

Short-course on the LCBP budget process

1. LCBP advisory committees, Steering Committee members, staff identify tasks connected to Opportunities for Action
2. Congress appropriates funding through the LCBP authorization in the Clean Water Act, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and the National Heritage Area Program of the National Park Service
3. Steering Committee approves tasks in the budget for each of those three appropriations
4. GLFC funds are split among LCBP/NEIWPC, USFWS, UVM, and ECHO Leahy Center. Funding allocations are determined by GLFC and Senator Leahy.
5. NPS funds support the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP)
6. EPA funds are split among LCBP/NEIWPC, NY DEC, VT DEC. All EPA funds in the Lake Champlain appropriation of the LCBP authorization are directed to EPA Region 1.
 - NYS-executed projects with EPA funding: EPA Region 1 sends funds to EPA Region 2 for NYS projects. EPA R2 then has MOU with NY DEC to execute those projects. (e.g., Lake Champlain Long-Term monitoring program).
 - VT State-executed projects with EPA funding: EPA Region 1 contracts directly with VT DEC
 - EPA Region 1 has MOU with NEIWPC for LCBP-executed tasks in each budget. EPA-funded LCBP projects occur in both NY and VT (not Quebec).