

Members of the Vermont House Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee,

Although we do not plan to testify tomorrow in Montpelier please accept our brief comments as a point of reference should it be appropriate to provide comment at a later date.

Similar to South Burlington, Burlington created a Stormwater Program and associated fee structure in 2009. The adoption of Burlington's stormwater user fee allowed the City to establish sustainable funding to protect properties, homes, the environment and water bodies, including Lake Champlain.

Our largest concern related to the proposed fee structure is that it will become counter-productive to efforts we already have in place and may be perceived as double charging for the same service and then forcing us to apply for funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to call me at 802-863-4501 or ladams@burlingtonvt.gov

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