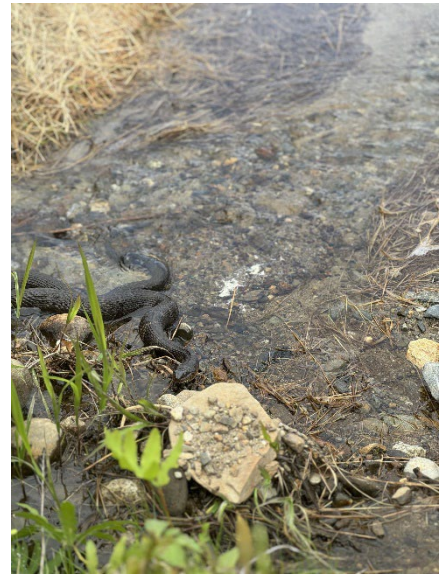


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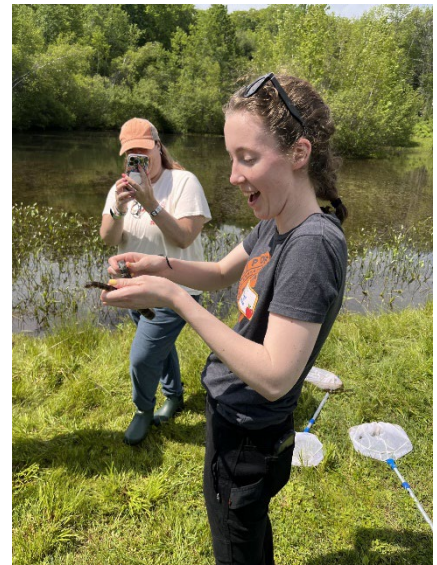
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A trip to the pond at the YCamp of Maine included catching a large bullfrog tadpole, viewing a big black water snake, and enjoying the antics of another snake up close and personal!



I would definitely say some enjoyed this much more than others as one of our educators refused to come back to the pond after the snake was found and stayed across the street until it was time to leave!



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Participants had the opportunity to interact with Jay Lindsey, FOCW Slow the Flow Technical Advisor, as he explained the consequences of runoff and the benefits of building a buffer to protect the lake from the land.



An excellent example of a buffer built by the Friends Youth Conservation Corps to aid in protecting Cobbossee Lake from polluted runoff at the YCamp of Maine.



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Participants (including Teddy) enjoyed an educational outing on Cobbossee Lake where they were able to view the results of providing a buffer from a lakeside perspective. Each educator also had the opportunity to conduct water quality testing using a secchi disk, plankton net, aqua scopes and a deep water grab sampler to assist in determining the health of the lake.



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Each participant also had an opportunity to learn all about the threat of Invasive Aquatic Species in the Cobbossee Watershed. Alex Dyer, Friends Director of Conservation provided a brief overview of the threats surrounding the watershed while also providing samples of native and invasive aquatic plants for hands on basic training in plant identification.

