

Lake St. Catherine, Green Mts. of Vermont—2



Please become a member of the Lake St. Catherine Association.

Your dues and contributions help fund vital programs for LSC!

Each year, the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) reaches out to the lake community asking for all who care about Lake St. Catherine to become a member and make contributions to help fund lake management programs in support of our mission: the preservation, protection and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine. Your contributions, donations, state and local government funding, and grants all contribute to our yearly budget.

The LSCA works year-round on our lake management programs, some of which include: stormwater runoff & pollution control (Lake Wise), water testing, lake safety, Milfoil Control, and boat launch monitoring / aquatic invasive species education & prevention (Greeter Program). We've also just launched a 3 year process to create a comprehensive long-term plan for LSC called the Lake St. Catherine Watershed Action Plan.

We hope you'll join us and offer your support in 2022!

Contributions to Lake St. Catherine Association may qualify as charitable contributions! LSCA is an approved public charity and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to LSCA (beyond dues) may now be deductible under §170 of the code. LSCA is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under §§2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code.



2022 Membership Application

2022 Dues Schedule

Cottage owner	\$100 per cottage
Business Sponsor	\$200
Unimproved lot owner (no dwelling)	\$50
Supporter of Lake St. Catherine (family members of property owners, renters, recreators)	\$35

Contributions to the LSCA in excess of the annual dues qualify as charitable contributions and may be tax deductible!

Many employers have a matching program for charitable contributions - we encourage you to check into this!

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There are 2 easy ways to become a member or renew your membership:

1. Visit lakestcatherine.org, click on Membership, and fill in the online form to pay by credit card
2. Fill out the form below, include your payment, and mail to PO Box 631, Wells, VT 05774

DUES AMOUNT: _____

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Owner: _____

Lake 911 Address: _____

Lake Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

***Email Address:** _____

* Please be sure to provide your email address so we can keep you up-to-date with LSC news and updates! Your email address is also your username to log into your account on the lakestcatherine.org website.

Please complete this form and send along with your check payable to **Lake St. Catherine Association** to:

Lake St. Catherine Association
 PO Box 631
 Wells, VT 05774



2021 LSCA Year In Review Summary

At the end of each season, we like to take some time to present a recap of the work performed by the LSCA for Lake St. Catherine on behalf of the lake community and our membership. What you'll read below are summaries of the projects and activities. We encourage you to visit our website and click on our Blog to read the detailed accounts. It was another busy year! We'll do our best to recount the year chronologically.

Highlights

Membership: We had a great membership drive this year - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! In 2021, we had 372 members, with an average contribution of \$202.12. This represents the highest number of members and dollars contributed that we've received in many years. Can we reach 400 members next year? This will be our ambitious goal as we continue to reach out to LSC property owners, and promote additional membership levels for family members of property owners, renters, and those who use the lake for recreation. We'd also like to thank long-time LSCA Treasurer Elaine Bagley who retired from the board in August. Our members know Elaine would send you your membership package each year, including her very popular hand-written thank you notes (which we endeavor to continue). Please note that all correspondence with the LSCA and membership dues should be mailed to PO Box 631, Wells, VT 05774.

Little Lake Fundraiser: Throughout 2020, the LSCA and LSCCF had been working together to discuss the best ways to mitigate milfoil, resulting in a 3-year plan to get it under control in Little Lake. In mid March, we launched a fundraiser in support of this plan. Year 1 of the plan included a 70 acre milfoil treatment in Little Lake using the herbicide ProcellaCOR which was estimated to cost \$36,000. We each agreed to contribute \$12,000 for a total of \$24,000. This left \$12,000 to cover the full cost of. The lake community immediately stepped up to support this plan, and in just over a week, we exceeded the \$12,000 goal in donations! The treatment was very successful, and we were so happy to see and hear the comments about how good Little Lake looked this summer. Details about the Little Lake treatment and our lake-wide milfoil control efforts are included below in the Milfoil Control section. Thank you for your support of this plan for Little Lake! We will begin work on year 2 soon, and we'll keep you up-to-date on the plans as they become available.

Little Lake Webinar: Just over a week after the Little Lake fundraiser launched, the LSCA and LSCCF hosted a webinar for the lake community to discuss the 3-year milfoil control plan for Little Lake, and to introduce the expansion of the Lake Wise Program into Little Lake. Representatives from both groups presented the plans for both projects and fielded questions from the attendees. We were also able to announce the great news that year 1 of the 3-year milfoil control plan had been fully funded. This webinar was recorded and can be viewed on our website.

