

Ben Wright Member Spotlight



Benton Wright (he/him) joined ECO AmeriCorps after graduating from Ohio University with a B.S. in Urban Planning and Sustainability in Dayton, Ohio. He is now serving with the [Addison County Regional Planning Commission](#) (ARPC) as their Water Quality Planner. In his service, he is focused on projects related to writing and managing grants, classifying and editing culvert & road erosion data, conducting road erosion inventories, and assisting the Addison County River Watch Collaborative plan for the upcoming sampling season and to help facilitate communications with local landowners. Ben is currently involved with the Otter Creek Wetlands Complex Reclassification Steering Committee. The committee is heading efforts to increase the protections on the Otter Creek Wetlands, and Ben is assisting the committee in submitting a petition to the state in favor of reclassifying this area to a Class I wetland. He is active around the state volunteering and is always the first person at fellow member's events to ensure they are as successful as possible. He is also hoping to volunteer with the Green Mountain Club when the snow finally melts. Ben serves because "assisting others and sacrificing any form of personal gain in dedication of a cause is noble. I believe in preserving our watersheds and their ecology for the benefit of those who come after us and to allow natural systems to flourish while maintaining thriving communities." You can also find him exploring his new state of Vermont and its peaks and ridges, or deep in a Dungeons and Dragons campaign with other AmeriCorps members located in Addison County.