VTCAC Membership Survey Results May 8, 2023



What geography do members represent?

- South Lake
- Champlain Valley
- South Burlington
- Chittenden County
- Northern Lake
- Franklin County
- Lake Champlain Watershed
- Winooski River Watershed
- Lake Champlain Islands/Grand Isle County

Affiliations, Associations, Interest or Community Groups

- Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Slate Valley Trails
- Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition
- Green Mountain Water Environment Association, American Society of Engineers, Vermont Rural Water Association
- Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, City of St. Albans. St Albans Bay Association, Vermont Public Health Association, United Way of Northwest Vermont, St. Albans City Planning Commission, Northwestern Medical Center
- Jericho Conservation Commission, Society of Wetland Science, VT Association of Wetland Science, The Wildlife Society, Native Plant Trust
- Half Earth Alliance, Town of Waitsfield Moderator; former Waitsfield Selectboard member; former board member of Friends of the Mad River; member of the Friends of the Mad River
- Sustainable Williston, Lake Champlain Sea Grant Public Advisory Committee, Vermont Water Caucus, New York Dam Task Force, host of national/regional water networks

Expertise & Perspectives Present on the CAC

- Good cross section of varied backgrounds and interests; agriculture, water quality non profits, engineering, legal, scientists, municipal, and other expertise. Moving forward, it will be important to maintain these types of expertise as members may change.
- Experience with a quasi-governmental entity; close work with DEC, VAAFM, and other related partners; work on water quality issues; decent understanding of water quality, causal factors, state rules and policy related to Lake Champlain
- 50 years of dairy farm transitioning
- Environmental engineer specializing in water resources, and spend summers on the lake in Colchester, actively enjoying the recreational activities on and along the lake; boating, biking, paddle boarding
- Northern lake environmental impact, Water group non-profit, Public advocacy, Community engagement, public health, impacts of environmental tragedies on communities
- Over 30 years of experience working on water issues and expertise in policy, advocacy, education and outreach, and monitoring
- Water resources attorney/small business owner/USCG licensed captain/non-profit access, education, recreation director
- Ecology, botany, watershed science, wetlands and water policy
- Legislator (5 years); 30 year career in environmental protection/water quality; toxics background; former manager of the state Clean Water Fund; former state floodplain manager and State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator; former member of the LCBP Executive Committee; river scientist; flood resilience; VT DEC civil rights compliance coordinator

Expertise & Perspectives Missing from the CAC

- Forestry (5)
 - Sustainable forestry
 - Working lands and forestry
- Recreation (4)
 - Recreation Professionals
 - Lake Access
 - \circ Fishing
 - Paddling
- Abenaki/Indigenous Peoples/First Nation Cultural Perspective (3)
- Underserved and BIPOC communities (3)
 - New Americans
- Youth (2)
- Agriculture (2)
 - Regenerative agriculture
 - Young farmers
 - Non-commodity farmers

- Forest or larger land mass owner/managers
- Municipal Sector
- Urban Water Management
- More representation from Addison Co. or the islands
- Environmental Justice
- Nature-based solutions

Suggestions for Potential VTCAC Members

- Forestry
 - Kathy Beland- Not Just Trees
- Recreation, Fishing
 - Joe Mark- Trout Unlimited
- Abenaki/Indigenous Peoples/First Nation Cultural Perspective
 - Joanne Crawford- Miss. Band of Abenaki
- Forest or larger land mass owner/managers
 - Someone from Vermont Land Trust (or other area land trust)
- Agriculture
 - Diversified farmer (maybe organic)
- Municipal Sector, Urban Water Management
 - Megan Moir- Burlington (2)