



# LCBP Briefing NY CAC

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# Outline for today

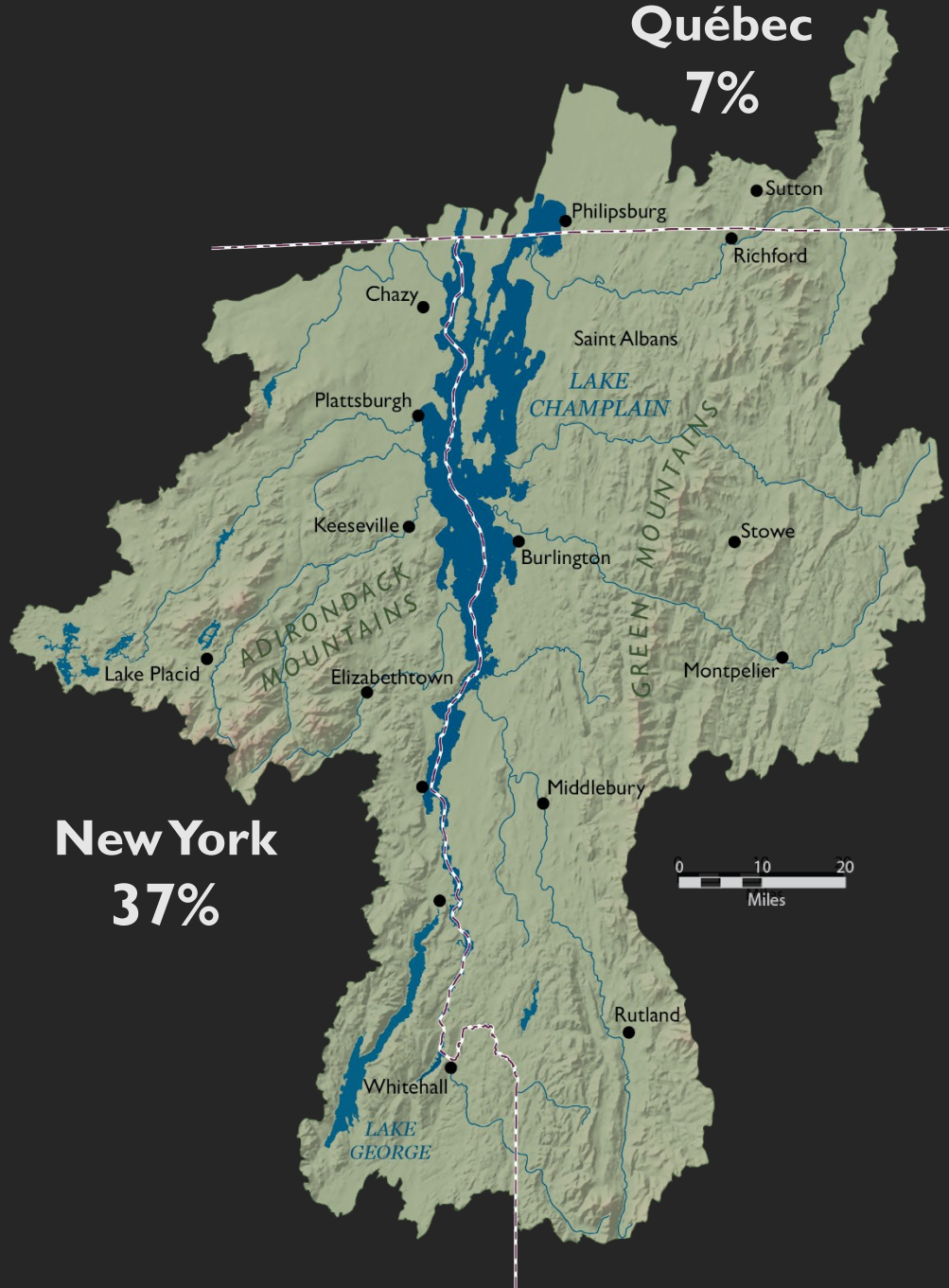
1. **LCBP Background**
2. **Opportunities for Action 2017**
3. **LCBP Structure**
4. **Programming**

