

**USDA NRCS Funding Summary for Lake Champlain
January, 2015**

Lake Champlain Funding Sources	Lake Champlain Initiative Announced by Vilsack	RCPP National – Lake Champlain – Ag, Forestry, Wetlands Restoration and Easements	RCPP State – Nutrient Management Planning
Lead Project Partner	None – Funded through NRCS Programs using typical process, in consultation with State Technical Committee	Vermont Agency of Agriculture and Agency of Natural Resources	Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
Total Funds Available	\$45 Million – (all Financial Assistance)	\$16 Million (Combined Technical and Financial Assistance) Note: 8-10% of the EQIP funds will be targeted to New York	\$710,980 - 800,000 (Combined FA and TA)
Time Frame	FY 2015 - 2019	FY 2015 - 2019	FY 2015 - 2018
Programs	EQIP	EQIP, ACEP-ALE, and ACEP- WRE	EQIP
Priority Resource Concern	Water Quality	Water Quality, Land Conservation	Water Quality
Priority Locations	Flexible each year – will use Strategic Planning Process to identify priorities FY 2015 – basin wide, but with priorities for Missisquoi, St. Albans Bay, and South Lake FY 2016 – basin wide, but will prioritize Rock River, Lake Carmi/Pike River, St. Albans Bay, and Mackenzie Brook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going Forward, NRCS will strategically align resources to complement (not duplicate) RCPP 	Small Farms will be Prioritized in the Missisquoi Bay, St. Albans Bay, and South Lake watersheds (both VT and NY); Critical Source Areas will prioritized in those three priority basins Feed Management – Lake Champlain basin Forestry Operations – Lake Champlain basin Wetlands Restoration – basin wide, based on 2007 mapping by ANR Land Conservation - Lake Champlain basin	Lake Champlain, with an option to expand beyond the watershed Small farm nutrient management planning in coordination with UVM Extension NMP development class.
Estimated Number of Participants NOTE - RCPP Numbers Subject to Change due to reduced funding	On average – 300 participants/year in the Lake Champlain watershed	Total Estimated Small Farms – 120-140 Forestry – 100 Wetland Restoration – 20-30 Conservation Easements - 35	Small Farms - 40 per year for a total of 160
Primary Practices	All water quality practices	Cropland – All Agronomic Practices, with limited focus on Farmsteads; Feed Management; Forestry – Forest Trails and Landings, Stream Crossings, Skidder Bridges	Collection of Data Needed to Develop Land Treatment and Nutrient Management Plans

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