



FRIENDS OF NORTHERN LAKE CHAMPLAIN ACTION PLAN 2015

*Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC) is a non-profit organization that **acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain** and its watershed by working collaboratively with citizens, businesses, farmers and government in order to reduce land-use pollution. **Our focus is on catalyzing the actions and accountability needed to reduce land-use pollution** and securing the essential local, state, and federal funding necessary for successful implementation.*

HOW WE DO IT

ADVOCATE FOR:

- ✓ **A Clean Water Fund!**
- ✓ **Investments in ‘ecosystem services’ provided by land managers** to help our communities address the most critical areas of nutrient and sedimentation inputs.
- ✓ **Release Federal Section 319 Grant funding to Water Quality Organizations** working in the most impaired watersheds which have been identified by EPA.
- ✓ **Increased funds for Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets to increase positions**, so LFO and MFO rules are enforced and SFO’s are certified.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND:

- ✓ **Work with Municipalities to identify and implement stormwater management practices** and support the adoption of the 2013 Road and Bridge Standards.
- ✓ **Work with landowners to identify opportunities to address nutrient and soil loss** directly contributing phosphorous loads to Lake Champlain.

EDUCATE:

- ✓ **Offer place-based watershed education**, watershed science, and technical trainings and assistance for communities, schools, farmers, landowners, road foremen and local boards.
 - ✓ **Inform Vermont’s legislative and opinion leaders to develop sound water policy** and the impacts water quality has on the State’s economy and brand identity.
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