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In 2008 or thereabouts Salmon Lake aka Ellis Pond in Belgrade and Oakland had an infestation of Invasive Eurasian Milfoil. The McGrath Pond Salmon Lake Association, MEDEP and others worked in concert and diligence to eradicate the highly invasive Plant. Each summer the 7 Lakes Alliance and MPSLA under DEP guidance provide an Invasive Plant Patrol to evaluate the coves, outlet streams and benthic areas. Additional Lake front property owners volunteer to monitor their shorelines for invasive plants. I am a 10 year member of MPSLA and have participated and donated countless hours on these needed endeavors. But training, education, research, outreach, followup collaboration with nonprofits and other agencies requires skills, materials, support staff and well educated staff, etc.. Clear, clean lakes in Maine are our life blood and bread and butter!! Our warming climate, increased tourism, Lake hopping, out of state invasive Plants, etc. all threaten our healthy lakes.

It takes money to " run a well oiled machine " , prices are rising and as my Mother always said "you get what you pay for "!! Thank you.