

Barrowsville Pond

Location: Eastern portion of Norton, off Power Street or Barrows Street

Access: 4 parking spaces on Power Street at the Power Street Conservation Area

Size: 32.86 acres

Depth: not available

Source: Wading River, outlets as Wading River

Water Quality: Section 303(d) list: noxious aquatic plants

Owner: Norton Conservation Commission

Barrowsville Pond Dam: privately managed, high hazard



Vegetation: Red maple, swamp loosestrife, buttonbush, purple loosestrife, pickerelweed. Aquatic plants include watershield, yellow water lily, white water lily, water chestnut, milfoil,

Fish: Not available

Birds: Tree swallow, warbling vireo, mute swan, Canada goose, red tailed hawk, belted kingfisher, brown headed cowbird

Amphibians/reptiles: Snapping turtle, spotted turtle, musk turtle, painted turtle, green frog, bullfrog

Dragonflies/damselflies/butterflies: Fragile forktail, eastern amberwing, green darner,

Other wildlife: Not available

History: This pond is situated within the "Barrowsville" section of Norton and derives its name from the once prominent Barrows family that lived in the area. The pond, which comprises an area of 44 acres, was created to provide power to the several mills that were operated around that area during the industrial revolution in town. The pond is encompassed as part of the Wading River Watershed and though classified as "man made" some perennial water has always been present due to the flow of the Wading River. As part of the creation of Barrowsville Pond the water was dammed to control the outflow from the pond for power regulation and river floodplain management.

Invasive species, pollution, water quality: Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) has been found in Barrowsville Pond. The Open Space Committee hosts events to manually pull this plant from the pond to prevent the spread of the invasive species throughout town.