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25th Anniversary



Photo:
Jodie Mosher-Towle and the
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Volunteers

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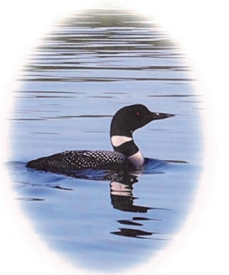
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BRCA conserves the lands, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

BRCA's "The Harold Alfond Memorial Pro Am Golf Tournament" and Reception

To Residents and Friends of the Belgrade Lakes . . .

We have an opportunity to say thank you to the literally hundreds of caring persons who have volunteered their efforts and resources to maintain and improve water quality throughout the Belgrades.

The lakes are a national treasure and a local and regional asset of major proportions. We can take great pride in the enormous outpouring of support — volunteer service as well as financial — that marks this special occasion.

We thank all you who are participating in some way in the distinctive Pro-Am Golf Tournament and Reception this year. Participants and sponsors alike are making this event a landmark one that will have lasting impact.



Prize loon bookends carved by Gary Poisson.

We especially want to thank the Harold Alfond Foundation, the Alfond family, the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, and Kyle Evans, General Manager, for hosting the tournament and for their support of the programs of BRCA and the Lakes Trust to enhance the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes.

Harold Alfond Memorial Pro-Am Golf Tournament

10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
4:00 p.m. Awards Presentation at Reception

Amateur Team Prizes

1st, 2nd and 3rd place, Net, and Low Gross team members will receive unique loon carvings by Gary Poisson.

Pro's Cash Awards

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| 1st Place | \$2,500 |
| 2nd Place | \$1,000 |
| 3rd Place | \$ 500 |

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Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 14th, 2013, and the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. The day begins with registration at 10am with the shotgun start at 11am. The Open Reception and Auction for the Lakes begins at 4 pm. There are limited additional openings available. Sign up with BRCA today to play!

All donations up to \$25,000 made between August 15th—December 15th will be matched by the Harold Alfond* Foundation to benefit the BRCA Lake Trust programs of East Pond, North Pond, Salmon Lake, McGrath Pond, Messalonskee Lake, Great and Long Ponds.

President's Column: Thank you BRCA Volunteers!

This month's column is dedicated to all the volunteers who spend countless hours working to preserve our lakes and watershed. I will not mention any names because there are far too many and undoubtedly someone would be left out. Without volunteers the BRCA would not be as successful as we've been. We have 3-4 full time paid employees, depending upon the time of year, and they will be the first to tell you that they could not do their jobs as well as they do without volunteers.

There are two types of volunteers; planners and doers. Without the planners our efforts would not be very effective. The old saying goes; if you fail to plan, then plan to fail. But without the doers to carry out the plans nothing would get done. Fortunately for us, many of our volunteers are both planners and doers.

Our volunteers work on a wide variety of tasks consistent with our mission and strategies. So what do these volunteers do?

Milfoil The BRCA obtains funds from the state, the towns lying in our watershed, and the five lake associations to hire Courtesy Boat Inspectors necessary to reduce the risk of invasive plants entering our lakes. But we can't afford to cover all the critical hours at our boat landings. Fortunately volunteers fill much of this gap. They also pitch in when we do our annual Invasive Plant Patrols at the boat landings where we canvas the high risk areas for signs of invasive plants.

When variable leaf milfoil was discovered in Great Meadow Stream several years ago leading into Great Pond, the volunteers poured out in droves from all five lake associations. Many helped construct benthic barriers that could be laid on the bottom of the stream and lake to cover patches of milfoil, effectively killing the plants. Others helped install the barriers in the lake, while some actually climbed out of their kayaks into the muck of the stream and hand pulled the milfoil, all under the close supervision of our experts.

