Pool Location zoom

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.
Potential Vernal Pool (optional): 12345 ZOOM

Potential Vernal Pool
PVP Number: 12345

50 m
200 ft

Map labels: Oak Bluff Ln, Baldwin St, Salmon Dr, 99, 210, 200, 218

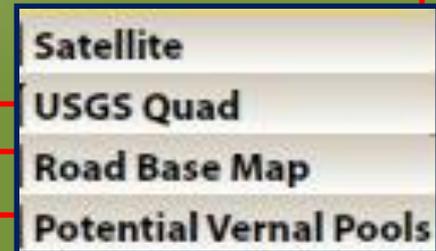
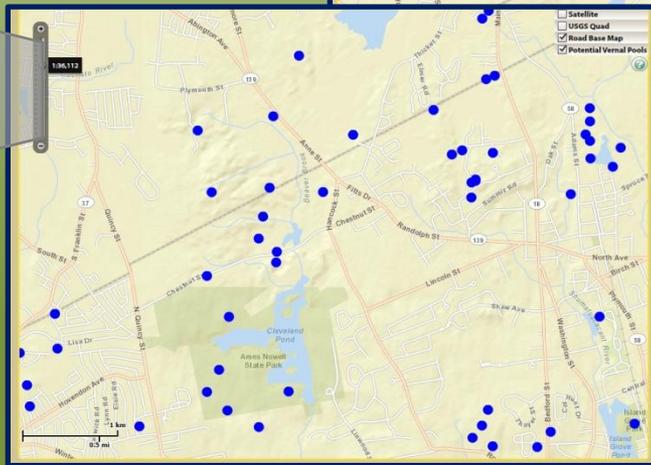
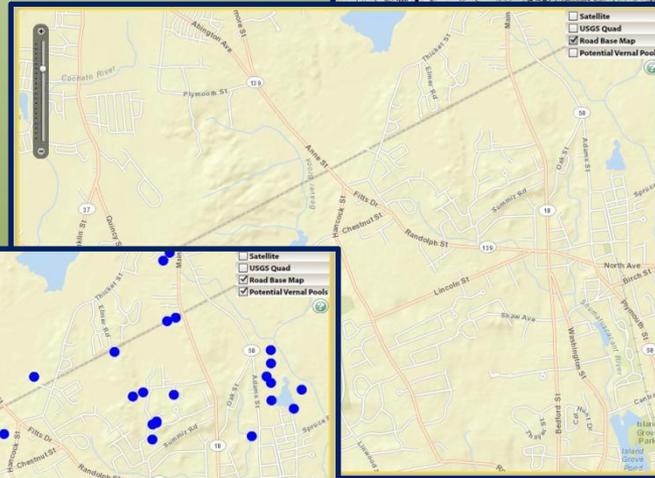
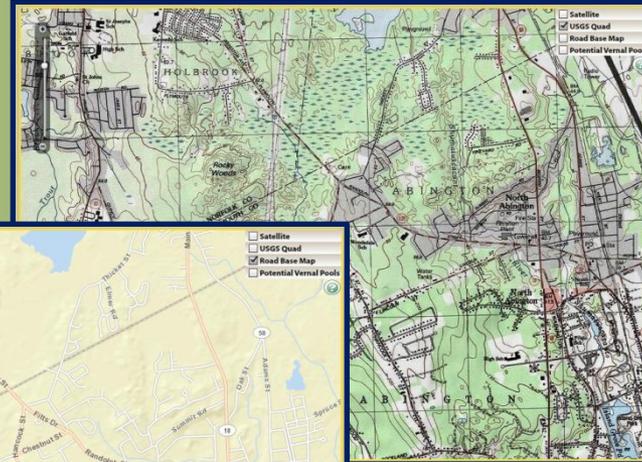
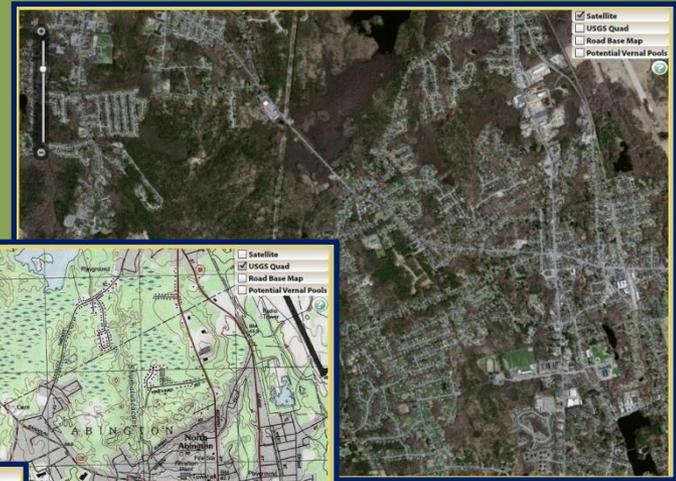
Map controls: Satellite, USGS Quad, Road Base Map, Potential Vernal Pools

Optionally you may enter the Potential Vernal Pool number, if applicable and known, and use the zoom button to navigate to that PVP.

