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BLA Announces \$500,000 Pledge to the Camp Bomazeen Conservation Project

Dear BLA Members,

The Belgrade Lakes Association is proud to be the oldest lake association in Maine, and one that is deeply committed through our members and partners to protecting and preserving Great Pond and Long Pond. Our partnership with 7 Lakes Alliance continues to be most valued, and your organization's leadership in conserving the important Camp Bomazeen property represents a meaningful investment in the future of our watershed. While the fundraising for this project has been a tremendous undertaking, the impact of your work will be felt for generations to come.

A dedicated team has played an important role in helping the BLA better understand the project and its long-term potential. We extend special thanks to the 7 Lakes Board members and staff who invested their time, shared information, and worked closely with us to bring this commitment to fruition.

The Board of Directors of the Belgrade Lakes Association has authorized the following financial support package for 7 Lakes Alliance for the Camp Bomazeen Project:

- \$300,000 September 2026 as an initial investment in the project
- \$50,000 per year for four years, beginning in 2027 to support the continued improvement and management of the Bomazeen property

Together, these contributions represent a total pledge of \$500,000.

I could not be prouder of our BLA members, whose financial support and commitment to stewardship have enabled us to step forward as a major collaborator in this project. Our initial contribution represents an up-front investment equal to 10% of the project's total campaign cost; this is a milestone worth celebrating for our lakes and our community. The Belgrade Lakes Association and 7 Lakes Alliance have never been more closely aligned or better positioned to help our lakes succeed. Our Board looks forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership and to seeing the Camp Bomazeen property improved and managed as a lasting asset for the lakes and the greater watershed.

Together, our organizations are stronger. Together, our community is more engaged.
Together, our lakes are better protected.

Respectfully,



Richard LaBelle
BLA President

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