



Dear Lake supporter,

Spring is getting closer, and soon enough there will be rippling water in the Lake-- cleaner water we hope.

Enclosed is our "Newsletter." It's in the form of a postcard that has Our Accomplishments and Our Priorities. This provides a good brief list of the action steps underway in Lake clean-up; please talk about this information when you speak with others about the Lake.

In fact, we are sending two cards, so that you can hand one to your neighbor or to your state legislator. The more people that are active in Lake Clean-up, the more quickly it will happen.

For more information about the Lake or our organization, please visit our website at

www.northernlakechamplain.org/index.html

For more cards, please write to Paul Madden, executive director of FNLC. The address is below, or can be found on the website on the "Contact Us" page.

We would like to communicate with our members and supporters by e-mail, as it saves money and saves paper. If you are interested in receiving updates and newsletters via e-mail, we would appreciate doing that. Please send your address to:

Director@northernlakechamplain.org

We look forward to hearing from you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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FRIENDS OF NORTHERN LAKE CHAMPLAIN

MISSION STATEMENT: To clean and protect the waters of Northern Lake Champlain, we work collaboratively with citizens and government to reduce polluted land-use runoff into Lake Champlain.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- * FNLC has successfully contributed to the reduction of sediment and phosphorus pollution from agricultural land through promotion of covercrops, low-tillage planting and other improved agricultural field practices. Over 1,000 acres of covercrop were planted in our project in fall of 2009.
- * FNLC has led the collaboration with other water-quality groups that produces stronger policy proposals and a stronger voice for all.
- * FNLC has increased public engagement on water quality issues through the media and public presentations.
- * FNLC demands greater enforcement of regulations and works aggressively with Vermont agencies and legislators for more implementation projects and better project prioritization.



OUR PRIORITIES:

- * **Work on implementation projects**, in addition to those listed in Our Accomplishments: wetland preservation, agricultural silage leachate controls, agricultural buffers, storm-water issues in Swanton, to name a few . . .
- * **Get livestock out of streams and rivers**, by regulation, with financial support for fencing, water tanks and stream crossings.
- * **Strengthen the position of Business Alliance for a Clean Lake.** Business must take a major role in advocating for faster progress in cleaning up Lake Champlain.
- * **Increase our work with water quality groups** in Quebec and the southern part of Lake Champlain.
- * **Expand our multi-media effort** to provide better information to the public. Working with our partners at the St. Albans Messenger and Agency of Natural Resources, *Champlain Wave* will use internet, print media and social networking tools (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube), with radio and TV to follow.

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