



April 18, 2016

Dear Friend:

Re: 2016 STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign

The purpose of this letter is to tell you about our plans to continue our battle with invasive milfoil on Great Pond and to ask for your continued financial support to fund this critically important work.

Over the last four years we have made tremendous progress reducing the size of the milfoil infestation in Great Meadow Stream and around the mouth of the stream where it enters into North Bay of Great Pond. Last year we removed 4,675 gallons of milfoil from this area. That's just 10% of the amount removed in 2012, the first year of our aggressive removal action.

That's the good news. A smaller infestation means less chance of it spreading to other parts of the lake and into Long Pond.

Here's the concern. And it's a very real one. New invasive milfoil plants have been found growing all around North Bay, outside of the original infestation area. These plants likely got started from fragments breaking off from the stream infestation. All the plants have been plotted using GPS and removed. You can see the location of the plants that been found on the map in the enclosed information piece.

As a result of this discovery even more survey work will be done in North Bay this coming season. We will search for milfoil plants using scuba divers during the day and the light boat at night. This work is imperative to insure that these plants do not begin growing outside of North Bay.

**Your Help Is Still Needed** – Please consider making a donation to the STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign. Your generosity has helped us battle this milfoil invasion the last four years. Your continued support will give us the funds needed to continue this fight.

Please make your check payable to “BLA – STOP MIFLOIL” and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Or make a donation directly online at [www.belgradelakesassociation.org](http://www.belgradelakesassociation.org). Thank you very much for your support. Every dollar donated will go into a dedicated STOP MILFOIL bank account and be used only for fighting milfoil on Great and Long Pond.

We are winning this fight. We are pushing the milfoil back. We have greatly reduced the size of the infestation in Great Meadow Stream. Now we must find and remove all the scattered invasive milfoil plants in North Bay.

We need your support to continue this work. Please help us. It’s important for our lakes ... our community ... and for the generations to come.

With great appreciation,

Your STOP MILFOIL Task Force

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