



# Climate Change Adaptation: Stormwater Management in the Lake Champlain Basin

## Workshop Summary

*On March 25-26, 2014, the Lake Champlain Basin Program hosted a climate change adaptation workshop in Burlington, VT focusing on stormwater management and aquatic ecosystem impacts in the Lake Champlain Basin. The goal of the workshops was to gather cutting-edge regional climate change scenarios and hear from researchers working to understand how future change will impact Lake Champlain's water resources.*

*Combined, the workshops had around eighty attendees, mostly from conservation districts, city and regional planning commissions and state-level environmental management, who were active participants in the discussions. The presentations of recently completed projects, new research and roundtable dialogue culminated in an enhanced understanding of how climate change could impact stormwater management and the aquatic ecosystem health of Lake Champlain in years to come. This information will be used in conjunction with ongoing research to inform two LCBP publications expected to be completed in mid-2015.*

**Plenary:** Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Vermont State Climatologist and Professor at UVM: *Understanding local and regional climate change: Implications for water resource management in the Lake Champlain Basin*

Climate change is a non-linear system with human and natural interactions

- 1.) Process (how is it changing)
- 2.) Impacts (changes in ecosystem and human-built environments)
- 3.) Strategies (how do we adapt)

Process of climate change:

- Change over time- comparing the 30 year average vs. year-to-year variations
- Change in means and variability- relevant to use (floods and droughts)

Impacts of climate change:

- Floods, droughts and shifts in temperature and precipitation  
(All of these can occur in the same year (as shown by 2011 in the Champlain Valley))

Strategies to Prepare for climate change:

- Model future change (global or regional)
  - More difficult to model precipitation change than temperature
  - Seasonal differences can be predicted on the local level
  - NOAA/NWS will publish TP-40 in next ~year
- Two adaptation scenarios: top-down (model-based predictions) or bottom-up (identification of vulnerabilities leading to management strategies)

## **Session 1: Findings, Issues and Recommendations from Green Infrastructure**

**GOAL:** *Recommendations for Climate Change*

- Mike Winslow, *Lake Champlain Committee*: Building Community Flood Resilience: Lessons from Irene
- Julie Moore, *Stone Environmental*: Integrating LID and GSI Around the Basin
- Stephanie Hurley, *UVM*: Green Stormwater Infrastructure: Implementation and Monitoring

**Session Summary:** Floods and stormwater are a pollution issue in the Lake Champlain Basin. Stormwater runoff accounts for ~20% of the phosphorus load to Lake Champlain. Some problems facing stormwater managers: rural roads are eroding, bridges and culverts are undersized for predicted storms, zoning requirements are restrictive. But green infrastructure has been shown to work. The regulatory framework in this region needs to be re-built to facilitate the movement of funds to community-level projects, enhanced coordination and a long-term commitment to green infrastructure as a way to manage stormwater in the Lake Champlain Basin.

## **Session 2: Boots on the Ground: Applying Low Impact Design Standards (LIDS) in the Champlain Basin**

**GOAL:** *Management Strategies that Work in the Lake Champlain Basin*

- Padraic Monks, *VT DEC*: Vermont Stormwater Regulations and Low Impact Development
- Emily DeBolt, *Lake George Association*: Low Impact Design in the Lake George Watershed
- Megan Moir, *City of Burlington*: College Street Stormwater Retrofit Project Update
- Tom Baird, *Barton & Logoduce*: Lake George Case Studies: Green Infrastructure, Cold Weather & Transportation Projects

**Session Summary:** Low impact design standards are becoming the standard for stormwater management around the basin. The Vermont stormwater manual is being updated to encourage incentives for green infrastructure and low-impact designs. The design storm is being revised to 1 inch (up from 0.9 inch) to reflect a growing emphasis on climate change predictions. The manual is expected to be completed in 2015 and is being modeled after the manual for the state of Maryland.

In other parts of the basin, green and gray infrastructure are combined for the highest rate of success in managing stormwater runoff. Securing funding has historically been an issue, but after the 2011 floods, more funding is available, especially if plans are constructed to show how the project will improve resilience. The use of native plants and minimum compost is encouraged in the construction of raingardens. New technologies have allowed pervious pavement to be used on high-traffic roads that withstand harsh winter conditions, but all testing of these technologies must be done in-house as there is no governmental or private agency currently held responsible.