Water Quality The LakeSmart program developed by the Department of Environmental Protection has gained tremendous support on some of our lakes. LakeSmart is a program that offers

free opportunities for homeowners to learn how to manage their home and yard to improve water quality in their lake and maintain the value of their shoreline property. Unfortunately the DEP lacked the funds to hire the necessary people to perform the LakeSmart evaluations requested by many lake-front owners. Today volunteers do most of the LakeSmart evaluations in our watershed!

Land We also have volunteers who help maintain trails as well as construct new trails on the 8000 plus acres that the BRCA has preserved in our watershed. Our Stewardship Committee, all volunteers, plans these activities and ensures the plans are executed. If you haven't hiked our new trail on The Mountain (built by volunteers), you're missing a real gem. It ties into the old trail and has wonderful views of Great Pond.

We also have volunteers who manage our land acquisition program and bring recommendations to the BRCA board to consider. Currently we are working on several land deals that will be handsome additions to the Kennebec Highlands.

Education Volunteers plan and carry out our Education program. They organize many of the lectures held each summer in the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC) along with field trips throughout our watershed. Most of these outdoor programs are led by volunteers. Aquafest, a bi-annual family event, is run mostly by volunteers.

BRCA Board Lastly, there are 13 members on the BRCA board of directors, excluding myself. Each possesses unique skills and works very hard to ensure that we meet a high standard. I am truly impressed with their professionalism and commitment to making good decisions.

I've mentioned only those volunteers who support the BRCA. There are many more, often the same people, who also support the MLRC, Maine Lakes Society (formerly COLA), and the five lake associations. I could probably write several more pages on our volunteers, but I hope you get the message; without volunteers we would be a much less effective organization. I look forward to thanking many of these volunteers at our annual meeting on September 3 at Alden Camps on East Pond. I hope to see you there.

If you would like to volunteer, call the BRCA at 495-6039. Thanks to all of our VOLUNTEERS!

- Mel Croft, President BRCA Page 2

More New Faces at BRCA...

Come on down to our new home at the Maine Lakes Resource Center and meet some new people. We have students Logan Parker and Cassidy Plaud greeting visitors as they come into the center. Here are bios from them:

My name is Cassidy Plaud. I am a junior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. I am studying Natural Resource Conservation with a minor in Anthropology. I love being outside, and passing the time by hiking and kayaking. I am an avid reader and enjoy crocheting.

My name is Logan Parker and I am student studying Justice Studies at the University of Maine at Augusta. I am also pursuing academic minors in Biology and Psychology. When I'm not busy studying or working, I like to go out for hikes around the state or ride my bike on some the great local trails. I am also a bit of wildlife enthusiast and amateur wildlife photographer.

Milfoil 2013: Season No. 13 (continued)



New England Milfoil's diver assisted suction harvester (DASH), working in Great Pond

In 2010 variable milfoil was discovered in the Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. Since that time, efforts have been underway to contain the infestation and remove the plants. 2013 marks the second year of the Belgrade Lakes Association's STOP Milfoil Campaign. BRCA has been tasked with implementing the action plan for this campaign. This summer, New England Milfoil (a professional milfoil mitigation company) is back for nine weeks, using their diver assisted suction harvester (DASH) to remove the large patches of variable milfoil plants. Four college students have also been hired to hand pull plants in the stream and the three other tributaries that were discovered to have variable milfoil plants.

There is also a two-person survey team that is combing the shoreline of both Great Pond and Long Pond looking for any other new infestation, as well as a two-person outreach team that will be conducting Adopt-A-Shoreline trainings and going door-to-door talking with folks about the threat of invasive aquatic plants and how they can help.

If you would like to contribute to these efforts, please visit www.belgradelakesassociation.org. Due to a matching grant secured by the BLA, each new contribution will be matched two to one, and if you have contributed in the past, your dollars will be matched one to one.

For many years Messalonskee Lake and the Belgrade Stream have been infested with variable milfoil. With financial assistance from the Towns of Belgrade, Sidney and Oakland, the State of Maine, the Belgrade Lakes Association, the Friends of Messalonskee, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act small grant program, BRCA will make efforts to remove variable milfoil from certain parts of Messalonskee Lake and Belgrade Stream. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, please e-mail Toni at brcamf@belgradelakes.org.

