



Dear BLA Members and Friends

November 6, 2017

The Belgrade Lakes Association is wrapping up another very successful year. Just as we have for the last 109 years, the BLA has taken the lead in protecting and improving our lakes. Here's how your donated dollars were invested in 2017 and what was achieved with those funds:

STOP MILFOIL -- \$85,000 to remove 17,151 gallons of invasive milfoil from Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond, search for new outbreaks around the entire shoreline of both lakes and keep it from spreading into Long Pond. Thanks to your generosity we've kept the milfoil in check. But it continues to be a real threat, as evidenced by the five-fold increase in the amount that was pulled this year.

Courtesy Boat Inspectors -- \$28,000 to post Courtesy Boat Inspectors from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, at the Great Pond and Long Pond ramps, where they conducted 6,350 inspections.

LakeSmart -- \$10,000 to hire an administrator to handle this program on Great Pond and Long Pond resulting in 78 surveys, 50 LakeSmart awards and 28 LakeSmart commendations.

Youth Conservation Corps -- \$10,000 to help fund the BRCA Youth Conservation Corps, which completed 70 erosion control projects on Great Pond and Long Pond properties.

Water Quality -- \$10,000 for monitoring gloeotrichia, dissolved oxygen and other water quality factors. This work will help establish critical benchmarks for our phosphorus remediation project.

Membership -- Newsletters, the BLA Annual Meeting attended by 193 members and guests and other member communications.

These accomplishments were made possible because of your generous financial donations. Without your membership and support there would be no BLA.

Please help us to continue to protect and improve our lakes. There is much work yet to be done, including the continued removal of invasive milfoil and phosphorus remediation.

If you value the BLA and work we are doing on Great Pond and Long Pond, please consider making a donation to the 2017 BLA Annual Appeal. Your gift will make a difference because every dollar you give will be invested in our lakes.

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Thank you very much for your support and donations. If you have questions or want to discuss our plans or activities, please do not hesitate to contact any one of your BLA board members. We would very much like to hear from you.

With great appreciation,



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