

## LAURA PRATT - EDUCATION & OUTREACH COORDINATOR



Laura Pratt is busy serving at [Lake Champlain Committee](#) (LCC) this year. Most recently, she assisted with hosting a volunteer event to [survey for the invasive Asian Clams in Lake Champlain](#). Laura helped to recruit around 25 volunteers and create a fact sheet to assist with training! Luckily, they did not find any Asian Clams and the weather was beautiful that day! Laura has also been writing natural history articles for the Lake Champlain Committee newsletter. Her writing topics include invasive species, changing seasons, natural history and lake phenomena. [Click here to read her recent article on “Raising the Migration”](#). There are a few events up ahead in her service that Laura is preparing for. One in particular that she is excited for is April Stools Day, which includes a series of [“Scoop the Poop”](#) events that span the month of April. She is coordinating these events to both raise awareness about how pet waste affects the health of Lake Champlain, and to clean some of it up before snow melt! She’ll also be helping with the publication of the Lake Champlain Paddlers’ Trail 2019 guidebook and implementation of LCC’s cyanobacteria monitoring program. Although it is much later in service, Laura is hoping to coordinate with ECO member Heather Murphy of the Lakes and Ponds program to host a cleanup of water chestnut in the Black Creek Marsh in mid-July. In addition to her typical Lake Champlain Committee duties, Laura has been having fun visiting other ECO member sites for field days. She went out recently with Catie Bartone of the Franklin Watershed Committee and Cassi Carpio of Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for a water sampling day in Franklin County. Being from out of state, she is doing a wonderful job getting to see the sites around Vermont, even participating in an owl banding at North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier. Looking forward to seeing all your projects come full circle Laura!