### **Session 3: Roundtable Panel- Climate Adaptation and Stormwater Management in the Lake Champlain Basin**

**GOAL:** *Suite of Climate-Ready Stormwater Management Tools*

- Kevin Farrington (*City of Plattsburgh*)
- Tom DiPietro (*City of South Burlington*)
- Amy Macrellis (*Stone Environmental*)

**Session Summary:** The panel, representing Vermont and New York, discussed how cities around Lake Champlain are preparing for climate change. Plattsburgh, not yet a Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4), is just beginning to confront climate change and update its aging infrastructure. The city of South Burlington, at the forefront of development in the region, is working to improve its green infrastructure side of stormwater management. Many smaller towns contract with private sector consultants to update stormwater management plans.

The discussion revolved around the permitting process, which is required for MS4 communities and requires long-term planning and processing time. Smaller communities may be cash-strapped to implement good management practices, but would do more green infrastructure work if they were required by the state. The New York guidelines were revised in 2008 to encourage a more low-impact approach to stormwater. However, in contrast to Vermont, these standards are not required or regulated on the state level.

In terms of climate change, cities are focusing on long-term efforts with goals of changing the standards of re-development to account for larger and more frequent precipitation events. Some needs that were addressed include the lack of education and awareness to promote climate-ready strategies, more enforcement and local by-laws that are consistent with state-level authority.



# Climate Change Adaptation: Impacts on Lake Champlain's Aquatic Ecosystem

## *Workshop Agenda*

**Plenary:** Dr. Curt Stager, Science Writer and Professor at Paul Smith's College:  
*Climate Change in the Champlain Basin*

Climate change is a reality with regional evidence and implications.

- 1.) Evidence of current climate change
- 2.) Predicting our climate in the future
- 3.) What to expect in the Lake Champlain Basin

Evidence of current climate change:

- Historical written records (S. de Champlain, T. Jefferson)
- Lake Champlain freeze-up/ice out dates, and occurrence of ice-free years
- Weather stations trend: mean daily high temp increasing (particularly in autumn)

Predicting the future climate:

- Climate Wizard- 16 standard global atmospheric models downscaled to the Lake Champlain Basin
- Significant variation in model outputs depending on severity of C emission scenario
- Model results:
  - Temperature- all models predict warming (1 – 11°F), vary in seasonal timing.
  - Precipitation- harder to predict, most likely increase in future (but seasonality, quantity, and *sign* disagreement in models), more vigorous atmospheric circulation expected
- Paleoclimate research- evidence of droughts in both warmer and cooler past climates

What to expect in the Lake Champlain Basin:

- Warmer temperatures- most noticeable in winter, more precipitation as rain
- Lake ice-over: occur later and less frequently, end earlier, with thinner ice
- Stronger, longer summer lake stratification
- Increased precipitation: changes in nutrient inputs, lake clarity, productivity, and lake levels
- Droughts possible
- Threat to biodiversity:
  - Heat stress, less oxygen
  - Reproducing stress (fewer nests, later spawning)
  - Changes in ecosystem timing (earlier plankton blooms, food web migration)
  - Invasive species advantages
  - Ideal cyanobacteria environment

Uncertainty in future climate, so flexibility and preparation for a variety of scenarios is key

#### **Session 4: How Can AIS Management Be Prepared for Climate Change?**

**GOAL:** *Preparation tools for climate change*

Facilitated by: Ellen Marsden *and* Mark Malchoff

##### **Session Summary:**

All components of aquatic invasions (origin, vectors, and the receiving environment) will be affected by climate change. Fish adaptation to climate change can only be habitat change, so we can expect different species distributions. Climate change will mean unpredictability (temperature shifts, frequency/severity of episodic events). We can expect a longer growing/boating season, unexpected invaders, hybridization of species, and changes in *when* management practices are most effective. Current knowledge gaps will be exacerbated. In NY, initiatives to mitigate climate change include collaboration and communication inside a network, introducing new regulations, expanded boat steward programs, inspection and decontamination programs, and educational outreach. Additionally, there are efforts for early detection, advanced AIS mapping and reporting, improving response protocols, and identifying AIS research needs. Discussion included the idea of rethinking what is deemed invasive or habitat expansion, and what the goals are for aquatic ecosystem conservation. Resources are limited and some choices will have to be made about restocking, preservation efforts, etc. One potential way to approach this is to focus more on the health of the ecosystem, and less on specific species.

