

Comment: I'm happy that the State of Vermont is taking another look at restoring the lake. Present laws and volunteer action are NOT working. Yes, some farmers are trying to do the right thing, but others are not. We need new laws, inspections, and enforcement. I have complained about a farm in my community for years from overflowing manure pits, plowing too close to streams and ditches, and spreading manure in pouring rain. I have observed erosion and runoff from bare farm fields. Pollution runs into Thorp Brook and a coffee colored plume can be seen coming into Town Farm Bay even though it goes through an extensive wetland. This pollution feeds excessive growth of aquatic plants and in Town Farm Bay there is algae.

I would like to see "the state" examine this farm and the impact it is having on Thorp Brook and Town Farm Bay of Lake Champlain and then make the necessary changes to improve the situation.

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