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### Dear Friend of Lake Champlain,

Fall is quieter on the Lake, but not here at the LCBP. In addition to the activities below, we recently embarked on new project to identify critical sources of nutrient runoff in the Missisquoi Basin. This program, funded by an appropriation Senator Leahy obtained for the International Joint Commission, will provide key information to our partners' by identifying the most effective on-the-ground efforts to reduce runoff to the Bay. And thanks to your local grant applications (see article), we will have many terrific new projects underway early next year. We will report more on all these efforts early in 2009-stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Bill Howland, LCBP Program Manager

### Champlain Canal Aquatic Invasive Species Informational Meeting - November 6th

Organizations, businesses, municipalities, the public, and others interested in the Champlain Canal are invited to the *Champlain Canal Aquatic Invasive Species Informational Meeting* to learn about aquatic invasive species impacts and the Champlain Canal. Presentations will be made by the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), the NYS Canal Corporation (NYSCC), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Office of Invasive Species Coordination (NYSDEC-OISC), the US Army Corps of Engineers, and invasive species experts. Several Champlain Canal invasive species spread prevention measures will be presented. Stakeholders will be invited to share their opinions during a public comment period. Written statements may also be submitted to Meg Modley at [mmodley@lcbp.org](mailto:mmodley@lcbp.org) by Tuesday November 4th, 2008.



**When:** Thursday, November 6th, 2008 from 1pm-5pm

**Where:** Washington County Municipal Center, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY

**RSVP:** This meeting is free and open to the public. RSVP to LCBP at 1-800-468-5227 or [kjarvis@lcbp.org](mailto:kjarvis@lcbp.org) to enable us to make adequate seating available.

*Sponsored by the LCBP and the NYSCC in partnership with the NYSDEC-OISC.*

Learn more about some of the aquatic invasive species threats on the LCBP website at [www.lcbp.org/ansthreats.htm](http://www.lcbp.org/ansthreats.htm).

PHOTO: LCBP Lake Stewards unloading invasive water chestnuts that had been hand-pulled with The Nature Conservancy from southern Lake Champlain.

## Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership News

The Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership now has its own website! Check it out at [www.champlainvalleynhp](http://www.champlainvalleynhp). We will be posting news about the planning process on this website and details about upcoming meetings. There is also an "events" page where we will list heritage events and opportunities in the region.



### Upcoming Planning Meetings:

Bennington County, VT:  
Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
Mark Skinner Library, 48 West Road, Manchester

Saratoga/Washington/Warren County, NY:  
Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
Please contact LCBP for location information.

Addison County, VT:  
Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.  
Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main Street, Middlebury

For more information about planning meetings and the CVNHP contact Jim Brangan at [heritage@lcbp.org](mailto:heritage@lcbp.org).

## LCBP Grant Update

Thank you to all the organizations who applied for grants this Fall. We had a tremendous response and received many strong applications for all the categories that were announced in August and due on October 3rd. We are happy to report that our US EPA and National Park Service funds, which we extend to local groups via our grants program have been received, making us available to award grants.

The LCBP staff is currently organizing the review teams that will rank the applications in October and November. These teams are all volunteer and are confidential. Once the decisions are made and approved, we will notify award recipients as soon as possible.

We expect to notify recipients for the Champlain Valley NHP and "Quad" grants by December. The other grants (Education, Pollution Prevention or Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention, and Organizational Support) will be notified by January.

Thank you again for your applications.

## Vermont State Watershed Grants Program - Applications Due on 11/14/08

Half of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Vermont Conservation License Plate go towards funding the Vermont Watershed Grants program. The program in turn then distributes grants for local and regional water-related projects in Vermont.



Grant funds are available for water-related projects that: protect or restore fish and wildlife habitats; protect or restore water quality, and shorelines; reduce phosphorus loading and/or sedimentation as part of Clean & Clear objectives; enhance recreational use and enjoyment; identify and protect historic and cultural resources; educate people about watershed resources; or monitor fish and wildlife populations and/or water quality. Applications are due on 11/14/08.

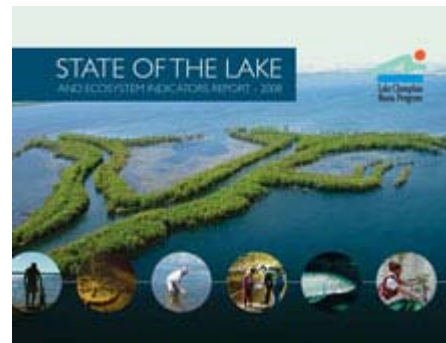
The grants are administered by the Vermont Water Quality Division of ANR (not by the LCBP). Visit their website at [www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes/htm/lp\\_watershedgrants.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes/htm/lp_watershedgrants.htm) for the complete details or call 802-241-3777.

Learn more about the [Vermont Conservation License plate](#).

## State of the Lake Available for Groups and Educators

The LCBP's *State of the Lake and Ecosystem Indicators Report -2008* is available free to organizations and educators for classrooms and meetings. Released this past summer, it is perfect for groups and students (middle-high school & college) to learn about the Lake.

Contact Kathy Jarvis at [kjarvis@lcbp.org](mailto:kjarvis@lcbp.org) for your copies or learn more about the report at [www.lcbp.org/lcstate.htm](http://www.lcbp.org/lcstate.htm).



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