Mapping Tools and Features: Base Map Options

There are 3 base map options and one data layer available on the top right of your map. These can be turned on and off to help you most accurately navigate to and map your observation location. Only one base map can be displayed at a time. The Potential Vernal Pool layer can be used with any map layer and turned on once zoomed in to a scale of 1:36,112.

Note: Not all map layers are available at all scales. If a map doesn't load, try another layer or zoom to a different scale.

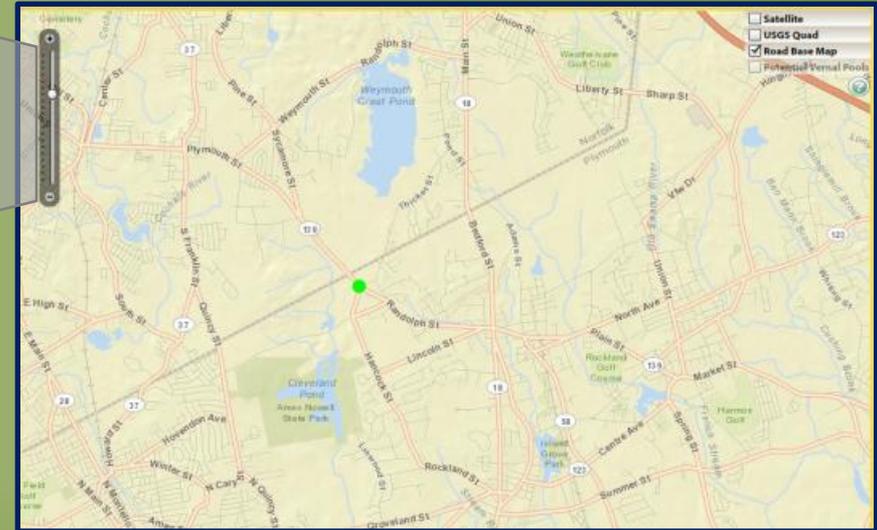


Mapping Tools and Features: Panning and Zooming



Mouse over the map to display the pan tool seen here which you can use to navigate around the map.

You can click the circle on the scale bar on the left side of the map and it will tell you what scale level you are at. On the scale bar you can click and drag the circle up and down or click the plus (+)/minus (-) buttons to zoom in and out.



In addition to using the scale bar to zoom, you can hold the Shift key on your keyboard then click and drag your mouse over an area of the map to zoom in as demonstrated here.

Mapping Your Pool Location

Once you click the Create Report button, your Observation is assigned an ID.

Additionally, you are now prompted to map your pool location.

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation Id: V172
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Create New Vernal Pool

* Town: Abington

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.

Potential Vernal Pool (optional):

* Define a new pool location geometry:
Define Pool Location

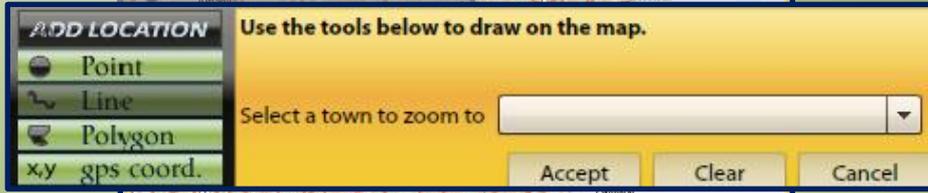
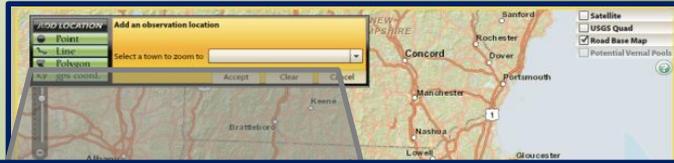
Satellite
USGS Quad
 Road Base Map
Potential Vernal Pools

Albany
Boston
Hartford
Providence
New York

50 km
50 mi

To map your pool location, click the "Define Pool Location" button and the mapping tools will display.

Mapping Your Pool Location (continued)

