

Public outreach sessions to focus on efforts to reduce pollution to Missisquoi Bay

The International Missisquoi Bay Study Board invites all members of the public who are interested in the health of the Missisquoi Bay watershed to public outreach sessions scheduled for October 12 and 13.

Each session will provide an overview of progress by the phosphorus critical source area study since fall 2008 to better understand the sources of pollution to the bay. Work planned for the final year of the study and how the study fits into the broader efforts to reduce pollution and improve water quality in Missisquoi Bay will also be discussed. There will be presentations by the Study Board, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, as well as an opportunity for questions from the public.

The public outreach sessions will take place at the following times and locations:

7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (EDT)
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Swanton Village Municipal Complex
120 First Street
Swanton, Vermont

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (EDT)
Wednesday, October 13, 2010
St. Armand Community Center/Centre communautaire
444 Chemin Bradley
St. Armand, Quebec

In 2008 the Canadian and U.S. federal governments asked the International Joint Commission (IJC) to help them coordinate initiatives in both countries to reduce phosphorus loadings to Missisquoi Bay. The IJC appointed the International Missisquoi Bay Study Board to help it carry out this request. The IJC prevents and resolves disputes between Canada and the United States under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and pursues the common good of both countries as an independent and objective advisor to the two governments.

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