*Salmon Lake, Eurasian milfoil update: Early in June, The Department of Environmental Protection surveyed Kozy Cove on Salmon Lake and did not discover any Eurasian milfoil plants. A few more surveys will be done throughout the summer to monitor the cove.

“The New TRAIL” on “The Mountain”

“THE NEW TRAIL” is the only name we have yet for the latest path on “The Mountain”. It has quickly become a favorite of morning walkers, their dogs, and an early a.m. runner or two.

This new path branches off the original “Mountain Trail” on the Great Pond side describing an outer perimeter of the old “Mountain Trail”. Instead of open vistas, one is treated to branch-framed overlooks of Hoyt’s Island and the open reaches of Great Pond. The path passes moss-lined ledges and a wonderful mature hemlock wood. If you carry on counter-clockwise, you’ll cross the woods road and continue on the path towards Long Pond. Crossing the woods road again, you’ll follow your nose until you find yourself back on the original trail, at which point you can choose left towards the car park, or, right down the original path, past the Long Pond ledges, and then down to where you started.

The trail has a surprise or two, plus one “standing stone” looking like the fickle finger of fate award. Watch your feet as this is not a level trail. Besides travelling up and down, it slants sideways in spots. Sling-back pumps are probably not a good choice of footwear. “The New Trail” is a beautiful, quiet, peaceful way to spend an hour or two.

-Written by SueEllen Greenan



Photo of the “New Trail” On “The Mountain” by the Greenans

Watershed Protection Grant Project

Completed by Cornville Regional Charter School Students and NPA Volunteers

A DEP Watershed Protection Grant Program provided funding and classroom support for a service learning project designed to protect the water quality of a lake or stream and to educate the public about the relationship between land use and water quality.

Cornville Regional Charter School 5/6 grade teacher, Ashley Leslie, took advantage of the opportunity to work with the North Pond Association to have students learn all they could about the subject then put what they learned into action on a steep, eroding slope on Lake View Drive in the Smithfield.

The DEP’s, Leslie Latt, prepared students for the upcoming project in the classroom where she lead discussions about watersheds, erosion, buffers, phosphorous and the damage it can do to a lake and other bodies of water. They also helped demonstrate the cycle of rain water using sponges and spray bottles in the watershed model complete with mountains that Ms. Latt shared with them. The demonstration was a

great example of just how easy it is for pollutants like naturally occurring phosphorous, to flow into a body of water. They learned buffers found on the edge of bodies of water can help stop phosphorous with their root systems and slowing down the flow of the water is the key to filtering out the phosphorous.

The Youth Conservation Corps helped out by spreading erosion control mulch over burlap to help stabilize the soil around the plants and discussed a more permanent plan for the future of this very steep site. (see photo on back page)

Students will present their experience one evening this summer at the Fairview Grange in Smithfield. The date announcement will be made on North Pond Association’s FB page and on www.NorthPond.net and in Summertime in the Belgrades. There is a sign at the site of this successful service learning project so be sure to check it out!

-Written by Jodie Mosher-Towle

Executive Director’s Column

25th Anniversary

We are in our 25th anniversary year and we will be celebrating several times this summer. First, is an Open House at the MLRC this Saturday, July 6, from 1 -4 PM. Next, is the bi-annual Harold Alford Memorial Pro Am Golf Tournament at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club on Wednesday, August 14, an important fundraiser held in support of BRCA and lake association water quality programs throughout the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Finally, we are holding our annual 5K race on Saturday, August 31, and our 25th BRCA Annual Meeting at Alden Camps on Tuesday, September 3. We hope to see you here!

