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Fall 2021 Newsletter



Lamoille County Conservation District

Conserving Our Natural Resources since 1945



DISTRICT NEWS

FALL 2021

COVID 19 UPDATE

Hopefully we are rounding a corner! We are currently running our K-12 education outreach programs to schools and public facilities. Programming is held outside when possible and we continue with social distancing and masking during programming. Access by the public to the Lamoille County Nature Center is still permitted. We just ask that people follow the recommendations set by the State of Vermont and maintain social distancing habits. As we are housed in a USDA building the doors are still locked and visits are by appointment only. New federal guidelines only allow 4 people in the building at any given time. All individuals must wear masks and follow social distancing protocols while in the building. Any further questions can be directed to Peter Danforth, District Manager at 631-495-9093 or lcddirector@gmail.com

Lake Wise Comes To Lake Eden

Congratulations to Anne Ford and Art Curcillo for winning the Vt DEC's Lake Wise Award! It is no easy feat to win. The goal of Lake Wise is to establish a new normal, a new culture of lakeshore landscaping that is proven to help protect the lake. A property that earns the Lake Wise Award will represent a "model" shoreland property. The Lake Wise Award certifies a



property is well managed, using shoreland Best Management Practices, and is maintained to care for the lake. LCCD partners with the VT DEC Lake Wise Program to help landowners receive technical assistance for fixing erosion, dirty runoff problems, and diminished shoreland vegetation which will protect lake quality and wildlife habitat. Lake Wise awards can be displayed on shoreline or smaller awards can be attached to a landowners mailbox. The idea is to inspire other landowners to make improvements on their land as well. In the end it's a win-win for all the residents on the lake who will see improvements in water quality and view a beautiful naturally established shoreline.

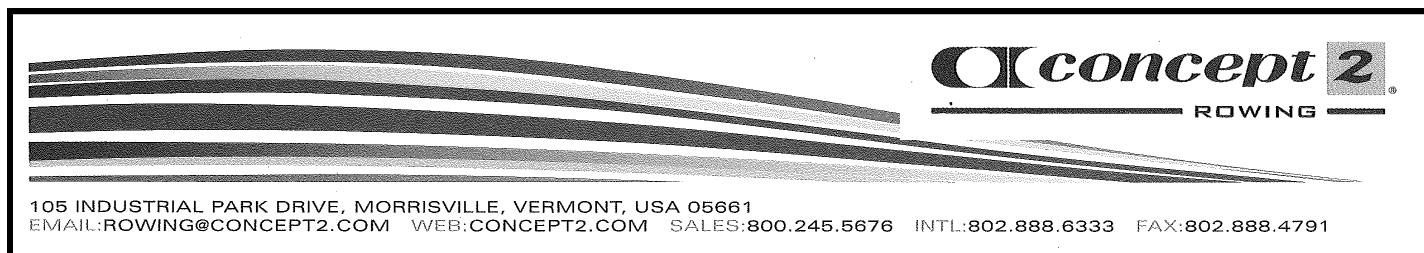
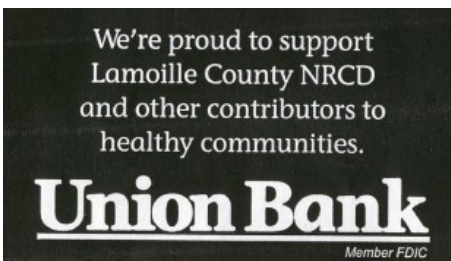
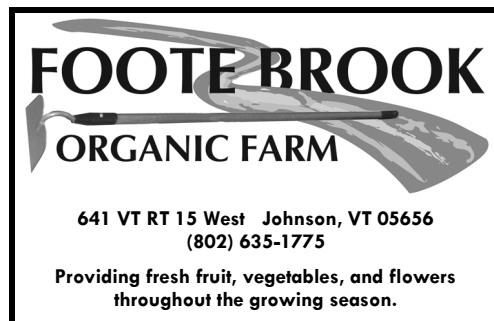
Meet our new Education Outreach Coordinator!

The Lamoille County Conservation District welcomes Emily Porter-Goff, the new Education and Outreach Coordinator. Emily is Native to Cambridge, VT and currently lives in Milton with her spouse and two young kids. Emily brings to the LCCD a PhD in Freshwater Biology, and over 5 years of experience with Vermont watershed groups and other districts. She is looking forward to focusing on engaging programming to inspire the community with the love of nature. When not working she enjoys hiking, canoeing and skiing with her family and 2 dogs. If you are an educator please reach out to Emily for workshop opportunities and outreach within schools at emilylccdedu@gmail.com



Lamoille County Conservation District Mission:

To maintain and improve our natural resources.
To aid and educate our fellow citizens to appreciate and adjust to the changes taking place in our natural resource system.
To be a local voice for conservation, preservation and stewardship of all natural resources and work in conjunction with other agencies, private and public.



