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### Joint Public Hearing with Senate Agriculture and Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committees on Lake Carmi Water Quality Issues

MONTPELIER- On Monday November 20th from 5:30 to 7pm, the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee will host a joint public hearing at the Franklin Town Hall. The Committees are looking to hear from the public about water quality issues in and around Lake Carmi.

According to Senate Natural Resources Chair Chris Bray (D-Addison), “Clean water is the most essential natural resource in our state, and it is fundamental to health, recreation, and tourism. Unfortunately, we have widespread water quality problems and one of the worst situations has been in Lake Carmi.

“The Senate needs to hear first hand what the state is doing to clean up our waters and whether these actions are—or are not—getting the job done. This information will put us in better position to make real progress in the coming session and beyond in our policy and budget debates.”

Prior to the public hearing, members of the Committees will be led on a site visit to several areas adjacent to Lake Carmi by staff members of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Added Senator Bobby Starr (D-Essex/Orleans), Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, “The health of Lake Carmi’s water has been in the news a lot lately so we thought the Senate’s committees of jurisdiction should come and take a look firsthand at the lake itself and then give everyone a chance to talk directly to us about what they are experiencing as well.”

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