The Lake Wise Program: In 2021, the LSCA expanded the Lake Wise program into Little Lake. Using a grant received from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), the LSCA and LSCCF encouraged lake residents to have their shoreline and property assessed as part of the program. Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds Program to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Runoff from storms can carry phosphorus, sediments, and other pollutants into the lake causing numerous issues. As part of the 2021 program, the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) performed 20 assessments, and implemented 22 projects, which included: 340 feet of shoreline buffers containing 412 native plants, and 40 live stake cuttings. Four property owners qualified for the Lake Wise Award this year, bringing the total to 16 on LSC! Please email us if you'd like to participate in Lake Wise this year!

Watershed Action Plan: In late May, we were thrilled to announce that we had earned a grant from the LCBP to create a Watershed Action Plan for LSC. In partnership with the PMNRCD, the LSCA will use this 3-year grant to hire and partner with lake experts to perform various in-lake and watershed based measurements, testing, and studies to identify current or potential future issues and design a comprehensive, long-term plan to address them. The LSCA is now poised to integrate our existing programs into a broader watershed plan with a focus on the prevention of pollutant loads (phosphorus, nitrogen, sediments) that enter into LSC from sources outside the waterbody. We plan to use the success of these building blocks to expand our work in the watershed and focus on prevention for the future. Work on this ambitious project for Lake St. Catherine began in January.



Boat Launch Monitoring - Greeter Program: Our Greeter Program is very important to the health of Lake St. Catherine. Our Greeters have been trained to identify aquatic invasive species (AIS) - like spiny waterflea, asian clams, water chestnut, starry stonewort and zebra mussels (many of which are only a lake away) - to stop them from entering LSC. Each year, they do a fantastic job checking vessels at the boat launches, and educating the lake community on the dangers of invasive species for Lake St. Catherine. They are on duty from Memorial Day through Labor Day - working on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They also cover holidays and fishing tournaments. Although we expanded monitoring hours at both the Fish & Wildlife boat launch in Wells, and at the State Park in Poultney, our Greeters inspected far fewer boats in 2021 as compared to 2020, likely due to rainy weather on weekends, and a decrease from the all-time highs of boat launches in 2020. The percentage of boats retrieved from the lake that had milfoil present dropped from 13% to 6%, probably due to the milfoil treatment in Little Lake and the work of the cleanup volunteers throughout the summer.

Milfoil Control: Each season, the LSCA implements a Milfoil Control Program to keep milfoil in check in Lake St. Catherine using a combination of spot herbicide treatments and DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting). This year, we expanded our program to include: An educational campaign, and a community meeting at the Wells Lakeside Park to inform lake residents and boaters of best practices to limit the spread of milfoil, partnering with the LSCCF and arranging a 3-year plan to address the milfoil in Little Lake, and a Milfoil Cleanup Community Day in which volunteers collected floating milfoil and other weeds to deposit at drop-off points in the Channel and on Little Lake. In late September, our contractor SOLitude Lake Management performed a comprehensive, 2 day lake-wide aquatic vegetation survey to both evaluate the performance of our milfoil control efforts, and to assess the overall state of aquatic plants in Lake St. Catherine. We hope you'll look through the full report on our website, but here are some quick stats: Milfoil cover percent is at its lowest point for the entire lake since 2010 at 3%. For reference, before the whole lake treatment in 2004, the milfoil cover percent for the entirety of Lake St. Catherine was 49%. In Little Lake, milfoil cover percent was at 5%, down from 36% in 2020. Also in Little Lake, milfoil frequency of occurrence was at 28%, down from 98% in 2020. A potential treatment in Little Lake in 2022 is estimated at approximately 25 to 30 acres (the 2020 treatment area was 70.2 acres). With the exception of a few areas in the Big Lake at which milfoil was found, only trace levels were seen (single stems). Based on the data, and the results we've all seen throughout the whole of Lake St. Catherine, our Milfoil Control Program had a very successful year. The ProcellaCOR treatments were highly effective, and our DASH team did another great job this year. You got involved as well by participating and volunteering to collect floating milfoil from July to September as part of our Milfoil Cleanup Community Day, along with folks removing milfoil from their props, their shorelines, and if it happened to float by their dock. In early May, the lake will again be surveyed for milfoil growth, and the plan for 2022 will be created.

Grants: In May, when we were notified that we had earned the \$38,224 grant to create a Watershed Action Plan for Lake St. Catherine, it was the largest grant the LSCA had ever received. We are happy to report that in December, we were informed that we have been awarded a \$49,000 Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems Projects Planning grant from the LCBP which will be used to fund the planning, prioritization, outreach, design, and budgeting of projects identified in the Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP)! We have also applied for another 5 grants to support our work in 2022, and we are awaiting word. We have been working hard over the fall to bring grant funds to Lake St. Catherine for 2022!

