

## **Your Legacy on the Lake Depends on You**

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This is part of a series of articles about the LEA Lakes Legacy League.

Let me guess: You are reading this newsletter because you have a special place on a unique lake in Maine. Either you love watching the four season changes reflected in the clear waters of your lake, or you delight in your springtime return to your special seasonal place. I can relate, for I share that love of a special place on a Maine lake.

As I age, I often daydream about how my kids, and their kids, will cherish my special place on the lake, even after I'm gone. I've made estate arrangements to ensure that they will get the house and that ownership won't create an undue financial burden on the next generation. Maybe you have too. I imagine my progeny delighting in the same things I find special about my lake house – family, friends, boating, swimming, hiking, campfires, cookouts, early morning paddles, late night skinny dips. Living lake life.

Ahh, but what about the lake itself? To help ensure that the lake on which my future vision depends remains as healthy and pristine as it is today, I've designated Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) as one of the beneficiaries of my estate. I'm going to help ensure LEA exists for at least another fifty years, continuing to do an outstanding job protecting the lake I love – any many other lakes. As a current LEA member, I'm sure that I don't have to convince you of the important role that LEA plays in protecting our lakes.

In summary, I'm taking steps to ensure that my special place is conveyed to my family and that the lake upon which my special place depends is also protected.

Please help to protect your legacy on the lake you love. Join me as part of the LEA Lakes Legacy League (LLLL) by declaring LEA as a beneficiary in your estate planning. Then contact Colin Holm or myself for inclusion in the LLLL. Your kids, indeed the next generation, will thank you for your legacy of healthy lakes.