



## **CCRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee Meeting**

October 4, 2016, 11AM-12:30PM, CCRPC Office

### **Lewis Creek Watershed Association, Inc. (LCA)** *Opportunities for Partnering w CWAC and CCRPC*

LCWA is a 501c3 formed in 1990 - Operating in Chittenden and Addison Counties

#### Mission

Protect, maintain and restore ecological health while promoting social values that support sustainable community development in the Lewis Creek watershed region and Vermont.

LCA is a watershed based org. currently focusing on the LaPlatte, McCabe's, Munroe, Lewis watersheds and 3 smaller "Direct to Lake" drainages (Thorp, Kimball, Holmes) in 6 towns of Chittenden and Addison Counties.

#### Goals

- Restore water quality, stream stability, and native wildlife habitat
- Protect and restore important and diverse natural areas
- Conserve productive and scenic lands that contribute to rural character and economy
- Support growth compatible with important natural systems and working landscapes
- Strengthen and support related conservation initiatives and opportunities
- Model active participation and respect for differences

#### Our Partner Groups (Operating Under LCA 501c3)

- South Chittenden River Watch
- LaPlatte Watershed Partnership
- Addison County River Watch Collaborative

#### Programs and Activities

- Data Collection and Planning ~20 reports since 2005 that inform our conservation and restoration work
  - Stream Geomorphic Assessments and Corridor Planning- LCA, LWP
  - Otter Creek and Northern Lake Basin Planning Updates
  - Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment and Management Plans- SCRW, ACRWC
  - Culvert Studies for AOP and GC- LCA, LWP
  - Habitat and Biodiversity Mapping and Planning- LCA
  - Shelburne Stormwater Mitigation and Swales Study- LCA, LWP
  - Impervious Surface and River Corridor Study – LCA
  - Stormwater and Hydrology Studies for LaPlatte Watershed- LCA, LWP
- Conservation and Restoration
  - Approximately 15 easement and restoration projects since 2005
  - Thus far, we have identified ~60 implementation needs in the Chittenden County area alone.
- Education and Outreach
  - Ongoing. Sharing studies/reports w fed, state, towns, counties, schools, landowners, groups
  - Managing a website library of all studies and reports
  - Facilitating ongoing strategic watershed based planning and implementation activities