#### **Session 5: Predicted Impacts on Native Aquatic Species: How to Manage Climate Change in Lake Champlain**

**GOAL:** *How to Apply Management Tools in the Champlain Basin*

- Bill Ardren, *USFWS*: Update on Regional Climate Change Programs
- Tim Mihuc, *SUNY Plattsburgh*: Long-term Patterns in Lake Champlain Plankton: the role of Invasive Species and Climate Change
- Jason Stockwell, *UVM*: Impacts of Cyanobacteria Blooms on Essential Fatty Acid Transfer to Fish
- Dan Isaak, *USFS*: Climate Change, Crowd-Sourcing, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources

##### **Session Summary:**

Long-term water quality and biology studies in Lake Champlain capture a decline in rotifers and mysid tied to the increase in Zebra Mussels. Flood events affect the total zooplankton density. There is evidence that the epilimnion of Lake Champlain is not so much getting warmer, as it is getting deeper, which reduces the refugia for native cold-water species. Climate change is likely to produce water quality conditions ideal for cyanobacteria blooms. Cyanobacteria has been found to be nutritionally detrimental to zooplankton *and* fish. This indicates an environmental health problems for humans beyond direct exposure to cyanobacteria blooms.

It is essential to identify realistic goals for ecological preservation, as not everything can be saved. The long-term nature of climate change allows for deliberate strategies, but detracts from a sense of urgency. Precise information is needed to facilitate smart, strategic decisions, and we now have better, cheaper tools for environmental assessment.

Studies in Idaho have demonstrated the importance of collective work groups and crowd-sourcing. The pairing of researchers, managers and the public (with varied resources like: lots of data, manpower, money, territory) can be successful where individual efforts would not be.

Crowd-sourcing has the added benefit of building consensus and social involvement in the difficult decisions. There is a need to collaborate more with the public, both to provide information about likely future conditions, and to describe the multiple important facets of climate change efforts.

### **Session 6: Roundtable Panel- ANS Management Tools: What's Working, What's Not?**

**GOAL:** *Suite of ANS Management Tools*

- Emily DeBolt (*LGA*)
- Eric Holmlund (*Paul Smith's*)
- Matt Probasco (*VT DEC*)

#### **Session Summary:**

The most essential tool of the Lake George Association is a boat launch steward program, for both AIS mitigation and data collection. As determined from the Asian clam problem, ANS clean-up is more expensive than prevention. Other useful tools for the Lake George Association are county AIS transport laws, a mandatory inspection program, and state wide regulations. The most effective AIS vector treatment is hot water and high pressure washing. An important component of preventing ANS is understanding waterway visitation networks (i.e. how the lakes are connected, and which could be AIS hubs). Tablet-based, wireless survey software employed by the stewards was essential for collecting visiting boat data. This data coupled with risk criteria can help prioritize prevention measures. In a report requested by the NY DEC, a multi-agency collaboration summarized published science on AIS prevention, pooled data, and provided AIS prevention recommendations.

In Vermont, funding for ANS measures is lake-specific and not organized state-wide. Vermont does not currently have a program that trains and distributes stewards to individual lake associations. Vermont's earlier AIS transportation law has been revised to make it easier to enforce. Other Vermont statutes that aid ANS control include rapid response permitting to deal with infestations, and the use of public water rule (which allows for the closure of a portion of a lake). Implementation of some regulations is problematic. More data would be required for a better lake network analysis and prioritization. Additional problems are funding distribution, public perception, political will, supporting local efforts, and disseminating information to the public.



# Climate Change Adaptation: Stormwater Management and Aquatic Ecosystem Impacts

## *Speaker Biographies*

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### **Dr. Bill Ardren**, Senior Fish Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

William (Bill) Ardren, Ph.D. is a Senior Fish Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). He provides science expertise related to aquatic resource conservation with an emphasis on fisheries management, reintroduction of species, and conservation of endangered species. Bill has extensive experience in population genetics and molecular systematics focused on conservation of fish populations throughout the USA. He is currently leading a large interdisciplinary team of researchers and managers focused on restoring natural populations of landlocked salmon to Lake Champlain. Bill is a member of the Lake Champlain Fisheries Technical Committee, Lake Champlain Basin Program Technical Committee, and Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission Technical Committee. He is also a Dartmouth College visiting scholar in the Department of Environmental Studies, an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Vermont, and an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University.

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