



Dear BLA Members and Friends,

November 25, 2018

What a great year for the BLA! Thanks to your membership and support, we were again able to make great strides protecting and improving our lakes.

Here's how your donated dollars were invested in 2018 and what was accomplished with those funds:

1. **STOP MILFOIL** -- \$94,900 was spent to remove 16,818 gallons of invasive milfoil from Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. It was another big growth year for milfoil. Your donated dollars were also used to search the entire shoreline of both Great Pond and Long Pond for new outbreaks.
2. **Courtesy Boat Inspectors** -- \$30,800 was spent to post Courtesy Boat Inspectors at both the Great Pond and Long Pond boat ramps from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week, from Memorial Day weekend right through Labor Day. They conducted 6,048 inspections and recovered 220 plants fragments.
3. **Great Pond Survey** -- \$16,450 was spent to conduct a survey of the entire Great Pond watershed to identify erosion prone areas and provide recommendations to remediate them.
4. **LakeSmart** -- \$10,000 was spent for a LakeSmart administrator to handle this program on Great Pond and Long Pond. LakeSmart volunteers conducted 36 surveys, which resulted in 20 LakeSmart awards and 16 commendations.
5. **Youth Conservation Corps** -- \$10,000 was spent to help the YCC complete 71 erosion control projects on 48 different properties last summer.
6. **Water Quality** -- \$10,000 was budgeted to monitor gloeotrichia, dissolved oxygen and other water quality factors. This work will help set benchmarks for our phosphorus remediation project.
7. **Membership** -- The BLA also put out two terrific BLA newsletters, conducted a record setting BLA summer raffle and the BLA Annual Meeting, which was attended by over 220 member and guests.

These accomplishments were possible only because of your generous financial donations. Please help us continue to protect and improve our lakes by making a donation to the **2018 BLA Annual Appeal**.

### **Matching Gift Challenge**

This year you have another great reason to donate to the Annual Appeal. Dr. Alex and Kathi Wall have presented the BLA with a \$14,000 matching gift challenge to help raise funds for the Great Pond Water Management Plan, which will be developed next year. This plan is required to both obtain a state permit and to seek government funding for an alum treatment of Great Pond.

**If you value the BLA and work we are doing on Great Pond and Long Pond, please consider making a donation to the *2018 BLA Annual Appeal*. Thanks to the matching gift from the Walls, your gift will have twice the impact this year.**

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

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Johnson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline for the name "Johnson".

Carol Johnson, President and  
Your BLA Board of Directors

George Atkinson  
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**YES! I want to support the Belgrade Lakes Association's ongoing water quality programs and operations with my 2018 Annual Appeal donation of:**

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Current Winter Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer to use a credit card or PayPal, you may do so online at the BLA website [www.blamaine.org](http://www.blamaine.org) or call the office at 207-512-5150. (Leave a message and we will call you back.) The Belgrade Lakes Association is a registered 501(c) (3) organization.



**BELGRADE LAKES  
ASSOCIATION**

**MISSION**

*To protect and  
improve the watershed  
of Great Pond and  
Long Pond through  
preservation,  
education and action.*