



**US Army Corps
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New York District

Lake Champlain Watershed, VT & NY

Environmental Infrastructure

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION:

Lake Champlain is 435 square miles in surface area. The watershed draining into the lake covers 8,234 square miles in New York, Vermont and Quebec. There are 11 major tributaries draining into the lake, ranging from 20 miles to 102 miles in stream length. The study area is defined as the land areas within Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, and Washington Counties in the State of Vermont; the land areas that drain into Lake Champlain and that are located within Essex, Clinton, Franklin, Warren, and Washington Counties in the State of New York; and the near-shore areas of Lake Champlain within the counties referred to in New York. The goal of the Lake Champlain Watershed Study is to provide assistance with planning, designing and implementing projects that contribute to protection and enhancement of the Lake Champlain water quality, water supply, ecosystem and other water related issues; while preserving and enhancing the economic and social character of the communities within the watershed. The US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, has prepared a General Management Plan (GMP) with contributions from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, who chairs the Lake Champlain Steering Committee. The GMP will serve as the framework for implementing critical restoration projects within the Lake Champlain Watershed. Under this program, individual projects would be identified, prioritized and implemented.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 542 of Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

STATUS: In cooperation with the LCBP, New York and Vermont state agencies and other interested environmental agencies the GMP was completed in March 2004 and approved in June 2004. Two projects, Tylers Branch, VT and Lake George Village, NY, are currently being coordinated for PCA execution.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

	<u>Program</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$20,000,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$10,800,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$30,800,000

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