

## Help Protect Lake Carmi - Become Lake Wise in 2018

This summer, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Lake Wise Program will be offering technical assistance for Best Management Practices (BMPs) on stormwater management, shoreland protection, and wildlife habitat enhancement along Lake Carmi. Lake Wise staff will assess shoreland properties in four categories: driveway; septic and structure; recreational area; and shorefront. Based on this assessment, they will make suggestions for solving or improving conditions on your shoreland that will also be good for the health of the lake.



No-Mow Zone

Many of the Lake Wise solutions are homeowner friendly and simple to act on, for example, to create a “no-mow” zone, or plant native, deer resistant species for water quality and tick control. Other BMPs, like installing “waterbars” to control stormwater runoff from polluting the lake can take more effort.

Ultimately, shoreland properties that exemplify lake friendly practices (and this can take a few years to reach, so don’t worry if you are just getting started on the Lake Wise track) will be awarded with the beautiful Lake Wise Award sign.



Join the movement to protect Lake Carmi by learning more about the voluntary Lake Wise Program. You can start by checking out the Lake Wise web site at the address below or find it by “googling” Vermont Lake Wise. <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores-lake-wise>

And, on the Vermont Lake Wise web site, there’s a short You Tube Video about what the Echo Lake community in Charleston has done to earn The Gold Lake Wise Award. Here is a link to that video. [Echo Lake Wise You Tube Video \(https://youtu.be/rZuw\\_LWXZtk\)](https://youtu.be/rZuw_LWXZtk)

If you are interested in participating in the Lake Wise Program, contact Lauren Jenness from the Lake Wise Program at [Lauren.Jenness@vermont.gov](mailto:Lauren.Jenness@vermont.gov); or 802-622-4071

### Other Upcoming Lake Wise Events:

- **Vermont Lake Seminar 2018**  
*Partners for Healthy Lakes ~ Exploring Data, Science, and Tools Together*  
**Friday ~ June 1, 2018 from 8:30am - 3:30pm**  
Vermont College of Fine Arts - 36 College Street, Montpelier, VT 05602  
To Register, visit the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds Web Site at: <http://vermontlakes.org/about-us/lake-seminar/>
- [Thursday May 31 - Glover - Shadow Lake - Ecological design for lake front properties workshop](#)
- [Tuesday June 12 - Castleton - Lake Bomoseen - Summer Erosion Control Workshop](#)
- [Wednesday June 13 - Newport - Lake Memphremagog - Summer Erosion Control Workshop](#)
- [Thursday July 19 – Morgan – Seymour Lake - Lake Shore Walk and Talk](#)