Land Trust We have several land trust deals under discussion, and two under contract, at this time. Because of their confidential nature, the details are yet to be publicly announced. One is an addition to the Kennebec Highlands, one is in the Rome hills, one is on Messalonskee Lake, and two are on Salmon Lake. BRCA is increasingly looking at land deals that protect water quality and wildlife, in addition to expanding existing holdings and providing recreational opportunities for our members and the community. We expect to be able to publicly announce several of these deals this year.

Rome Cell Tower The BRCA board believes the cell tower issue is important to the investment our members have made in land conservation, and has taken a proactive advocacy position with the Town of Rome in regard to the application.

BRCA Conservation Corps Truck Many thanks to Central Maine Motors, and owner Chris Gaunce, for providing the Conservation Corps a free truck for the 2013 field season. This is the second year that CMM has provided BRCA a truck for the conservation corps. It is needed and is greatly appreciated! Many thanks as well to Friends of Messalonskee president (and BRCA conservation corps board member), Wally Buschmann, for helping make this CMM connection.

Water Quality Steering Committee On June 24, BRCA met with representatives of area towns, businesses, lake associations, and community members to discuss Water Quality issues in the Belgrade Lakes watershed. This meeting was organized by BRCA in order to address long-term water quality declines in



From The Mountain looking over Long Pond

the watershed as documented in the 2009 Long Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan, approved by Maine DEP and US EPA. The document is a call to action to reduce phosphorus-loading to area lakes. The Steering Committee is developing a Mission Statement and will be organizing working groups to address the challenges raised in the management plan. A copy of the plan will soon be available for download on the BRCA website. If you would like more information, or would like to participate on the Steering Committee or on a work group, please contact Charlie Baeder at brcacb@belgradelakes.org, or at 207-495-6039.

Thanks again for your dedication to and support of the land, water quality, and heritage of the Belgrade Lakes watershed. Have a great summer!

- Charlie Baeder, BRCA Executive Director

Last year, the BRCA's Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) inspected almost 12,000 boats throughout the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. Since 2002, the BRCA has been coordinating CBIs at each of the watershed's seven boat launches. You can't miss their bright yellow shirts and enthusiasm for protecting the lakes from invasive aquatic plants. So far this summer, there have been two "saves" coming out of Messalonskee Lake at the Sidney boat launch. A "save" means that a CBI pulled an invasive aquatic plant (variable milfoil in this case) off a boat or trailer either going into the lake or coming out. In both cases, the plants came off a boat/trailer coming out of Messalonskee Lake, which is known to have variable milfoil.



Cassidy Plaud (a new CBI) waiting to check boats for invasive aquatic plants.

Thank you to Cameron Dick and Renee Dugal, responsible for the saves coming out of Messalonskee, for their vigilance and dedication to our CBI program and thank you to all of our CBIs for their hard work so far this summer!

Adopt-A-Shoreline is a new initiative that has launched this summer. This program is a collaboration between the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and the Belgrade Lakes Association's STOP Milfoil Program, to stop the spread of milfoil in our lakes. The program, modeled after the popular Adopt a Highway concept, will teach residents to monitor their own shorelines for invasive plants including variable milfoil. The BRCA is providing training in identifying milfoil to empower people to help

track the spread of this foreign plant. Adopt a Shoreline is open to any lakefront property owner or group and is an excellent opportunity for local road associations to become more involved in their watersheds. If your road association is interested in hosting a training, please call Toni Pied at (207) 215-2685, or e-mail brcamf@belgradelakes.org. There will also be a training for interested individuals on Monday, July 29th at 9am, at the Maine Lakes Resource Center. Please e-mail Toni to register.

