



## Lewis Creek Association 2015 Program Highlights

This year your contributions helped leverage government grants for education, restoration and conservation projects the middle Lake Champlain towns. LCA continues to work with a growing network of partners to educate residents while working to improve the health of land and water resources in two counties and seven towns. Our partner groups include government groups, LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Lake Iroquois Association, South Chittenden Riverwatch, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, Vermont Family Forests, state and local land trusts and conservancies, and two new regional groups - Watersheds United Vermont and Vermont Water Monitoring Council. 2014 grant funds came from Lake Champlain Basin Program and VT ANR.

In 2015, the board was thrilled to welcome Shelburne resident and Ecologist Susan Moegenburg who has been co leading stream monitoring work of the South Chittenden River watch since 2004. Interested people are welcome to join in and assist with special projects and board activities. Please visit our library at lewis-creek.org, and learn about daily activities on Facebook.

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

#### Restoration and Conservation (15% of budget)

We reached our fundraising target and celebrated our gift of \$120,000 to Town of Monkton who is now installing VT's first two amphibian and wildlife underpasses in Monkton Vermont.

Year 7 -Thorp Kimball Invasive European Frogbit Plant Control - Charlotte

Year 4- LaPlatte Invasive European Frogbit Plant Control - Shelburne

Year 1- LaPlatte Lewis Thorp Kimball Invasive Yellow Iris Control - Ferrisburgh, Charlotte, Shelburne  
Assisting Charlotte with its emerging wetland restoration and Phragmites control project

#### Planning and Data Collection (40% of budget)

Provided administration support for our stream monitoring partners - Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative and South Chittenden Riverwatch

Monitoring and helping to establish the new two tiered rain garden along Silver Street in Hinesburg

Monitoring ag. and forestry water quality improvement projects in Monkton's Pond Brook valley

Completed annual water quality sampling plans for Lewis, LaPlatte, Thorp and Kimball streams

Participating in the development of the State's Lake Champlain and LaPlatte basin plans.

#### Education and Outreach (45% of budget)

Initiated the "Ahead of the Storm" program that promotes optimal green stormwater infrastructure demonstration projects throughout our local watersheds

Maintained the LCA website and Facebook page

Compiling watershed protection report cards for 3 LaPlatte watershed towns

Shared water quality and river assessment reports with landowners, towns, state groups and legislators

Participating in 2 new state groups, Watersheds United Vermont & Vermont Water Monitoring Council