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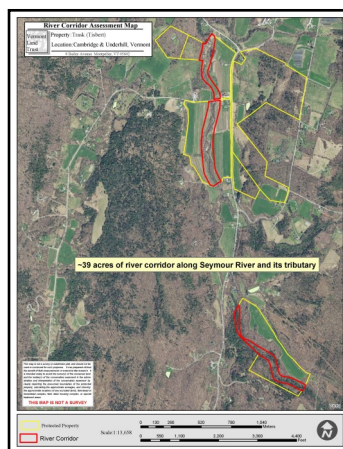
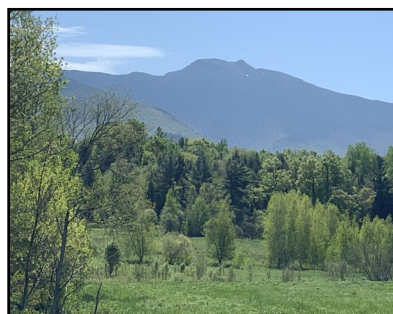
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FALL PROJECT UPDATES

Valley Dream Farm River Corridor Easement

LCCD would like to thank Valley Dream Farm for partnering with the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) to establish a River Corridor Easement (RCE) along a reach of the Seymour River that bisects their property. The Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan ranks the Seymour River as in high need of river bank buffers and stream restoration work to help Vermont reach its Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Phosphorus reduction goals for the Lake Champlain Basin as described in the Vermont Clean Water Act 76.

This particular reach of the Seymour would, under natural circumstances, frequently change course throughout the floodplain. Storms and snowmelts would relocate sediment deposits, deep pools and the natural sinuosity of the river. This process is necessary to distribute the sediments and naturally deposit the associated phosphorus along the landscape before reaching Mallets Bay. When humans encroach on natural floodplains, straightening stretches for roads, bridges and buildings etc, this natural equilibrium is lost and water mingled with nutrient laden sediment is quickly conveyed to Lake Champlain. This delta of high nutrient sediment deposits within bays such as Mallets Bay, can cause potentially cyanobacterial (AKA blue green algae) blooms. The total area of the RCE will be about 34 acres! The VLT and State are also working with the farm to create about an additional 34 acres of wetland protection on the property as well though this is still in the works. LCCD has been working closely with Valley Dream Farm for a number of years now to address resource concerns as well as farm viability issues. They have been a great partner to the District and conservation and we value their partnership!



Current & Upcoming Programing

Catch our Jr Naturalist Programing at the Following Public Libraries

Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park – Generally 3rd Monday of the month 6 pm

Morristown Centennial Library- Generally the 4th Thursday of the month at 3:30pm

Johnson Public Library - October 20th at 3pm selected other programs TBD.

These dates are subject to change due to school vacations and holidays. Please check with the library for particular dates.

Monthly Jr Naturalist programming is also underway at Waterville Kindergarten, Bishop Marshall School kindergarten and preschool classes, and Apple Tree learning Center Preschool classes. There is an additional time slot remaining for interested educational sites.

Falling Leaf Nature Walk, October 16th, 10-11:30 am

Join us for a guided nature walk at the Lamoille Nature Center. Meet our new Educator Dr. Emily Porter-Goff while enjoying the foliage. Emily will informally share her knowledge of plants, animals and the interconnectedness of the ecosystem. Also, come share your ideas on programming you would like to see over the next year as we dive into the grant writing season here at the LCCD.



Winter Solstice Snowshoe, December 21st 6:30pm

Celebrate the longest night of the year with a moonlit snowshoe along our Nature Center trails. Keep an eye out for tracks, scat and other evidence of the animals we share the space with. We do have a number of snowshoes in various sizes (including kids) to loan for the trek. A sign up will be available via our website later this fall to reserve your pair. Or bring your own!

Stay tuned via our website, as we expand our educational offerings with additions such as, custom curriculum opportunities and even hosting birthday Parties at the Nature Center!

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Go to our "Put A Tree On It!" T-shirt sale at [Sales | Lamoille Conservation District \(lcnrcd.com\)](http://Sales.LamoilleConservationDistrict.com)

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