

Ranier Lucas Member Spotlight



Ranier Lucas (him/his) is serving as the Assistant Coordinator at the [Missisquoi River Basin Association](#) (MRBA) and the [Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic](#) (UMATR) in East Berkshire, VT. MRBA and UMATR work to protect and maintain the ecological health of the Missisquoi River basin and the surrounding watershed, as well as connect the surrounding community to their local river ecosystem. Originally from Binghamton, New York, Ranier received his B.S. in Environmental Geoscience from the University at Buffalo in 2018. With a passion in water quality, he serves with MRBA and UMATR in various capacities including organizing and participating in water sampling research, tree plantings, river cleanups, writing newsletters, and continually helping his organization grow through community events and outreach. At the beginning of his service he helped in the organization of the annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival tour held at Jay Peak and is now looking forward to a future project pursuing edible rain gardens in schools. Grant-pending and in hopes of partnering with the Green Mountain Farm to School, this program will teach kids the complex connections between run-off and infiltration with nutrition and gardening while collaboratively building an edible rain garden on-site. Ranier is active within the Missisquoi Watershed and his community in Swanton; and is willing to volunteer almost anywhere around the state to apply his skills. He serves as a steward of watersheds to encourage the growth of his communities, and to continually connect people to the environment around them.