MILFOIL SURVEY CREW 2013:
Tyler Case and Amanda Couture



Cell Tower Process in Our Viewshed

The BRCA board believes the cell tower issue is important to the investment our members have made in land conservation, and has taken a proactive advocacy position with the Town of Rome in regard to the application. The BRCA, through its Executive Director, Charlie Baeder, and its President, Mel Croft, has been actively participating in the review by the Rome Planning Board of an application to site a cell tower on The Mountain, between Long Pond and Great Pond. Late last year, Global Tower Partners, LLC (GTP) submitted a land use application to the town of Rome, seeking to erect a 190' wireless cell tower on property not far from the BRCA trails on The Mountain and visible from trails on French Mountain and Mount Phillip. After reviewing the application and the Rome Telecommunications Facilities Siting Ordinance, we took the position that the application was incomplete in that it totally failed to address several key requirements of the Ordinance including the visual impact of the proposed location, the effect on property values in the surrounding areas and an examination of alternatives to the proposed location. Additionally, we provided information to the

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Planning Board that the Application violated the Ordinance in that it did not comply with setback requirements and several other essential features of the Ordinance.

In support of our efforts to ensure that the Applicant comply with the requirements of the Ordinance, particularly the visual impact requirement, we commissioned DeWan and Associates to prepare a visual rendering of the proposed tower and show its impact on the views from several BRCA locations, including French Mountain and Mount Phillip, as well as the impact on the view from locations on Long Pond and Great Pond. Those visual renderings are also available.

The Planning Board held a public hearing in May and had further discussion at its meeting in June. They are scheduled to consider the Application at their July meeting scheduled for 7PM on Monday, July 8th at the Rome Town Hall on Mercer Road. Charlie, Mel and other members of the Board will continue to participate in the process, but if you would like to weigh in on the impact the proposed tower may have on you, please send a letter to: Rome Planning Board, Town of Rome, 8 Mercer Rd, Rome, ME 04963.

Rain Garden Design and Testing



Installed June 21st, the rain garden was put to work June 28th during a 2" rain storm event.

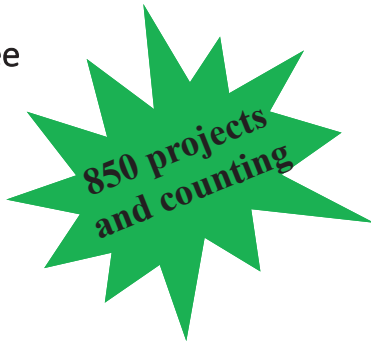
State soil scientist, Dave Rocque (below), explains site soil conditions to DEP staff, Jeff Dennis, Colby professor, Whitney King, Colby students and BRCA Conservation Corps staff. BRCA will be working with these experts in designing, sizing, and testing rain gardens this summer.



HOMEOWNER PROJECT REQUESTS

You may want to take advantage of the Conservation Corps' free labor for erosion control on your property if....

-you have more grass than other vegetation in your yard
-your driveway goes downhill towards the lake
-you have soil displacement under roof drip lines
-you have spots of bare soil in your yard
-you have a path that goes downhill to the lake
-your shoreline is eroding (you noticed loss of soil, undercutting, exposed roots)
-you just want to know what you can do to improve the water quality of the lakes.



HOMEOWNER PROJECT REQUESTS

The Conservation Corps is constantly seeking candidate project sites. Corps labor is free of charge. Homeowners pay only material and permitting costs. Contact the BRCA to schedule a property visit and learn how you can improve your lake's water quality. (207) 465-6039

Before



After



The Belgrade Lakes Region is a spectacular place for recreation and to work. I am lucky enough to have the pleasure of both. I recently started as the director of the Youth Conservation Corps. This winter I completed an eleven week training program with the Maine Conservation Corps in a pilot program called Veteran Community Leaders. I bring my experience in the U.S. Navy, MCC, and my passion for all things related to nature and its preservation to the Belgrade watershed in hopes of improving life for its residents and the diverse wildlife. The conservation corps provides those living along lake shorelines an opportunity to enjoy free labor for erosion control projects. If you have concerns about your property and your lakes' wellbeing please contact the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance for an assessment. Thank you, and enjoy your summer,

Jake Skakal, BRCA Conservation Corps Director



Youth Conservation Crew 2013

Milfoil 2013: Season No. 13 (continued)

Milfoil Logistics and Outreach Crew Member



I am Emily Littlefield and I graduated from the University of Maine Farmington with my degree in Biology and a minor in Environmental Studies. I'm working for the BRCA Stop Milfoil program as the Milfoil Logistics and Outreach Crew Member. My future plans include graduate school within five years in some sort of biological discipline.

