

A non-profit dedicated to restoring the waters of St. Albans Bay

Spring 2009  
Newsletter

ST. ALBANS AREA  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

# Spring is here...Think "Green" (green lawns, blue water!)

## New this Spring!

Interested in doing something very simple to support your watershed?

We are still spreading the word of using Phosphorus free fertilizer! Through a grant from the Vermont Watershed Management Fund, we have 25 lawn signs that emphasize using phosphorus free fertilizer. (as pictured at right) to place in the St. Albans Bay watershed. Don't miss your chance to display one on your lawn!



Stream Sign



Lawn Sign

If you are interested in placing a sign on your lawn, contact us at: [sawatershed@myfairpoint.net](mailto:sawatershed@myfairpoint.net) or 524-0184.

With these signs we are continuing our theme of *Connecting Healthy Lawns to Healthy Waterways*. Last Spring, with assistance from Northwest Regional Planning Commission, SAAWA was awarded a grant from the Agency of Natural Resources to install Stream and Lawn signs to increase awareness in the St. Albans Bay Watershed. This grant was funded through the Vermont Watershed Management Fund which was created in 1996 to provide funds to restore and protect Vermont's "nongame wildlife and major watershed areas." Last Fall, stream signs were strategically placed at 15 stream crossings in the Stevens & Rugg Brook watershed.

## \$5 rebates still available at Ace Hardware & Hamlen's!!!!

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**Don't "P" on the Lawn!**  
**\$5 rebate on the purchase of a non-phosphorus fertilizer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form, along with UPC code and copy of sales receipt to St. Albans Area Watershed Association P.O. Box 1567 St. Albans VT 05478. Offer ends November 15, 2009 and is limited to the 1st 60 coupons received

# SAAWA Purchases a Weed Harvester!

SAAWA purchased a weed harvester in October, 2008. Ownership of the weed harvester will increase the operating time during the summer and decrease the costs of operation. The weed harvester was found through Aquarius Systems, a broker, in Ghent, W. Virginia. The machine was owned by Flat Top Lake Association and has 370 hours operational time on it. The cost was \$27,500 and is a 1990 Aquamarine EH-420 having a 7 foot cutter head and 420 bushels of capacity. Also included is a 1990 TRC-12 Trailer equipped with a conveyer which can be used to transport and off load the weeds. Tim Hunt and Steve Cushing traveled to W. Virginia and inspected the equipment on October 16, 2008. The machine is in overall good condition however, the steel hull has two areas of corrosion which will require attention. The machine and trailer were transported to St. Albans on November 27, 2008 and are now being stored in the St. Albans Town garage.

The purchase of the weed harvester was funded through a \$7,834 grant from the Agency of Natural Resources, \$5,000

from Clean & Clear, and a \$5,000/year for five years contribution from the Town of St. Albans. \$17,300 was borrowed from People's Trust Co. of St. Albans as a bridge loan to be financed over four years and repaid through the \$5,000 per year appropriation from the Town. The actual cost of the weed harvester including trucking, travel expenses and anticipated repairs is \$36,055. \$37,784 has been raised this year including the \$17,300 loan.

In 2005, 2006 and 2007 SAAWA contracted a weed harvesting service at an annual cost of approximately \$32,000 for four weeks of weed removal. The anticipated annual expense of operation and replacement cost is \$11,000. A majority of that amount will be paid by shore line property owners who contributed \$8,581 in 2007. The actual operation of the weed harvester will be done by a hired operator, trained to service and repair the machine. Anticipated length of employment will be 8 weeks x 40 hours/week or 320 hours. Approximately 40 of those hours would be spent servicing the machine. Volunteers

will continue to be used to transport the weeds to composting sites.

SAAWA intends to operate the weed harvester 5 days a week from July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> and on four Saturdays during that period to help shore line property owners clean up weeds which may wash up on shore. A request will be made in the near future for contributions from shore line property owners and other concerned citizens to support the annual operation of the weed harvester.



## Stream Clean Up—May 16<sup>th</sup>—Stevens & Rugg Brooks



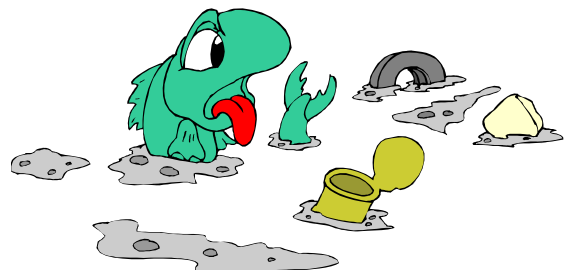
For more information contact  
Deb Perry at 524-5958 or  
[dperry@nrpcvt.com](mailto:dperry@nrpcvt.com)

\*the rain date for this event is Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Please join us

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon\*

to help clean sections of Stevens and Rugg Brooks in  
St. Albans City



## April showers bring May flowers...

It's time to dust off those rain barrels and put them back outside. In addition to saving water and money, rain barrels prevent excess sediment and nutrients (phosphorus) from entering our Bay by reducing the amount of water that reaches our streams. Too much water can cause erosion both on the ground and in the stream. Soak that water into your garden instead! If you don't have a rain barrel, considering buying or making one today!





