



Lewis Creek Association 2014 Program Highlights

With generous annual support from watershed towns, friends and grantors; LCA worked with a growing network of partners to educate ourselves while working to improve the health of land and water resources in two counties and seven towns. Our work area is the middle Lake Champlain valley and our partners include the LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Lake Iroquois Association, South Chittenden Riverwatch, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, Vermont Family Forests, Charlotte and Hinesburg Land Trusts, statewide groups, and regional and town committees.

In 2014, the board was thrilled to welcome Thomas Newcomb to represent the Town of Shelburne. Interested people are always welcome to join us and volunteer on special projects and board activities.

Your contributions helped leverage government grants for education, restoration and conservation projects. Please visit our library at lewisecreek.org and learn about daily activities on Facebook.

Program Highlights (\$100,000 annual budget)

Restoration and Conservation (50% of budget)

Installed a two tiered rain garden for stormwater mitigation along Silver Street in Hinesburg.
Fundraised for Monkton's Wildlife Road Crossing Project on the Monkton-Vergennes Rd.
Year 6 -Thorp Kimball Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project- Charlotte.
Year 3- LaPlatte Invasive European Frogbit Plant Removal Project- Shelburne.
Conservation agreement assistance for properties in Monkton and Charlotte.
Supported a 9 town invasives control collaborative & Charlotte's invasives control project.
Implemented ag and forestry water quality improvement projects in Monkton's Pond Brook valley.
Supported the Lewis Creek at Scott Pond fish passage project.

Planning and Data Collection (37% of budget)

Worked with Shelburne and State to use our stormwater swales assessment and design tool.
Completed annual water quality sampling studies for Lewis, LaPlatte, Thorp and Kimball streams.
Participated in the development of the Lake Champlain Water Quality Improvement Plan,
Vermont Agriculture Innovation Plan and the Northern Lake Champlain Basin Plan Update.

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 internship requests and our stream monitoring partners - LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, South Chittenden Riverwatch.
Sponsored educational displays at the Charlotte Town Party Day and the LCA Annual Gathering.
Provided natural resource information to the Vermont legislature and government groups.
Participating in the newly emerging Watershed United Vermont and Vermont Water Quality Council.

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