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To Tony Ward, the Casco Selectpersons and the residents of Casco,

Thank you for the generous donation to the work that TLEA (Thompson Lake Environmental Association) does to keep Thompson Lake the pristine lake that it is. Since 2008 TLEA has removed more than 600 tons of the invasive milfoil plant species from the lake, and TLEA has dedicated over 1 million dollars to this effort. Each year, in Casco, our dive teams survey from Edwards Cove down the western shore to the Heath causeway looking for milfoil regrowth, and hand-pull whatever fragments they find. According to Alex Bernardy, our milfoil expert, for now Edwards Cove, Hancock Beach and the marina area are virtually free of milfoil. As we found this year in Pine Point that is something we cannot take for granted. Four years ago, we established the LakeSmart non-point source pollution (NPS) program on the lake. Through this program we have evaluated over 100 lakefront properties for runoff issues and twenty of the 66 member properties in Casco have been evaluated. Our YCC (Youth Conservation Corp) is alive and well due to generous funding by our members and towns. They are doing projects for homeowners all over the lake and saving them money. In May of 2023 we completed a full watershed survey of the entire Thompson Lake watershed which guided us in developing a watershed protection plan that, in turn, will allow us to apply for federal 319 Grants for erosion control measures that could directly benefit the residents and the town of Casco. Your support is critical to our mission.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ron Armontrout'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Armontrout
TLEA President