**Québec**  
**7%**

**LCB Land Area**  
**8,234 sq. miles in**  
**LCB**

**Vermont**  
**56%**

**New York**  
**37%**



Inside cover

**Québec**  
**4%**

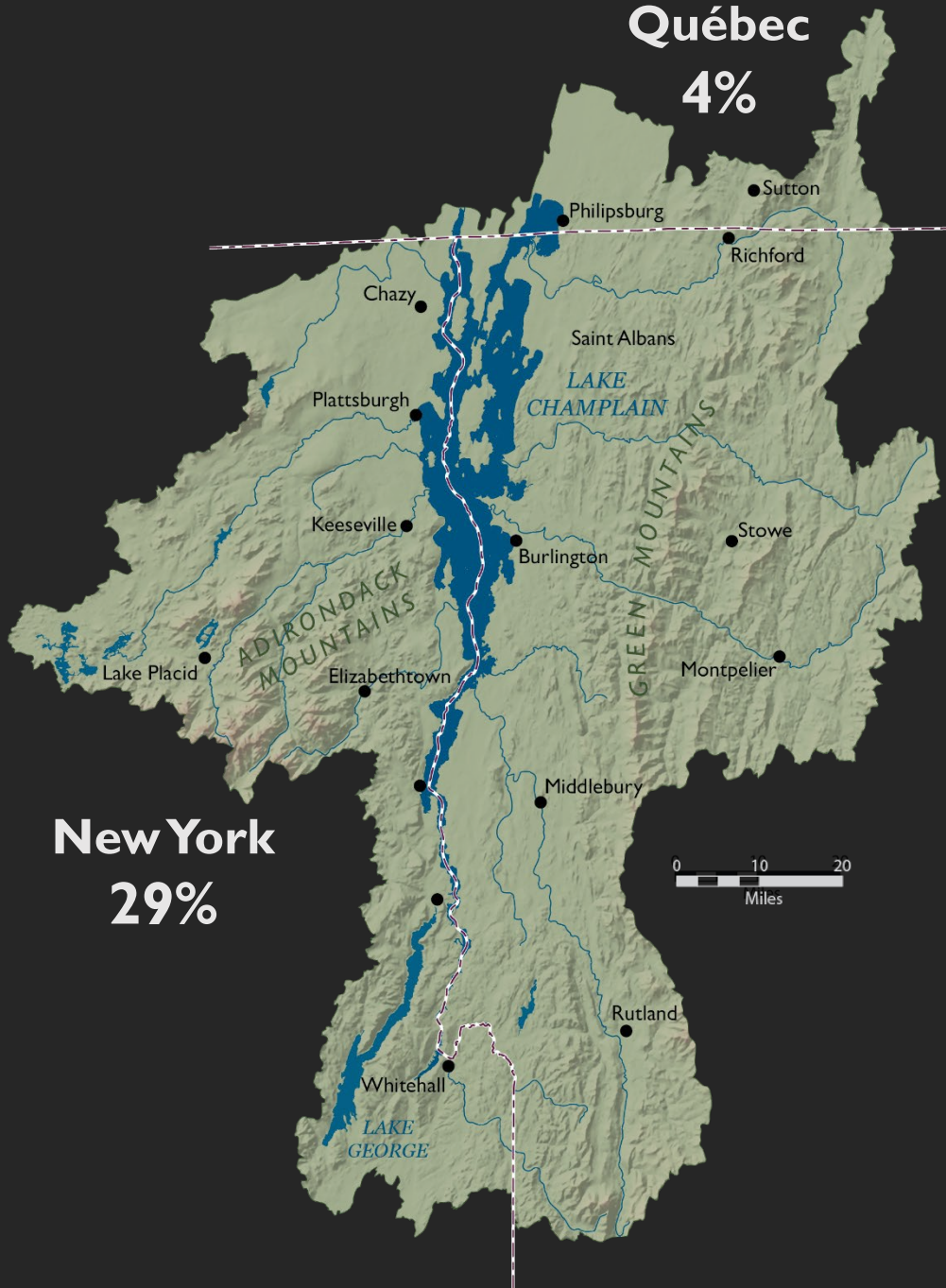
**LCB 2010**

**Census:**

**580,000 in LCB**

**Vermont**  
**67%**

**New York**  
**29%**



# 1. LCBP Background



# The Lake Champlain Basin Program

## Created by...

- U S Congress: in the *Lake Champlain Special Designation Act* of 1990.
- NEIWPCC serves as the fiscal agent for LCBP



# The Lake Champlain Basin Program

- Lake Champlain Steering Committee provides representation across jurisdictions, sectors

## **Watershed-based non-profit...**

- That coordinates implementation of *Opportunities for Action*.

## 2. Opportunities for Action



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION**  
*An Evolving Plan for the Future of the  
Lake Champlain Basin*

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely Lake Champlain. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. In the distance, dark silhouettes of hills or mountains are visible. On the water's surface, a small, dark boat is visible in the center. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

## OFA 2017

*Signed by NY, VT, EPA Leadership and the  
Lake Champlain, endorsed by Quebec*

# Managing the Lake and Watershed is about partnerships

- Federal, State, Provincial agencies
- Academic institutions
- Non-Government organizations

# Aspirational Goals of Opportunities for Action 2017

Mandates by the Federal Clean Water act: the Lake should be clean enough to swim, boat, fish and drink (with minimal treatment), and will be able to support a healthy ecosystem

# Four Primary Themes of OFA 2017

**LCBP will work toward:**

1. Clean Water
2. Healthy Ecosystems
3. Thriving Communities
4. Informed and Involved Public

# LCBP Structure:

1. Steering Committee
  1. Executive Committee
2. Advisory Committees
  1. Technical
  2. Education/Outreach
  3. Heritage
  4. Citizen (NY, VT, QC)
3. Staff
4. Many, MANY partners

# What we do:

## 1. Coordinate management efforts

- Federal, Provincial, State, local governments
- NGOs

# What we do:

1. Coordinate management efforts
2. Share knowledge
  - State of the Lake
  - Technical report series
  - LCBP Resource Room
  - Outreach programming
  - Committees, Conferences

# What we do:

1. Coordinate management efforts
2. Share knowledge
3. Award grants
  - (100 new grants, over \$2.6 million in FY20)
  - Support research
  - Implement projects
  - Educate and inform
  - Support our partner organizations

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# Thank you!

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