Adopt-a-Shoreline Colby Intern



I am Andrew Newcomb and I grew up in Andover Mass and am now a rising junior at Colby College. I study Environmental Science and Biology and hope to work for a non-profit doing international conservation projects. In my free time I bike, run, hike, kayak, and read.



Great Meadow Stream Team

Gradey Michonski, Ashley Clark, Anna Marshall, and Justin Leavitt

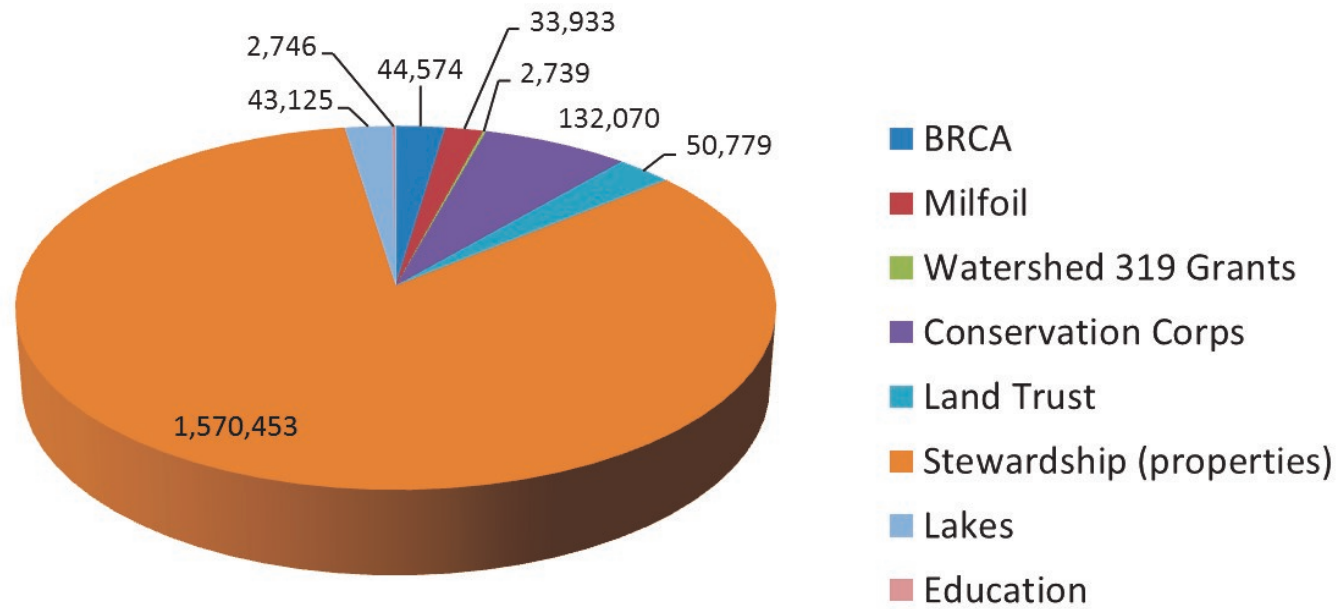
Gradey Michonski
Age: 21
From: Norridgewock
College/Field of Study: Senior at EMCC for Civil Engineering
Interests: Anything Outdoors.
Favorites include: Ice Hockey, Disc Golf, Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Kayaking/ Canoeing, Primitive Skills, and Snorkeling

Hello! My name is Ashley Clark. I am a student at the University of Maine at Farmington majoring in Environmental Science. I aspire to pursue a life of learning and fight to save our natural resources, lakes and natural beauty. When not fighting milfoil, I will be spending my spare time this summer hiking, running, painting and enjoying the outdoors. I am also taking a SCUBA certification course this summer and am very excited to be a part of the milfoil diving crew.