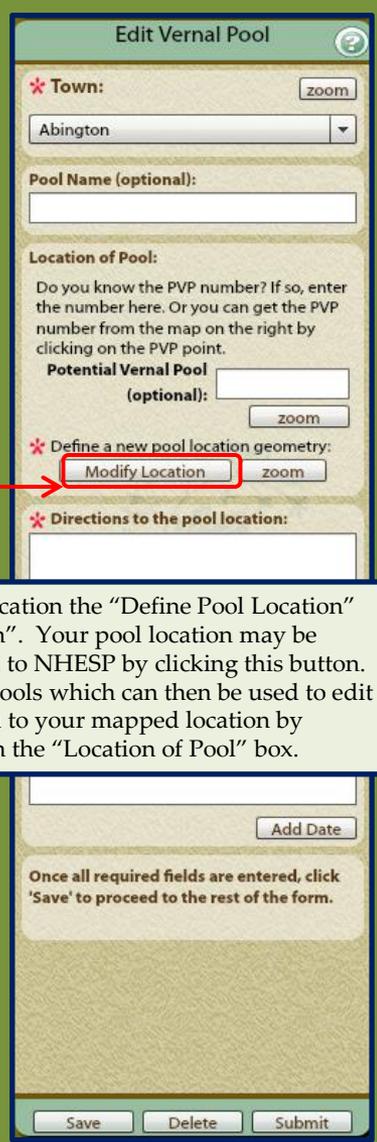
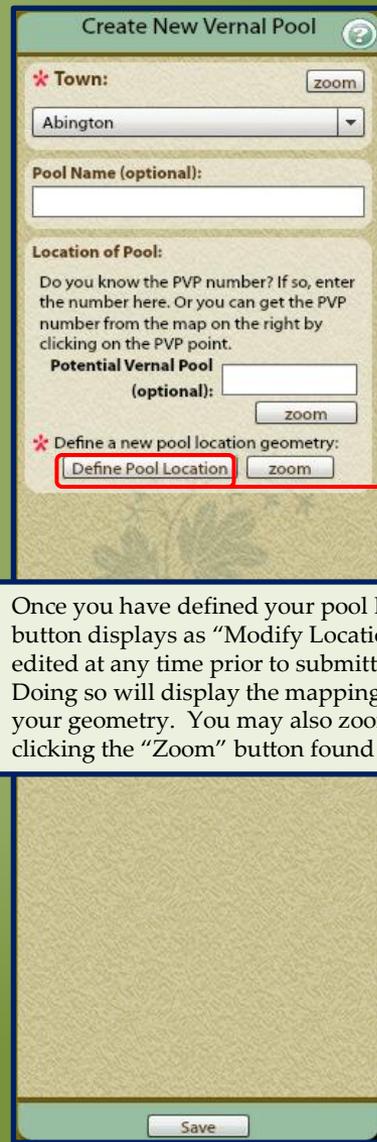
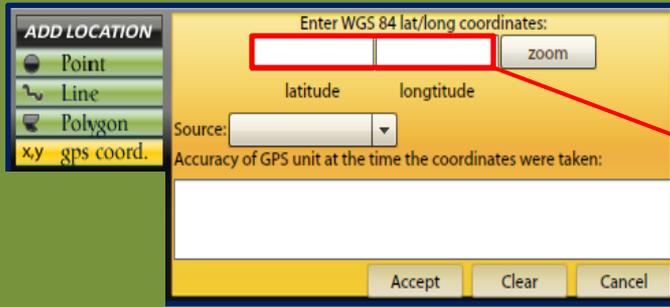


Vernal Pool observations can be mapped by drawing Points, Polygons, or using Lat/Long coordinates to map a point or zoom to your location. If you did not already zoom to your selected town you can reselect the town here to zoom to that area, otherwise you do not need the town dropdown in this window.



If mapping your observation using Latitude/ Longitude coordinates you will be prompted to provide some additional information , including the Source of the information and accuracy of GPS unit (if used) at the time the coordinates were taken.

Note: Latitude/Longitude must be entered as Decimal Degrees (be sure to include the negative (-) symbol for your longitude coordinate).



Once you have defined your pool location the “Define Pool Location” button displays as “Modify Location”. Your pool location may be edited at any time prior to submittal to NHESP by clicking this button. Doing so will display the mapping tools which can then be used to edit your geometry. You may also zoom to your mapped location by clicking the “Zoom” button found in the “Location of Pool” box.

Once all required fields are entered, click 'Save' to proceed to the rest of the form.

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation Id: V283
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Edit Vernal Pool

* Town:

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.

