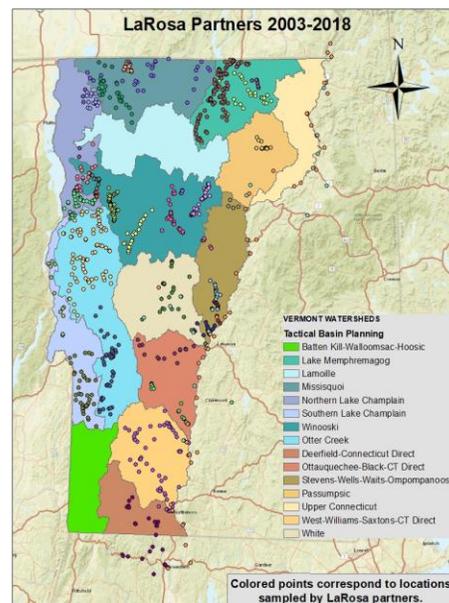


LAROSA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



UPDATES:

1. If you have not yet submitted the following three forms to VAEL, please do so ASAP: bottle order form, online registration form, 2019 sampling plan.

2. Notifications of proposal approvals are being sent out. Once you receive notification, please start working on your 2019 QAPP, which is due prior to your first sampling day.

ABOUT THE LAROSA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2003, this partnership has helped watershed associations and monitoring groups across the state of Vermont implement new and/or ongoing surface water monitoring projects for waters in need of water quality assessment by helping to alleviate the financial burden of laboratory analysis costs.

QUESTIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED

Q: Can I use my own turbidimeter?

A: Yes! If you have a turbidimeter or know another nearby organization that will let you borrow one, you can use that on your samples. Just please send us some information about the equipment so we know what exactly you are using.

Annual LaRosa Spring Meeting

Thank you to everyone who participated in the spring training! For those who missed it, Kelly Stettner kindly recorded the training and the video will be distributed for the benefit of those who couldn't attend. If you want copies of any of the presentations from Friday, please contact Kristen Switzer.

Spring Stream Walks

If you would like more information about what's going on in the environment around any of your sites, speak with Kristen about conducting a stream walk for your organization this spring.

EPA Announcement

The EPA has released a new citizen science quality assurance handbook that is a great tool for the volunteers involved in your water quality monitoring projects: <https://www.epa.gov/sciencematters/new-epa-citizen-science-quality-assurance-handbook-provides-best-practices-citizen>

We may incorporate the EPA's quality assurance plan into our own QAPP for 2020.

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