**Kill Kare State Park  
Destination of June 6, 2009 Walk-a-Thon**



## **Redeem your bottles & cans at the Lighthouse**

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We are looking for volunteers to help empty the lighthouse of its' cans & bottles...

We also need someone to recruit & coordinate volunteers. Please let us know if you can help!

**Check out our website!**

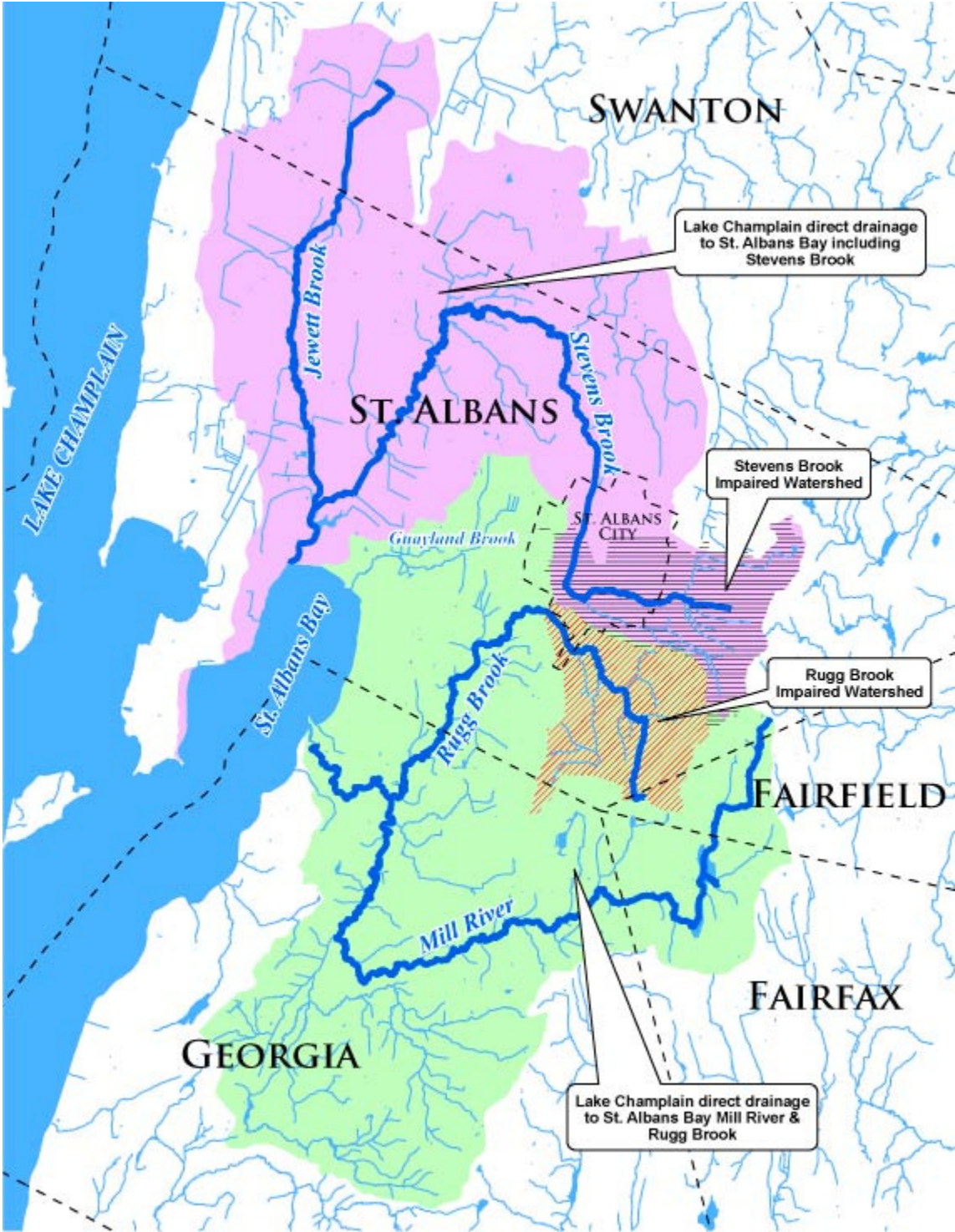
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[www.saintalbanswatershed.org](http://www.saintalbanswatershed.org)

Our new website contains upcoming events, projects, links & tons of information! Check it out today!