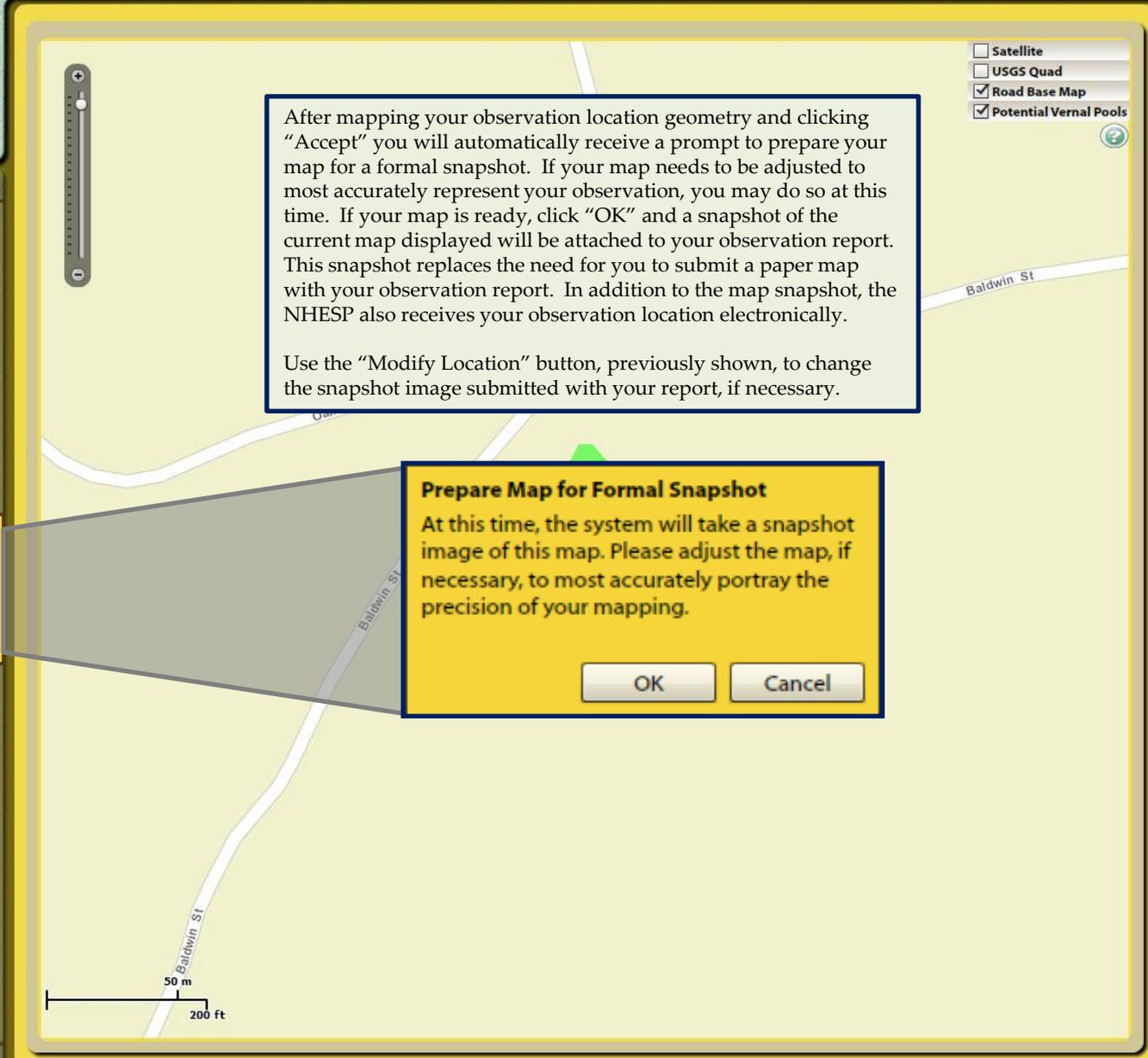
Potential Vernal Pool (optional):

* Define a new pool location geometry:

Prepare Map for Formal Snapshot
At this time, the system will take a snapshot image of this map. Please adjust the map, if necessary, to most accurately portray the precision of your mapping.

* Date(s) of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool

Once all required fields are entered, click 'Save' to proceed to the rest of the form.



After mapping your observation location geometry and clicking "Accept" you will automatically receive a prompt to prepare your map for a formal snapshot. If your map needs to be adjusted to most accurately represent your observation, you may do so at this time. If your map is ready, click "OK" and a snapshot of the current map displayed will be attached to your observation report. This snapshot replaces the need for you to submit a paper map with your observation report. In addition to the map snapshot, the NHESP also receives your observation location electronically.

Use the "Modify Location" button, previously shown, to change the snapshot image submitted with your report, if necessary.

Prepare Map for Formal Snapshot
At this time, the system will take a snapshot image of this map. Please adjust the map, if necessary, to most accurately portray the precision of your mapping.

Directions & Path to Site

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Observation Id: V278
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Edit Vernal Pool

* Town: Abington

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.

Potential Vernal Pool (optional): 12345

* Define a new pool location geometry: Modify Location zoom

* Directions to the pool location:
Directions to PVP #12345. Drive down Baldwin St, park, walk east to pool.
(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.
Edit Path Zoom Path

* Date(s) of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool

8/6/2012 X
8/24/2012 X
Add Date

Save Delete Submit

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ADD LOCATION Use the tools below to draw the path on the map.
Point Line Polygon
Select a town to zoom to: Accept Clear Cancel

Satellite
USGS Quad
Road Base Map
Potential Vernal Pools

Oak Bluff Ln
Salmon Dr
210
200
Baldwin St
218

50 m
200 ft

Written directions to the pool are required in order to save the report.

* Directions to the pool location:

(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.

Draw Path Zoom Path

In addition to including the required written directions to your observation location, you may also digitize your path, as a line only, using the mapping tools provided.

Once your path to site has been digitized, it may be zoomed to or edited at any point before you submittal.

* Directions to the pool location:

(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.

Edit Path Zoom Path

After your initial mapping of the path, the "Draw Path" button will display as "Edit Path".

