



Lewis Creek Association 2013 Program Highlights

Thanks to annual support from watershed towns, friends and grantors; LCA works collaboratively with the LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Lake Iroquois Association, South Chittenden Riverwatch, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, Vermont Family Forests, Addison County Relocalization Project, Charlotte and Hinesburg Land Trusts, statewide groups, and regional and town committees in seven towns to protect and improve water quality, our valued natural systems and our local nature based economy. Our reach is from Shelburne to Leicester and from the Lake to the Western Green Mountains.

In 2013, private and town contributions helped to leverage government grants for education and strategic water quality improvements and river conservation projects identified in recent studies. LCA was also invited to participate in several state wide groups charged with making recommendations for new state water quality improvement policies and strategies.

We post reports and maps in the LCA website library, and day to day activities on Facebook. To learn more, please visit us at lewisecreek.org and Facebook.

Program Highlights (\$100,000 annual budget)

Restoration and Conservation (50% of budget)

Fundraising for Monkton's Wildlife Road Crossing Project on the Monkton-Vergennes Rd.
Year 5 -Thorp Kimball Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project
Year 2- LaPlatte Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project
Conservation project assistance for properties in Monkton, Charlotte and Starksboro
Participating in an inter town invasive species control collaborative
Implementing 4 water quality improvement projects in Monkton's Pond Brook valley

Planning and Data Collection (37% of budget)

Completed data collection for a Lewis Creek stream biology assessment
Completed a Lewis Creek's Pond Brook Valley water quality improvement plan for VT ANR
Completed a stormwater swale assessment and best management selection tool for Shelburne
Completed water quality sampling studies for Lewis, LaPlatte, Thorp, Kimball, and Holmes streams
Informed and completed a Starksboro, Hinesburg flood resiliency plan for Rte 116 culverts

Education and Outreach (7% of budget)

Maintained the LCA website and Facebook page
Shared water quality and river assessment reports with landowners, towns and state groups
Supported LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative and the South Chittenden Riverwatch group efforts
Sponsored educational displays at the Charlotte Town Party Day the LCA Annual Gathering
Provided comments to VT ANR and EPA's Vermont Lake Champlain Water Quality Improvement Plan
Provided natural resource information to the Vermont legislature and government groups

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