

Water, Wildlife, Way of Life

Stream Wise is bringing neighbors together to protect and restore waterways along the Lake Champlain Basin and we are pleased to announce that Friends of the Winooski has been chosen to participate in Stream Wise again!

What is Stream Wise?

Stream Wise was developed by the Lake Champlain Basin Program to **provide resources for landowners adjacent to streams and rivers** in Vermont, New York, and Quebec so they can learn how best to protect and restore stream health.

We are **your local host organization**, and will be your main resource for all things Stream Wise!

How does it work?

If you sign up now for a **free evaluation**, then Friends of the Winooski staff will visit your land this summer to assess the area along the stream. If we find that you have a healthy forested buffer and a well-shaded stream, then you may be eligible for a **Stream Wise Award**. If you would like help to improve the land along your stream, we can make recommendations, and provide support to make it easy to do the right thing for your stream.

Why participate?

Stream Wise engages streamside landowners in the Lake Champlain Basin to enhance and protect vegetated stream buffers, increasing flood resiliency and benefiting water quality and natural habitat.

The time to act is now, to ensure healthy streams for future generations -- of fish, birds, wildlife, and our human communities, too!



Learn about how you can be an effective stream steward, protecting and restoring the health of your stream, and your community. [Sign up for a free evaluation today!](https://www.streamwisechamplain.org) Visit www.streamwisechamplain.org for more information.

What about *Storm Smart*?

We are fortunately supported by Lake Champlain Basin Program to offer this great program to land owners/managers throughout the Winooski watershed.

If you would like us to visit your property to help you find ways to [reduce stormwater impact](#) we would love to do that!



How can we reduce the impact of Storm Water?

When you sign up for a *Storm Smart* site assessment, one of the Winooski Watershed Partners will reach out and schedule a 1-2 hour-long free visit to your property. During the visit, we will trace the path water takes through your property and recommend ways to slow down, spread out, and sink in rainfall on your property.

Recommendations can include everything from adding a rain barrel next to your porch to installing water bars on a gravel driveway!

2023 Events Update & Volunteer Opportunities

Race and Ramble: June 4

River of Light: August 1

Capital River Clean-up: September 10

Barre City Stevens Branch Clean-up: September 24

We always need volunteers to make the paddling and clean-up events possible. Please contact us if you're able to help out with jobs such as taking photographs, directing parking, shuttling paddlers between parking areas, selling raffle tickets, serving snacks: there is a job for everyone!

Other volunteer opportunities this summer include [Water Quality Monitoring](#) and [Public Access Sites Stewardship](#). Volunteers do not need any special skills or scientific training, just willingness to visit one spot on the river several times during the summer season to fill a few bottles of water, or take note of maintenance needs.

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