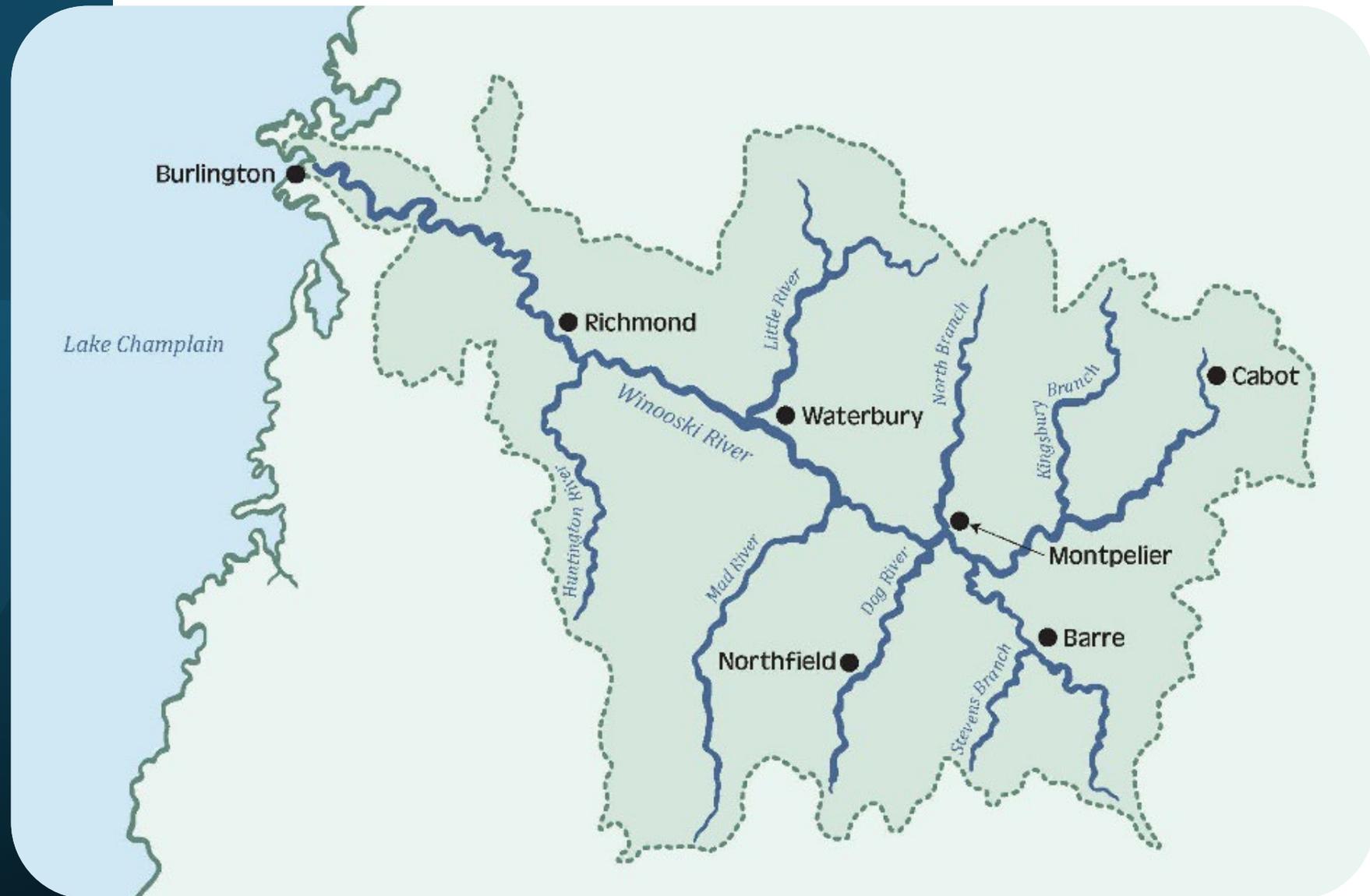


Over 25 years of engaging watershed residents in
bringing about a clean, healthy, resilient landscape.

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Winooski River watershed



Lake Champlain Basin Program

Opportunities for Action looks at Lake Champlain in its full context, enabling the Basin Program to support the wide range of actions community partners take

LCBP Staff understand the nature of our work – community-based, organic – and grantees know they are here to help us succeed in our mission and tasks

Our Grant Experience

- In the past 10 years, I have managed more than 115 grants from many different funders, totaling more than \$7,550,000
 - 60% federal from 5 different Agencies
 - 30% state from 7 different programs
- Including 33 grants from the Lake Champlain Basin Program
 - These are the most difficult grants to administer, and have become increasingly challenging in recent years
 - Staying under budget – always our goal – gets very complicated

Two Grant Structures

- Performance Based
 - Complete a project, receive an agreed-upon amount from the funder
 - Low administrative burden – no expense tracking
 - Lower risk for funder
- Cost Reimbursement
 - Grantees are reimbursed for actual expenditures
 - Higher administrative burden for both parties to track expenses
 - Lower risk for grantee

Hybrid Structure at LCBP/NEIWPCC

Performance-based x Cost-reimbursement “hybrid”

- Any difference in expenses from application budget requires workplan and/or budget revision
- Increases administrative burden for all parties
- Makes timely payments too difficult
- Shifts all risk to grantees and their contractors
- Creates serious accounting issues

Solution

- Choose a system: either performance or cost, not both
- Either way, decouple grantee reimbursement from milestones and deliverables
- Enable grantees to invoice for expenses incurred as needed
- Monitor milestones and deliverables through progress reporting
- Shared risk, reduced administrative burden

Why We Keep Applying

Great Projects & Initiatives ...













Thank You!!

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