

The management plan for Lake Champlain, *Opportunities for Action*, is the result of a long-term collaboration among citizens, scientists, government agencies, interest groups, and the private sector.

**The Lake Champlain Basin**



**Cooperating Agencies**

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Department of Interior
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Lake Champlain Sea Grant
- National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration
- State of New York
- State of Vermont
- Québec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment & Parks
- Québec Ministry of Natural Resources & Wildlife

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Lake Champlain is a vital lake with many assets. But like many of North America's great waters, it has environmental and cultural resource management issues.

Lake Champlain is fortunate, however. Citizens from throughout its drainage basin have united to create a vision for its future and to make that vision a reality.

**Learn More**

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**One Lake - One Basin - One Future**



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Many people and programs are working for Lake Champlain. Left to right: restoring streambanks; building osprey platforms; and managing nuisance species like Eurasian watermilfoil.



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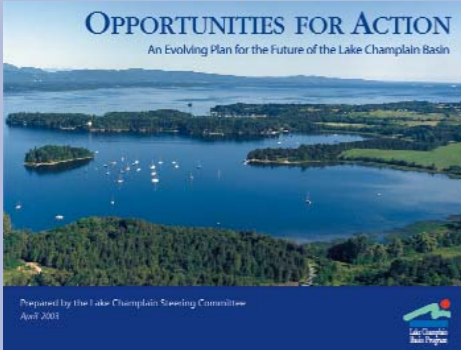
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## About the Program

The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) was created by the Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990. Our mission is implementing the Lake Champlain management plan, *Opportunities for Action*. Program partners include New York, Vermont, and Québec, the US Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, and local government leaders, businesses, and citizen groups.



## What Are The Plan's Goals?



- ❑ Improving water quality throughout the Lake Champlain Basin.
- ❑ Protecting the Basin's living natural resources.
- ❑ Preserving and enhancing the region's rich cultural and recreation resources and economic health.

The Lake Champlain Steering Committee leads the LCBP. Its members include many of the program partners, and the chairpersons of technical, cultural heritage and recreation, education, and citizen advisory committees.

The LCBP receives annual US Federal appropriations. Many sources fund Plan actions including federal, state, and provincial agencies, and contributions from local communities, businesses, and individuals.



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## Understanding Your Lake

Sound science and long-term monitoring are the foundation for Lake Champlain's management plan. More than fifty research projects have been funded by the LCBP, especially on the high priority issues of reducing phosphorus, preventing pollution from toxic substances, managing nonnative aquatic nuisance species, and protecting human health.

Research examples include lake sediment studies (above) and understanding sea lamprey, which prey on sport-fish (left).



Mary Watzin

## Local Connections and Opportunities

Cleaning up streams, increasing Lake access, helping homeowners prevent pollution, and revitalizing cultural sites—these are just a few of the community projects awarded LCBP local grants. More than \$2.8 million has been granted since 1993 (as of 2005). The LCBP also relies on citizen input from public meetings, written comments, and through the Citizens Advisory Committees.



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Lake Champlain and its watershed abound with learning opportunities.



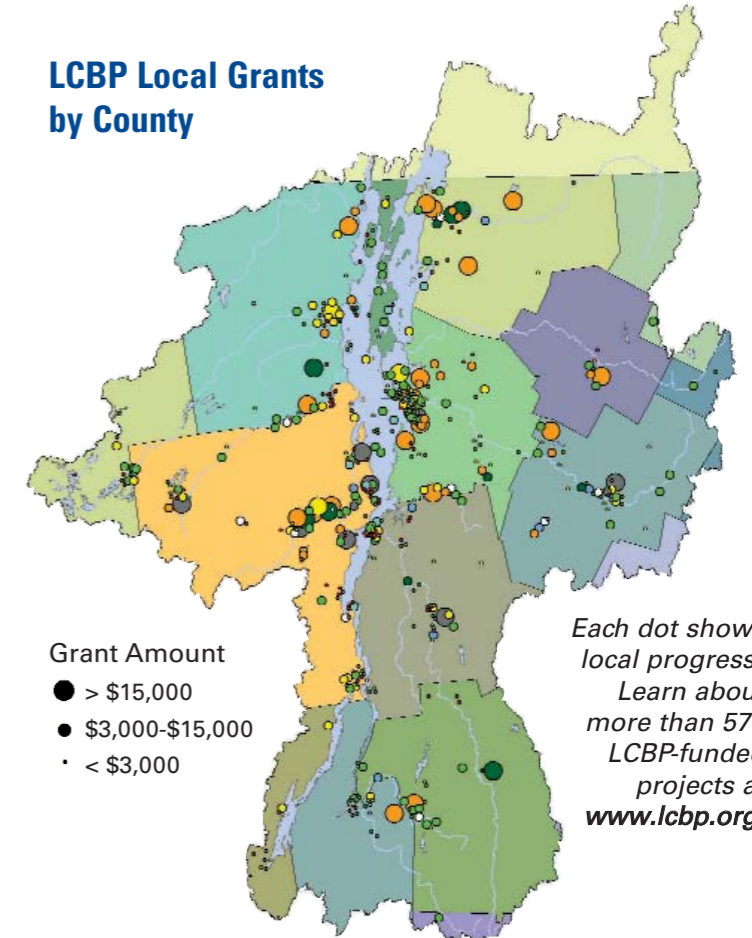
Gary Randorf

LCBP grants have funded bikeways (above) and trash removal from streams (right).



Friends of the Winooski

## LCBP Local Grants by County



Each dot shows local progress! Learn about more than 570 LCBP-funded projects at [www.lcbp.org](http://www.lcbp.org).

## Bringing the Lake to You!

Outreach programs include educator training, school programs, local media partnerships, publications, and newsletters. Visit the Lake Champlain Resource Room in ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain in Burlington for interactive exhibits and our Lake library. Learn lots more online at [www.lcbp.org](http://www.lcbp.org).