

Grace Jia Member Spotlight



Grace Jia (she/her) started service with ECO this past fall as a part of her third AmeriCorps stint. She formally served through VHCB as the Summer Field Assistant at [The Nature Conservancy](#) as well as a Summer Naturalist through the [Stowe Land Trust](#). She now is serving with the [Lake Champlain Committee](#) (LCC) in Burlington as their Education & Outreach Coordinator! She has consistently been involved with her community here in Vermont and has volunteered with the National Park Service, ECHO – Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and the Lake Champlain Basin Program. LCC’s mission is to provide clean and accessible water through science-based advocacy, education, and collaborative action. Grace assists LCC in accomplishing this in many different capacities. These include, creating e-newsletters, reviewing site agreement forms for the annual Lake Champlain Paddlers’ Trail Guidebook, organizing April Stools’ Day events, and writing toolkit manuals for website software to assist with LCC’s communications. Grace’s big project with LCC is to lead the monitoring of cyanobacteria in sites around Burlington. So far in her service she was able to complete 54 cyanobacteria monitoring reports at Oakledge Park to upload to the Vermont Department of Health [Cyanobacteria Tracker](#) and is looking forward to continuing this monitoring this field season. When not serving, Grace loves to cook and to practice her trumpet! Grace serves “because I get to meet new people and serve the community through environmental stewardship and education.”