Dates of Visits to your Vernal Pool

Edit Vernal Pool

* **Town:**

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.
Potential Vernal Pool (optional):

* **Define a new pool location geometry:**

* **Directions to the pool location:**
Directions to PVP #12345. Drive down Baldwin St., park, and walk east to pool.
(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.

* **Date(s) of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool**

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation ID: V279
Report Status: In Progress

Edit Vernal Pool

* **Town:**

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.
Potential Vernal Pool (optional):

* **Define a new pool location geometry:**

* **Directions to the pool location:**
Directions to PVP #12345. Drive down Baldwin St., park, and walk east to pool.
(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.

* **Date(s) of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool**

Once you have a date entered or selected click the "Add" button to add it to your report where it will display on the left panel as seen below. This can be repeated as necessary to capture all your pool visit dates.

Note: Dates of observation can only be added to your report here on the left panel. Dates can be added at any point up to submittal.

* **Date(s) of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool**

8/6/2012

8/24/2012

6/11/2012

To add date(s) of visit(s) to your vernal pool report click the Add Date button on the left panel and a window will appear for you to either enter a date or select one by clicking the calendar icon.

Saving the Pool

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation ID: V282
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Edit Vernal Pool

Town: Abington

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.

Potential Vernal Pool (optional): 12345

Define a new pool location geometry:
Modify Location Zoom

Directions to the pool location:
Directions to PVP #12345: Drive down Baldwin St, park, walk east to pool

(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.
Edit Path Zoom Path

Default of visit(s) to the Vernal Pool
8/16/2012 X
8/24/2012 X
Add Date

Once all required fields are entered, click 'Save' to proceed to the rest of the form.

Save Delete Submit

Once you have completed the basic location information about your observation, click Save to open the rest of the tabs and proceed with your reporting. These additional tabs are structured similarly to the existing Vernal Pool Certification form.

Once all required fields are entered, click 'Save' to proceed to the rest of the form.

Save Delete Submit

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Vernal Pool Report
Observation ID: V282
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Edit Vernal Pool

Town: Abington

Pool Name (optional):

Location of Pool:
Do you know the PVP number? If so, enter the number here. Or you can get the PVP number from the map on the right by clicking on the PVP point.

Potential Vernal Pool (optional): 12345

Define a new pool location geometry:
Modify Location Zoom

Directions to the pool location:
Directions to PVP #12345: Drive down Baldwin St, park, walk east to pool

(Optional) Use the tools below to draw a path to the Vernal Pool.
Edit Path Zoom Path

Once all required fields are entered, click 'Save' to proceed to the rest of the form.

Save Delete Submit

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Obligate Species Tab

Within the Obligate Species tab, check the circle next to the species observed in the pool, then select the date the species was observed (these are the dates previously added on the left panel), then enter a number to reflect your count associate with the breeding evidence observed.

You can use the "Add" button to repeat these steps as necessary for each species, or "Remove" to delete a line of data entered.

Help
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The screenshot displays the 'Obligate Species' tab with the following data:

Species	Date(s) Observed	Courting Adults	Spermatophores	# Egg Masses	Salamander Larvae	Transforming Juveniles	Photos	Audio	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spotted Salamander	8/24/2012	6				2	0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spotted Salamander	[Dropdown]						0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue-spotted Salamander	8/6/2012		2	6			1	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue-spotted Salamander	6/1/2012	4					0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marbled Salamander	8/6/2012	1		2			0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Salamander	8/24/2012	4		3		2	0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Salamander	6/1/2012	1					1	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unidentified Mole Salamander	8/24/2012			8			0	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Frog	8/6/2012	8	1				1	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairy Shrimp	6/1/2012						1	0	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairy Shrimp	8/24/2012						0	0	Remove
Totals		24	3	19	0	4			

You can also add multiple photos or audio files and corresponding comments by clicking the camera icon.

Note: Maximum file size is 20MB. Acceptable file types include: .jpg, .png, .gif, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .pdf, .wav, .mp3. This is applicable for any part of the system where you can upload a file to your report.

Generate a Species Observation Form from a Vernal Pool Report

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Locations **Obligate Species** Facultative Species Description of Pool and ... Other Observation Info Photos/Documents Observer Info

Biological Evidence: Obligate Species

Once a species has been selected, upload image and audio files using camera icon.

