# WELCOME TO GUIDANCE ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN PROGRAM VERMONT DEC & NEW YORK DEC



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### **AGENDA**

- ♦ Goals, Outcomes, Tasks and Outputs
- ♦ Letters of Participation/Support
- ♦ Contacting Project Staff: When and Why
- ♦ RFP Process Timeline and Information
- ♦ General Q & A Session: Ask Anything!

# **GOAL AND OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES**

- Project Goal: Broad statement of what the project will accomplish or produce
- Examples: reduce nutrient and sediment in a watershed, reduce the amount of stormwater entering a lake, prevent AIS spread, develop a plan to restore and protect a riparian habitat, increase public engagement with a historic landmark
- Outcomes/Objectives: Measurable sets of activities and strategies that together will achieve the goal/purpose
- Examples: Acquire conservation easements on 5 sites; assess and prioritize areas for riparian habitat restoration; stabilize streams and riverbanks in project area; develop an outreach and education program for a cultural shoreline site.

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# **GOAL AND OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES)**

**Goal:** Produce plans to reduce stormwater runoff and shoreline erosion in to mitigate nutrient pollution along the shoreline of Georgia, Vermont.

### **Outcomes/Objectives:**

- 1. Provide a base of accurate mapping information for the community.
- Identify specific problem areas where unfavorable or deteriorated conditions are resulting in water quality impact to Lake Champlain.
- Prepare basic conceptual plans that may be used for repair or for developing a scope for a full engineering design solution.

# TASKS AND OUTPUTS (PERFORMANCE MEASURES)

### ♦ Tasks are activities to achieve an outcome/objective

- Develop a volunteer training series
- Create a boat cleaning protocol and schedule
- Remove woody invasive plants
- Conduct bidding process for a construction project
- Oversee phases of construction project

### ♦ Outputs are the products/achievements of a task

- # of volunteers trained
- # of boats cleaned
- Square footage of area from which plants were removed
- Signed contract with successful bidder
- Construction job completed

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# GOAL Outcome/Objective Task Outputs/ Performance Measures 1. 2. 3.

**GOAL:** Complete a Stormwater Master Plan for the Lake St. Catherine and Wells Brook Watershed

**Outcome/Objective 1:** Complete an extensive field assessment to identify sources of pollution and stormwater to the streams of...

Milestone (Task)	Deliverable (Output)
Project initiated; contractor selected	<ul> <li>Copy of RFP (if issued), signed contract, reason for selection</li> </ul>
2. Kickoff meeting with Lake Assn. and other partners	- Meeting minutes
3. Field Work: Existing conditions and WQ needs and objectives ID	<ul> <li>Documentation of problem areas/project opportunities with maps and photos</li> </ul>
4. Incl Field/Map Work: Vulnerable shoreline areas identified	<ul> <li>Locator maps of identified problem areas and narrative on selection criteria; summary of landowner involvement</li> </ul>
5. Field work: Lake Wise assessments completed	- Summary of Lake Wise results for restoration/water quality objectives

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**GOAL:** Protect the Ausable River, its tributaries, lakes and riverine corridor from aquatic invasive species to ensure healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

**Outcome/Objective:** Operate a river steward program in the Ausable River watershed to increase human awareness and action regarding AIS spread prevention.

Task	Deliverable (Output)
1. Develop a QAPP	- QAPP Approval
2. Prep and Plan the Season	<ul> <li>Plan work and events for May 18 to Columbus Day; prep WWS</li> </ul>
3. River Steward AIS Prevention: Streamside, retail and entry point education; setup and maintain WWS; visual AIS observation; attend public events	<ul> <li># days on river</li> <li># anglers educated</li> <li># miles monitored</li> <li># AIS identified</li> <li># events attended and people engaged</li> </ul>

# **LETTERS OF PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT**



Why Do They Matter?

Who Should Provide Them?

How Do We Get Excellent Letters?

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### CONTACTING PROJECT STAFF: WHEN & WHY

### WHIEN?

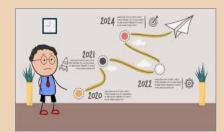
• Any time you have a question that you think may affect your eligibility or the strength of your proposal.

### WHIYP

- Does our organization qualify for this project?
- Is X activity considered a [green infrastructure; shoreline stabilization project] within the project guidelines?
- Do we need to decide on and name the proposed consultants?
- Will we meet this requirement by doing Y?
- Is Z an allowable expense for project match?

# **RFP Process: Timelines & Planning Issues**

- · Lake Champlain Basin Program
- New York DEC
- Vermont DEC



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