



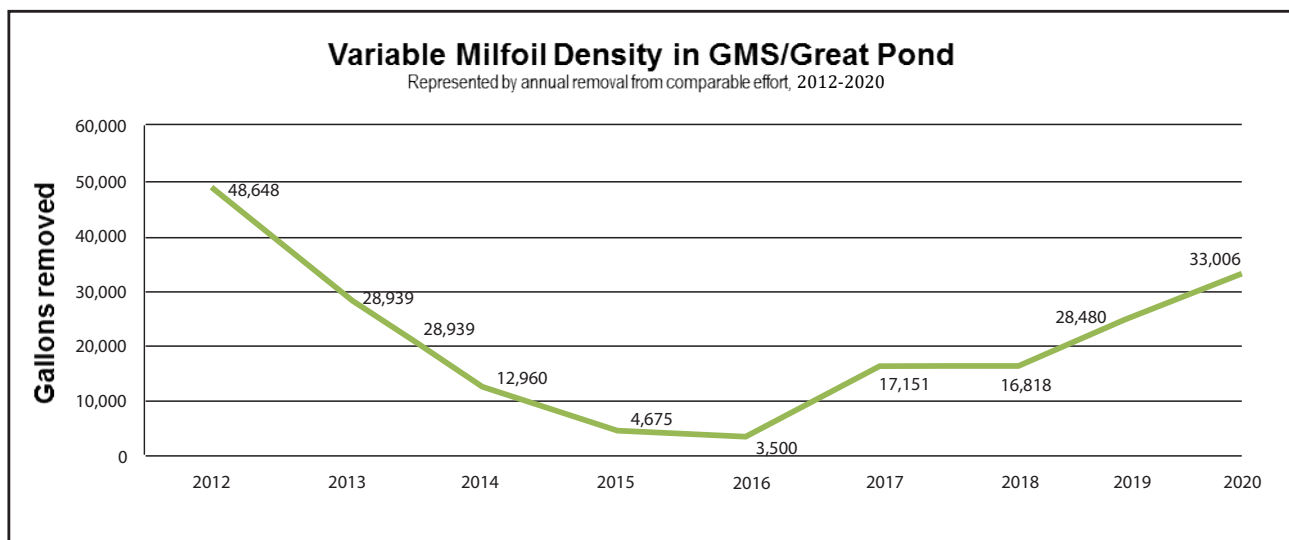
Dear STOP MILFOIL Donor:

December 3, 2020

The purpose of this letter is to THANK YOU for your donation to the 2020 STOP MILFOIL Annual Appeal and to give you an update on the work that was done this year using your financial gift. Now in our ninth year, this fund raising campaign has been generously supported by hundreds of people who love our lakes and want to see them clean and beautiful for many generations to come. **Thank you very much for being one of those generous donors!**

Thanks to your ongoing support, we made very good progress this year pushing back the invasive milfoil infestation and preventing it from spreading to other parts of Great Pond and into Long Pond. Thanks to the 7 Lakes Alliance milfoil crew, here's what was accomplished in 2020:

1. Plants Removed – Our 7 Lakes Alliance milfoil crew was very productive this year. Working with New England Milfoil, they pulled and removed 33,006 gallons of milfoil. That's 16% more than 2019 and double what was removed in 2018.



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2. Barriers Laid – This was a big advancement this year. The 7 Lakes crew put down 65,340 square feet of burlap barriers on the bottom of Great Meadow Stream to kill the invasive milfoil and prevent it from growing back. Not only is the burlap a permanent barrier that stays down over the winter but the crew was able to lay many times more square feet of the burlap than the synthetic barriers used in the past, which had to be pulled up at the end of every season.