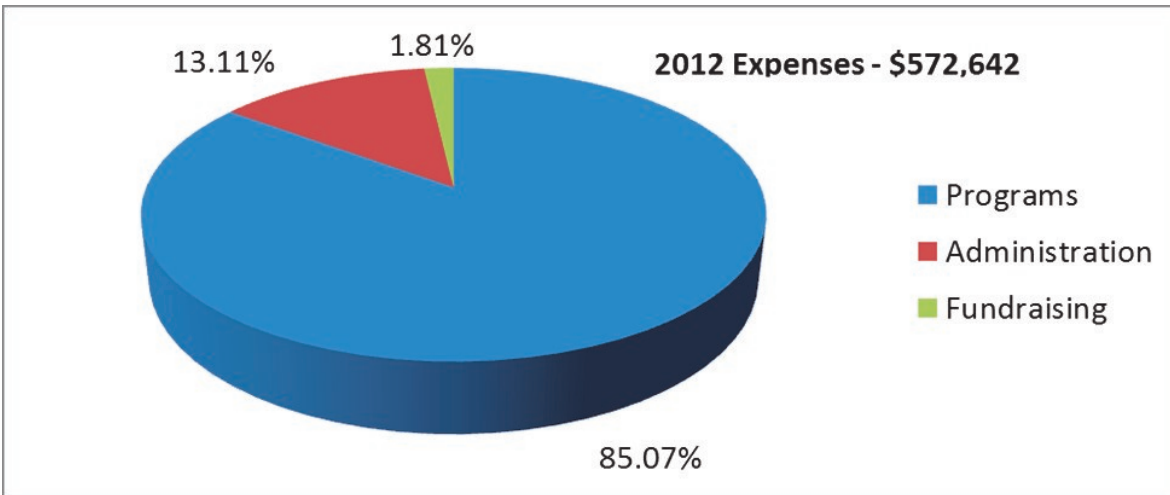
My name is Anna Marshall. I was born and raised between the cornfields and lakes of Central Maine and am currently attending Connecticut College where I will be a sophomore in the fall. I plan to double major in environmental science and anthropology where I hope to study human effects on aquatic environments. I love traveling, scuba diving, hiking, exploring, long walks on the beach, and essentially anything else that involves being outdoors. I still have yet to check sky diving, receiving my PhD or seeing every ocean off my bucket list but they are in the running. This summer I will be a part of the milfoil crew!!

Justin Leavitt
Born & raised in Maine studying Mechanical Engineering student at The University of Maine, Milfoil diver/ invasive plant educator for three years. I like SCUBA Diving, backpacking, canoeing, carving, carpentry, primitive skills, wilderness trip leading, XC skiing, snowshoeing.
Career Aspirations: Engineer (Alvin Pilot) at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute

BRCA Assets, December 31, 2012 - \$1,880,418



| | BRCA | Milfoil | Watershed 319 Grants | Conservation Corps | Land Trust | Stewardship (properties) | Lakes | Education | Total |
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| BRCA Assets December 31, 2012 | 44,574 | 33,933 | 2,739 | 132,070 | 50,779 | 1,570,453 | 43,125 | 2,746 | 1,880,418 |



BRCA spends 85% of contributions on programs, with the balance spent on administration (13%) and fundraising (2%). In 2012, the first year of the Great Meadow Stream milfoil project, 52% of program spending

BRCA assets at the end of 2012 reached a record \$1,880,418 growing by more than \$100,000 for the year, primarily based on the new Great Meadow Stream land acquisition (grant funded). BRCA now has \$1.4 million of land assets, with an additional \$175,000 in stewardship investment accounts to care for the land and conservation easements in perpetuity. We track all assets by program and the assets are restricted for use by that program. For example, the conservation corps board has done substantial fundraising over the years and most of its assets are in an investment account to provide long-term support for that program. If you have any questions about our programs, or would like additional financial information, please contact Charlie Baeder or Dick Greenan.