Salamanders (*State-listed species)	Date(s) Observed	Courting Adults	Spermatophores	# Egg Masses	Salamander Larvae	Transforming Juveniles	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spotted Salamander	8/24/2012	6				2	0 Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Blue-spotted Salamander	8/6/2012		2	6			1 Remove
	6/1/2012	4					0 Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Marbled Salamander	8/6/2012	1		2			0 Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Jefferson Salamander	8/24/2012	4		3		2	0 Remove
	6/1/2012	1					1 Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unidentified Mole Salamander	8/24/2012			8			0 Remove

Generate Observation Report Add

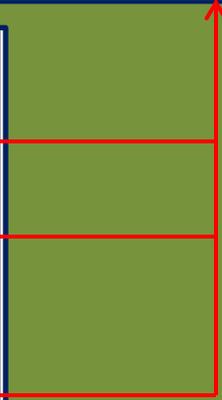
If one of these State-listed salamanders was observed at your vernal pool, you can create an Animal Observation Report for it by clicking the "Generate Observation Report" button corresponding with that species. When the report is created you will be redirected to that Animal Report. Some data from your vernal pool report will be carried into the Animal Report including Species Name, Town, Location, Directions, and Dates of Observation. You can either proceed with data entry for this animal report immediately or return later. As soon as you generate the animal observation report it will appear in your observation grid on the Animal Home page.

Navigate confirm.

Are you sure you want to create a new animal observation and navigate away? The vernal pool observation will be saved beforehand.

OK Cancel

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Blue-spotted Salamander	8/6/2012		2	6			1 Remove
	6/1/2012	4					0 Remove
							Generate Observation Report Add
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Marbled Salamander	8/6/2012	1		2			0 Remove
							Generate Observation Report Add
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Jefferson Salamander	8/24/2012	4		3		2	0 Remove
	6/1/2012	1					1 Remove
							Generate Observation Report Add



Additional Comments Field (found on all tabs)

At the bottom of all tabs, except for the Location Tab, there is an area to enter any additional comments about your observation. These comments are displayed and carried through your entire report and are therefore not specific to the different tabs. Adding, Editing, and Removing comments can take place anywhere the Additional Comments field is displayed, regardless of which tab the comment was added on.

The image shows a screenshot of a web form with a focus on the 'Additional Comments' section. At the top, a text box contains the word 'test'. Below it, a larger text area is labeled 'Comment Text:' and contains the instruction: 'First type in your text in the "Comment Text" Field and then, click Add.' To the right of this text area are three buttons: 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Remove'. The 'Add' button is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the 'Add' button up to the 'Comment Text' field. Below this section, the form continues with a question: 'Was the organism's species identification made by someone other than the observer?' followed by a 'Yes' radio button and a 'No' radio button. Below these are input fields for 'Name:', 'Permanent Address:', 'Email Address:', 'Telephone #:', and 'Affiliations / Qualifications:'. At the bottom of the form, there is another 'Additional Comments' section, which is highlighted with a red box. This section includes a text area, a 'Comment Text:' label, and 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Remove' buttons. A red asterisk icon and the text 'This field is required =' are visible at the bottom right of the form.

Additional Comments:

test

Once added, your text will be viewable in this box. Highlight and Click Edit or Remove to change comment text.

Comment Text:

First type in your text in the "Comment Text" Field and then, click Add.

Add **Edit** **Remove**

Was the organism's species identification made by someone other than the observer?

If Yes, please provide the name and contact information for the person who identified the organism:

Yes No

Name:

Permanent Address:

Email Address: Telephone #:

Affiliations / Qualifications:

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:

Add **Edit** **Remove**

This field is required = *

Facultative Species Tab

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Locations Obligate Species **Facultative Species** Description of Pool and ... Other Observation Info Photos/Documents Observer Info

Biological Evidence: Facultative Amphibians Once a species has been selected, upload image and audio files using camera icon.

Breeding Amphibians	Date(s) Observed	Breeding Evidence Observed	Count
<input type="radio"/> Spring Peeper			
<input type="radio"/> Gray Treefrog			
<input type="radio"/> American Toad			
<input type="radio"/> Fowler's Toad			

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:

Within the Facultative Species tab, check the circle next to the species observed at the pool, then select the date the species was observed (these are the dates previously added on the left panel) and the biological evidence observed from the respective dropdowns, then enter a number to reflect your count.

You can use the "Add" button to repeat these steps as necessary for each species, or "Remove" to delete a line of data entered.

Breeding Amphibians	Date(s) Observed	Breeding Evidence Observed	Count	Photos	Buttons
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring Peeper	6/1/2012	Full Breeding Chorus	1	1	Remove
	6/1/2012	Adults In Amplexus	4	0	Remove Add
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gray Treefrog	8/24/2012	Egg Masses	7	0	Remove Add
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Toad	8/24/2012	Transforming Juveniles	6	0	Remove
	6/1/2012	Tadpoles	14	1	Remove
	8/6/2012	Egg Masses	20	2	Remove
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fowler's Toad	8/6/2012			0	Remove
	6/1/2012				Add
	8/24/2012				

Additional Comments:

Full Breeding Chorus
Adults In Amplexus
Egg Masses
Tadpoles
Transforming Juveniles

You can also add photos or audio files and comments corresponding to the photo by clicking the camera icon.

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Description of Pool and Surroundings Tab

The Description of Pool and Surroundings tab collects information about your vernal pool and its surroundings, including a pool photo. To add a pool image, click the camera icon seen here then select a file from your computer to attach.