Other Initiatives: Other initiatives included: two free boating license classes, placement and maintenance of the buoys and markers around the lake, a meet & greet with our Game Warden, the 9th Annual LSCA Boat Parade, Dockside Chats with LSCA Trustees, the Annual LSCA Membership Meeting & Dinner, spring and fall newsletters, organizing volunteers for community events like Green Up Vermont Day, Lake's End Dam Cleanup, and Milfoil Cleanup Community Day, and constant communication of LSC news via our website www.lakestcatherine.org.

Thank You For Your Support

Thank you to everyone who supported us this year. We hope you found our efforts in 2021 for Lake St. Catherine to be worthy. 2022 is going to be a busy year, and we cannot wait to get started! We hope to earn your support again in 2022. Be on the lookout for our Membership Drive which will begin in early February. Please keep yourself healthy and be well. We'll see you at the lake soon,

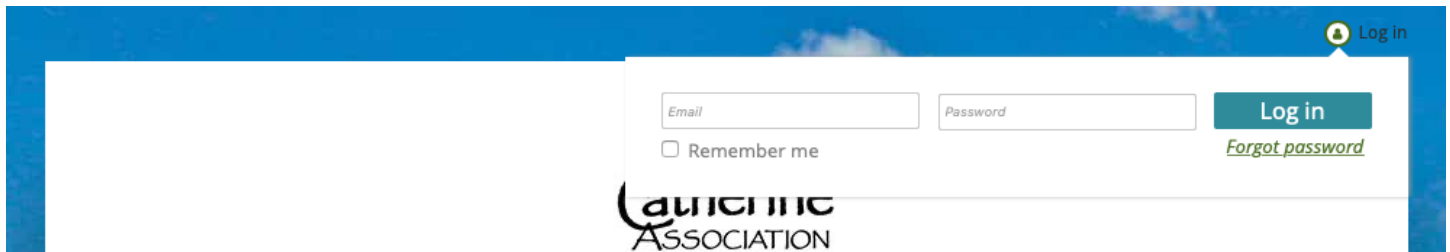
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Using the Lake St. Catherine Association Website: lakestcatherine.org

In December of 2020, the LSCA launched our new website with a new design, new and updated pages on important lake topics, lots of new photos from around the lake, and some great new features for members. All members who paid dues in 2021 have a membership account on the site.

If you became a member or renewed your membership on the website in 2021, you have already set up your account. If you paid by check, we have set up an account for you, and you just need to log into it for the first time. However, if you did not include your email address with your membership dues, you will not be able to access your membership account. If you paid by check and would like to be able to access the membership features of the site, please send us an email address we can add to your account - you can send it to info@lakestcatherine.org.

To log into your account for the first time, or if you forgot your password, go to lakestcatherine.org and click the 'Log in' button in the top right, then click the link for 'Forgot password' and follow the instructions.:



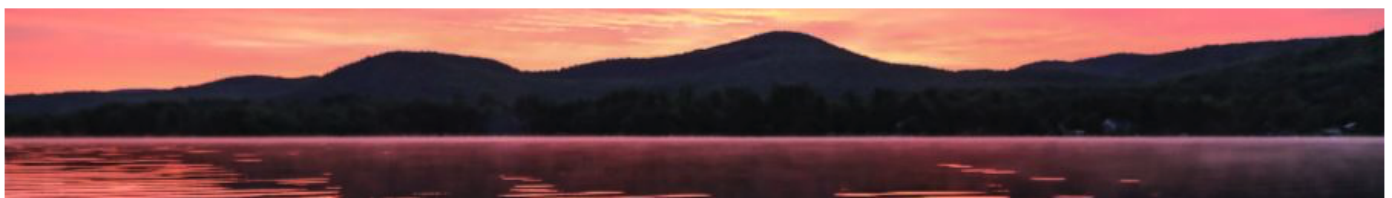
New Membership Features

There are some great new features you'll notice when you are logged into your account. You can set up your membership profile, renew your membership and see a listing of your membership payments and donations, see your event registrations (like registering to attend the Annual Meeting), create a photo album, and you can access the LSCA Membership Directory. There is also a companion app for your phone or tablet (iOS or Android) to access your account and the LSCA Membership Directory - more on the app below.

Updating Your Membership Profile: In your membership account, you have full control over your membership profile. You can add a photo, a bio, the name of your camp, and contact information.

After logging in, select 'Membership Profile' from the 'Membership' menu. You will see a page that has this information:

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Click on the 'Edit profile' button to set up your profile. Make sure you hit the 'Save' button after you make any changes.

