

Lake Carmi Camper's Association, Inc.

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Kari Dolan, Manager Ecosystem Restoration Program
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Dear Ms. Dolan:

The Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc. is a non-profit organization of more than 250 members. The LCCA is very active in the well being and preservation of one of Vermont's finest natural resources, Lake Carmi. Lake Carmi is a 1402 acre lake that is surrounded by agricultural activity. A TMDL to reduce the phosphorous loads to Lake Carmi was approved in 2008. We work closely with the Franklin Watershed Committee to fulfill the action items specified in the TMDL to safe guard the water quality of our lake.

The Lake Carmi watershed is located with the greater Lake Champlain Watershed. The Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc. fully endorses the efforts to restore the Lake Champlain TMDL. Your proposed policy commitments will do much to restore the watershed for a cleaner Lake Champlain. Specifically, the guidelines proposed for shore land and other landowners in the watershed as well as the increased use of nutrient management plans are all vital to an environmentally healthy lake. We also fully endorse the funding of the projects specified and feel that the money should emanate from Federal, State and local levels. Local level organizations such as the LCCA spend much time and energy raising money, however, any significant strides to correct our watershed and lake problems can only happen with help from higher authorities. Government funding is absolutely essential.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support. We look forward to the restoration of the Lake Champlain TMDL.

Very truly yours,

Peter Benevento, President
Lake Carmi Campers Assoc., Inc.