Note: Attaching a pool image here is a requirement for submittal.

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Locations | Obligate Species | Facultative Species | **Description of Pool and ...** | Other Observation Info | Photos/Documents | Observer Info



Dimensions

Approximate Length: feet meters

Approximate Width: feet meters

Approximate Maximum Depth: feet meters

 * Upload Vernal Pool Image

Describe distinctive features (roads, structures, boulders, foot trails, vegetation types, etc.) which are visible from or near the pool that would help someone recognize it.

Origin of the pool:

Natural depression

Human-made pool / ditch

Created wetland / pool

Other or unknown

Describe:

The pool's hydroperiod is most likely:

Seasonal (drying out in most years) Semi-permanent (drying partially in most years) Permanent

Describe any inlet or outlets to / from the pool and their permanence (e.g., streams, culverts, etc).

Land use in vicinity of pool (approximately 100 ft from pool edge - check all that apply):

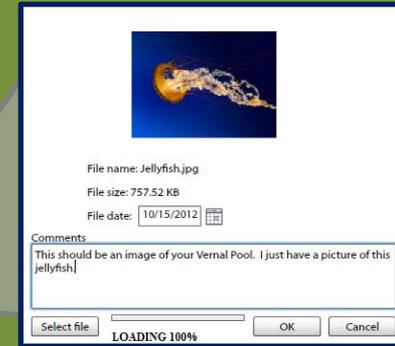
upland forest forested wetlands

emergent marsh / scrub-shrub wetland agricultural / grassland / meadow

residential / commercial other Describe:

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:



Depending on your answers to certain questions, you may be prompted to provide additional information to further explain your answer.

Other Observation Info Tab

Locations Obligate Species Facultative Species Description of Pool and ... **Other Observation Info** Photos/Documents Observer Info

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Was this observation associated with a formal survey? ←

Yes If Yes, please list Survey ID, if known: (must be sur
 No (selecting No will clear this value)

The question "Was this observation associated with a formal survey?" refers only to Surveys created using the VPRS system. Observations can be generated from Survey Forms, which will automatically populate your Survey ID, or you can enter a Survey ID number which was provided to you by your survey organizer.

Property Owners:

Name	Address	Town	State	Zip	Parcel	Comment Info
Property Owner	1 Rabbit Hill Road	Westborough	MA	01581	MADFW	This is the field HQ offic

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:

Property Owner

Owner Name

Street Address

City/Town

State

Zip-Code

Parcel #

Comments

On this tab you can also click the "Add Owner" button to enter Property Owner information associated with the observation location that will then display in the Property Owner table. This can be repeated as necessary. Once Property Owner info has been entered the data can also be edited or deleted, using the "View Owner" or "Remove Owner" buttons respectively.

Photos/Documents

Locations Obligate Species Facultative Species Description of Pool and Surroundings Other Observation Info **Photos/Documents** Observer Info

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To attach files to your observation report, click the Add button in the lower right corner. From the pop-up window that appears, click Select File and navigate to the file you wish to upload.

*Maximum file size is 20MB. Acceptable file types: .jpg, .png, .gif, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .pdf, .wav, .mp3

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:

Add Edit Remove

File date: 08/24/2012

Comments

Select file OK Cancel

Tulips.jpg

606.34 KB

02/24/2012

Comments

Select the file you want to attach, and, when it has finished loading, click OK.

Select file LOADING 100% OK Cancel

Tulips.jpg

02/24/2012

Add Edit Remove

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Photos/Documents (continued)

The screenshot shows a software interface with several tabs: Locations, Obligate Species, Facultative Species, Description of Pool and ..., Other Observation Info, Photos/Documents (selected), and Observer Info. A red circle highlights a help icon in the top left corner, with a callout box labeled "Help Link". Below the tabs, a thumbnail of a jellyfish is displayed with the text "Jellyfish.jpg Vernal Pool Image" and "8/24/2012". A callout box points to this thumbnail with the text: "All photos attached to your observation report will be displayed here; however, those attached through the Observation Location cannot be edited or removed through this tab. You may also add, edit, or remove additional photos and/or documents, with comments, to include in your report." To the right, a larger callout box shows a "Comments" field with a "File date" of "08/24/2012" and buttons for "Select file", "OK", and "Cancel". The text in this box reads: "Comments entered in the Comments Field can be viewed by hovering over the thumbnail once the document has been uploaded." At the bottom of the interface, a red box highlights "Add", "Edit", and "Remove" buttons, with a callout box pointing to them from the text: "Maximum file size is 20MB. Acceptable file types: .jpg, .png, .gif, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .pdf, .wav, .mp3". Below this, there are "Additional Comments:" and "Comment Text:" fields, each with "Add", "Edit", and "Remove" buttons.

Want to upload a shapefile? While the VPRS system doesn't directly support shapefile upload, you can export the attributes of a point shapefile into a .xls or .xlsx format and upload that to your report. The attribute table of your shapefile must contain the Latitude and Longitude coordinates in Decimal Degrees for each shape within your table. If your shapefile does not already contain the Lat/Long information, you can use out-of-the-box ArcMap tools to add and calculate these fields.

