



## Lewis Creek Association 2012 Program Highlights

2012 has been a great year for water quality awareness and river conservation. A year after being selected as a focus “showcase watershed” by the State and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Lewis Creek Association was awarded funds to facilitate stream and highway improvement projects, two river corridor plans, the Shelburne Charlotte Water Quality Stewardship Program, a Lewis Creek Temperature Study, and a LaPlatte Stormwater Planning Project. 2012 projects included planning and education outreach, water quality monitoring and conservation projects in the LaPlatte, Thorp, Kimball Holmes and Lewis Creek watersheds. Thanks to financial support from watershed towns, friends and grantors; LCA works with a growing network of friends including the LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, Charlotte and Hinesburg Land Trusts and Conservation Commissions to help landowners, towns and the state to improve water quality, protect agricultural soils & restore our valued natural systems. To learn more visit us at [lewis creek.org](http://lewis creek.org) and find us on Facebook.

### **Program Highlights** (\$100,000 annual budget)

#### Restoration and Conservation (50% of budget)

Assisted Monkton with its Wildlife Road Crossing Project on the Vergennes Rd.  
Year 4 -Thorp Kimball Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project  
Year 1- LaPlatte Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project  
Conservation project assistance to Monkton, Charlotte, Hinesburg, Ferrisburgh landowners  
Developing an inter town invasive species control collaborative

#### Planning and Data Collection (37% of budget)

Completed a stream temperature study & conservation plan for Lewis Creek Aquatic Communities  
Developing a water quality improvement plan for the Lewis Creek’s Pond Brook Valley  
Developing stormwater swale assessment and best management selection tools for Shelburne  
Completed water quality monitoring for Lewis, LaPlatte, Thorp, Kimball, Holmes streams  
Completed a Water Quality Stewardship Survey for Charlotte and Shelburne  
Assisted with a local road assessment (Charlotte) and a Rte 116 (Starksboro, Hinesburg) culverts upgrade prioritization plan for flood resiliency

#### Education and Outreach (7% of budget)

Created and maintained the LCA Facebook page  
Prepared and shared water quality and river assessment reports with landowners, towns and state groups  
Supported LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative and the Thorp Kimball Holmes Watershed Group  
Sponsored educational displays at the Charlotte Town Party Day and Shelburne Farmers Market Days  
Provided comments to EPA and Vermont’s Lake Champlain Water Quality Improvement Plan  
Provided natural resource information to the Vermont legislature and government groups

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