BRCA Summer Programs 2013

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| Saturday, July 13th, 9 a.m. Long Pond Paddle, Rome | Paddle Long Pond with Robyn LeGrand. Meet at the Public Boat Launch. Please pre-register by 7/11, call 495-6039. 3 person minimum. |
| Tuesday, July 16th at 2:00 p.m. Water and Wildlife Natural History Program by Chewonki MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | The Mystery of Riparian Habitats —Whether water is underground or in the sky, animals will always depend on it for their survival. We will bring mounted and a few live, non-releasable animals to show the unique adaptations required for life around water. Sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association |
| Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. Green Infrastructure Lecture MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | LaMarr Clannon, NEMO program coordinator, works with state agencies, municipal officials and other groups to reduce the environmental impacts of development (http://www.mainenemo.org/). |
| Wednesday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m. Held at Winterberry Farms 538 Augusta Rd (Rt. 27), Belgrade | Forever Farms by Maine Farmland Trust. Please join us to celebrate Forever Farms in Kennebec County! This is a FREE event featuring local food + beverages, music, and farm tours! |
| Thursday, August 1st, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. VLMP Plant ID Workshop MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Pre-registration required. Please visit www.mainevlmp.org to register. | The program was specifically designed to engage widespread participation by individuals with varying amounts of time and expertise to commit to the endeavor, from those who simply want to be more knowledgeable when they are out recreating on their lake, to those who are conducting and leading comprehensive lake wide surveys. The VLMP provides all certified patrollers with standardized field sheets, an ID card and a bucket scope. |
| Tuesday, August 6th at 2:00 p.m. Owls of Maine Natural History Program by Chewonki MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | Habits and Adaptations of Maine's Native Owls —Our live Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Screech or Saw-whet Owls are the highlights of this program, which introduces participants to the owls native to here. Sponsored by the Maine Lakes Resource Center |
| Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. Kennebec Highlands History MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | Join Speaker John Mosher from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and learn about the history of the Kennebec Highlands. |
| Tuesday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m. Birds of Prey MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | View 3 live raptors and compare and contrast the special hunting adaptations of nocturnal and diurnal raptors. Natural History Program by Chewonki sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association |
| Wednesday, August 14th at Noon Bi-annual BRCA Golf Tournament Belgrade Lakes Golf Course Reception at 4:00 p.m. | The pro-am golf tournament will benefit the BRCA Lake Trust , which supports the Conservation Corps, Milfoil Prevention, and other important water quality programs of the Belgrade Lakes. Reception with live auction to follow at 4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. "Ticks and Lyme Disease" Lecture with the medical director for Maine Lyme, Dr. Beatrice M. Szantyr. MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | Dr. Beatrice Szantyr is the medical director for Maine Lyme and currently participates on the State of Maine Vector-borne Disease Work Group, and is a member of the Maine Medical Association and the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS). She will focus on awareness, risk factors, prevention and symptomology of the disease. |
| Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. Maine Warden Service MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade | Join us with Col. Joel Wilkinson and hear about the Maine Warden Service. Light refreshments provided. Join us for our final lecture of the seasons. |
| Saturday, August 31st at 8 a.m. 5K Race for the Lakes Camp Runoia, Belgrade | Hosted by the lake associations for East Pond, Great Pond, Long Pond, McGrath Pond, Messalonskee Lake, North Pond, and Salmon Lake working together as the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Lake Trust . |
| Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:15 p.m. BRCA's Annual Meeting Held at Alden Camps 3 Alden Camps, Oakland | Buffett Dinner choices of beef, chicken (or fish), and vegetarian entrees will be available, along with salad, dessert, and other fixings. Cost: \$21.00 per person (tax and gratuity included), payable to Alden Camps at the meeting. You are welcome to BYOB. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 29th as dinner is limited to 70 seats. No limit for the business meeting later. |