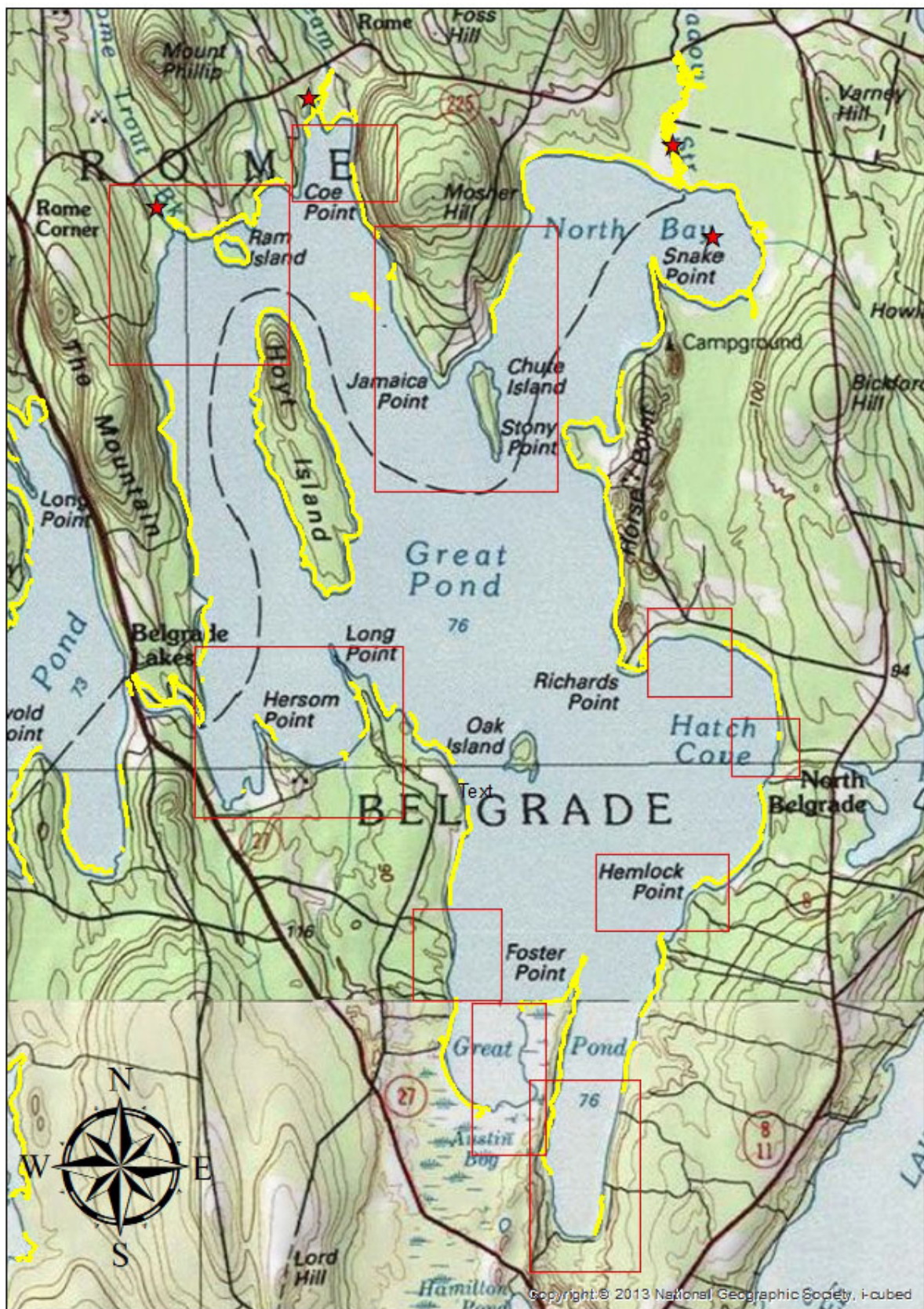
3. Lakeshore Surveyed – The 7 Lakes Alliance crew surveyed all the high-risk areas on both Great Pond and Long Pond. No new infestations were found. Small amounts of milfoil were removed from Robbins Mill Stream and Rome Trout Brook plus just three plants along the shoreline in North Bay.

4. Boat Inspections – Our lakes were very busy last summer and so were our Courtesy Boat Inspectors. They worked from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week, from Memorial Day to La-



The 7 Lakes STOP MILFOIL crew pulled and removed 33,006 gallons of invasive milfoil this past summer and laid down 65,340 square feet of burlap barriers to help prevent it from growing back. Great work team. Thank you!





Adopt-a-Shoreline 2020

- ★ variable milfoil areas
- Adopted Shorelines
- Areas that need adopting!

This map was created by Sharon Mann
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7 Lakes Alliance in partnership with
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Fall 2020

Red squares indicate areas where more Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers are needed. Please call 7 Lakes Alliance office at 207 495-6039 for more information and to volunteer. Thank you.

bor Day. In that time they inspected 5,079 boats at the Great Pond ramp and 2,664 at the Long Pond ramp, in total 11% more then were inspected in 2019. Ninety plants fragments were removed from boats; fortunately no invasives.

5. Stream Closure – Great Meadow Stream was closed all year to all motorized watercraft to provide a safer work environment for the milfoil crews and divers and to reduce plant fragmentation. Non-motorized watercraft, such as canoes and kayaks, were permitted in the stream. Thanks for your continued understanding of this necessary measure.

6. Adopt-A-Shoreline – COVID made it difficult to recruit and train AAS volunteers this year. We still have a cadre of active volunteers who are checking their shoreline for new infestations. We plan to get fully reengaged with this program next year. Refer to the map on the next page for shoreline areas that still need adopting.

7. Donations – As of December 1, 2020, you contributed \$55,850 to our STOP MIFOIL Annual Appeal this year. Thank you. Just as in the past, every dollar donated goes into a special STOP MILFOIL bank account and is only being used for our milfoil mitigation work on Great Pond and Long Pond.

8. Leadership – The 7 Lakes STOP MILFOIL crew was experienced and exceptionally productive this year. Our thanks to all of them, especially their team leader, Sharon Mann, as well as Amy Soper, Manager of the Courtesy Boat Inspection program and Lauren Pickford, Manager of Adopt-A-Shoreline.

What’s the Bottom Line?

Thanks to your generous support, more invasive milfoil was removed from the Great Meadow Stream infestation than any year since 2012. The entire length of the stream was cleared 3 times this year. And the crew covered very large areas of the stream bottom with burlap barriers. No new infestations were found in Great Pond and we kept the milfoil from spreading to other parts of Great Pond and into Long Pond. All very good news.

Yet we cannot drop our guard and rest on our laurels. The milfoil is relentless. If we back off it will come right back. We’ve got to keep attacking it. So next year the 7 Lakes crew will be back out there aggressively pulling and removing plants, putting down more barriers and searching for new outbreaks.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your financial support that has allowed this work to continue. Your donations have made this success possible. Your continued support will help ensure our future success.

With great appreciation,

Your BLA Board of Directors

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