

# News Release



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## LCBP Awards Local Grants

*Grand Isle, VT* – Twenty-two local organizations and towns were recently awarded a total of \$135,778 in grants for projects that will benefit the Lake Champlain watershed. Over \$550,000 was requested, demonstrating that there is a strong need and interest for local projects. Grants were awarded in four categories: aquatic invasive species/pollution prevention, organizational support, education, and pollution reduction on small farms in the Missisquoi and St. Albans Bay basins.

Among the many projects funded through this year's grants are the following: a river steward for New York's tri-lakes region, a storm water retrofit at the Essex County fairgrounds, storm drain markers in the Lake George and Southern Lake Champlain region, a youth environmental stewardship project, and riparian corridor enhancement for Allen Brook in Williston. The small farm pollution reduction grant was awarded to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD will work with eight farms in the Missisquoi and St. Albans Bay basins that have agreed to install pollution prevention measures such as roof drains, laneways and manure pit repairs.

Since 1992, the LCBP has awarded nearly \$3.75 million for local projects which enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Lake Champlain watershed. Visit LCBP's grant database at [www.lcbp.org/grant\\_search.aspx](http://www.lcbp.org/grant_search.aspx) to learn about previously funded projects.

## Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant Recipients - March 2010

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### Aquatic Invasive Species/Pollution Prevention

\$7,200	Ausable River Association: Aquatic Invasive Species River Steward for the Saranac, AuSable and Boquet River Regions
\$10,000	Essex County Soil and Water Conservation: Essex County Fairgrounds Storm Water Retrofit
\$10,000	Intervale Center: Intervale Conservation Nursery
\$10,000	Paul Smith's College: Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention and Early Detection through Watershed Stewardship
\$9,021.04	Poultney Mettowee Conservation District: Demonstrating the on-farm environmental and economic impacts of the use of aerators
\$9,513	Town of Williston: Allen Brook Riparian Corridor Enhancement Project
<u>\$55,734</u>	

### **Organizational Support**

\$2,000	Ausable River Association: Strategic Planning
\$1,695	Lake Iroquois Association: Information Technology Project
\$2,000	Friends of the Winooski River: Communications & Outreach
\$2,000	Lake Champlain Maritime Museum: New Server
<u>\$1,800</u>	St Albans Area Watershed Assn: Organizational Support
\$9,495	

### **Education and Outreach**

\$6,710	CWICNY: River Processes Educational Enhancement Project (River PEEP)
\$7,500	Chittenden County RPC: Chittenden County Stream Team
\$2,945	Friends of Winooski River: Empowering Conservation Commissions and Town Road Crews to Partner for the Protection of Their Water Resources
\$4,021	Young Writer's Project: Lamoille River Schools Project
\$3,000	The Fund for Lake George: "Do It Yourself Water Quality" Campaign
\$3,750	Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board: NYS Champlain Watershed Storm Drain Marker Program
\$6,000	Community Sailing Center: Youth Environmental Stewardship Project (YES!)
\$1,712	Green Mountain Water Environmental Assn: Training and Test Equipment for VT Schools
\$2,000	Lake Iroquois Assn: Lake Iroquois Assn Education & Outreach Project
<u>\$6,000</u>	Missisquoi River Basin Assn: Bugworks 2010
\$43,638	

### **Farmer's Best Management Practices**

\$26,911	Vermont Association of Conservation Districts: "Pollution Reduction on Small Farms in the Missisquoi and St. Albans Bay Basins"
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