# Sub Watershed of St. Albans



# 4th Annual Walk-a-Thon

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The 4th Annual Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. This event helps raise funds to support our mission of Keeping the Lake Clean. More importantly, it is a community event bringing together citizens, employees in our community, families and students to raise & maintain awareness of the water quality in St. Albans bay and surrounding areas.

The walk will once again begin at St. Albans Bay Town Park to Kill Kare State Park.

Letters are going out to area businesses to ask for their support and to enable us to provide T-shirts to all participants.

Once again, it will be a fun event for all to enjoy

We hope to see you there as a participant or supporter of this event!

We will be adding more details of the Walk a Thon as the date approaches to our website, [www.saintalbanwatershed.org](http://www.saintalbanwatershed.org). So, be sure to check it out!



## Start Collecting Pledges Today!

Get a head start!

Encourage your kids to join in and collect pledges as well.

Prizes for those that collect the most in pledges!



# WALK TO SAVE OUR BAY! - Pledge Sheet

## A 5K Walk/Run from St. Albans Bay Town Park to Kill Kare State Park

**Saturday June 6, 2009 • 10:00 a.m.**

**Registration begins 9:00 a.m.**

**Instructions:**

1. Sign up supporters and list the amount they pledge on this form. Please collect all donations prior to the event.
2. Bring all monies collected and the pledge sheet to the sign-in table the day of the event. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at St. Albans Bay Town Park.
3. Make all checks payable to *St. Albans Area Watershed Association*.
4. Minimum of \$20 in total pledges required to participate.

Participant Name			
Address			
Phone		E-mail Address:	
Participant Age if 12 or younger			
Total Pledge Amount			

*The St. Albans Area Watershed Association is a non-profit corporation with tax exempt status under IRS section 501(c)(3) TIN 41-2196343. All Donations are Tax Deductible.*

### PLEDGES

Donor Name	Address	Phone Number	Pledge
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**WAIVER:** I hereby release the St. Albans Area Watershed Association, as well as its volunteers and sponsors from any liability for injuries or damages sustained by me in connection with this race as a participant or observer. I grant the organizers of this event full permission to use photographs/video of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (or guardian of participant if under 18 years of age )

## Current Board Members:

Eric Wolinsky	President	<a href="mailto:wolinskymail@comcast.net">wolinskymail@comcast.net</a>	527-7572
Dennis Hill	V.P.	<a href="mailto:dhill@bfasta.net">dhill@bfasta.net</a>	527-0157
Bob Wood	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:bobandlorettar@comcast.net">bobandlorettar@comcast.net</a>	527-0123
Peter Rath	Board	<a href="mailto:xpat@together.net">xpat@together.net</a>	524-6827
Steve Cushing	Board	<a href="mailto:cdeyak2001@yahoo.com">cdeyak2001@yahoo.com</a>	524-2897
Gould Susslin	Board	<a href="mailto:gsuss@comcast.net">gsuss@comcast.net</a>	524-5217
Jerry Morong	Board	<a href="mailto:jerrym@surfglobal.net">jerrym@surfglobal.net</a>	524-6637
John Whitney	Board	<a href="mailto:jcwhitney05478@yahoo.com">jcwhitney05478@yahoo.com</a>	524-3652
Marty Leech	Board	<a href="mailto:martyl@surfglobal.net">martyl@surfglobal.net</a>	849-6175



We are looking for new board members, volunteers and participation on committees.

If you have some time to give and are interested in *Keeping the Lake Clean*, please contact us.

## Renew your Membership TODAY!

We rely on your support.....

Membership Dues are crucial to keeping our organization going.....\$10 per family per year.....that's not very much, yet it is significant in helping our organization to cover costs of newsletters, postage, paper, supplies, web page, you name it! Membership year runs July 1 through June 30.

In addition to the \$10 dues, please consider a donation for an additional amount to help Keep the Lake Clean.

**Mail your tax deductible donation today!**

Thank you to each and every member for their support. This organization would not be where it is today without your support.

### PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

**St. Albans Area Watershed Association**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seasonal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 Dues) + additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: St. Albans Area Watershed Association

P.O. Box 1567

St. Albans VT 05478

*working to restore Saint Albans Bay*