If you require assistance with this process please contact us at: ContactVPRSAdmin@state.ma.us.

Observer Information Tab

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The Observer Information tab will display your user profile information for you to review should any updates be necessary.

Locations Obligate Species Facultative Species Description of Pool and ... Other Observation Info Photos/Documents **Observer Info**

Observer Information

First Name: Last Name:

Address:

Town: State: Zip:

Telephone: Email:

Additional Comments:

Comment Text:

Submitting Your Vernal Pool Observation

When you have finished and saved your report, simply click the Submit button to send it to the NHESP for review.

Vernal Pool & Rare Species Reporting System

Vernal Pool Report
Observation ID: V278
Report Status: In Progress

Print Report

Edit Vernal Pool

Toon: Abington

Potential Vernal Pool: 12345

Submit

Save Delete Submit

This checkbox associates your submitted electronic signature with this particular observation report in the VPRS system.

Submit Confirm

Are you sure you want to submit this report? It will no longer be available to edit once it has been submitted.

OK Cancel

Submit Confirm

Are you sure you want to submit this report? It will no longer be available to edit once it has been submitted.

OK Cancel

I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I Agree

OK Cancel

Saved successfully.

The vernal pool observation was saved successfully.

OK

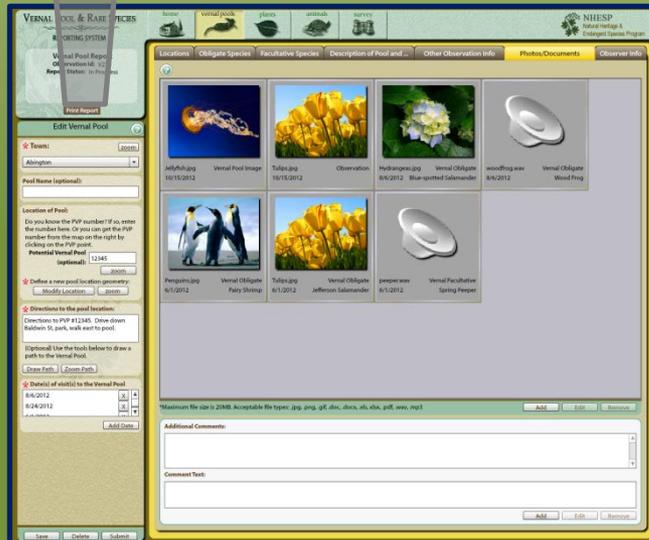
Once a report has been submitted it will no longer be open for editing, therefore the system will prompt you with a series of questions to confirm this action, followed by a confirmation of a successful submittal. You can always view or copy a submitted form.

Print Report feature

You may use the Print Report feature at any point during your reporting to view your report in its entirety (including maps and photos). This feature displays your report in HTML format only but can be printed or saved into a document if you wish to retain a copy elsewhere. The Print Report feature is available even after a report has been submitted to the NHESP.

Note: The Print Report only displays data entered up to your last Save. It is important to Save your report before clicking the Print Report button to ensure your document contains all entered data.

Print Report



NHESP VERNAL POOL OBSERVATION REPORT

V278 VERNAL POOL IDENTIFICATION

Town:

Abington

Pool name:

Not Answered

Potential Vernal Pool:

Geometry Type: Polygon **Coordinates(x,y):** X Min: -71.9397884891083 Y Min: 42.2032428849333 X Max: -71.9391835455209 Y Max: 42.2038521053111 **Coordinate Source:** Unknown or N/A **Other Coordinate Source:** Not Answered **Accuracy:** Not Answered

Vernal Pool Geometry:



Directions to vernal pool
Directions to PVP #12
Dates of visits to the V

Date
Monday, August 06, 2012
Friday, August 24, 2012
Friday, June 01, 2012

OBLIGATE SPECIES

Salamanders							
Species Name	Visit Date	Courting Adults	Spermatophores	Egg Masses	Larvae	Transforming Juveniles	Photos
Blue-spotted Salamander	Friday, June 01, 2012	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Blue-spotted Salamander	Monday, August 06, 2012	N/A	2	6	N/A	N/A	
Jefferson Salamander	Friday, August 24, 2012	4	N/A	3	N/A	2	
Jefferson Salamander	Friday, June 01, 2012	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Marbled Salamander	Monday, August 06, 2012	1	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	
Spotted Salamander	Friday, June 01, 2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Spotted Salamander	Friday, August 24, 2012	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	
Unidentified Mole Salamander	Friday, August 24, 2012	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	N/A	

Frogs							
Species Name	Visit Date	Mated Pairs	Full Chorus	Egg Masses	Tadpoles	Transforming Juveniles	Photos
Wood Frog	Monday, August 06, 2012	8	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	woodfrog wav



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