

Patrick Leahy Lake Champlain Basin Program – NEIWPCC
Summer Education and Outreach Steward – Grand Isle and Burlington, Vermont

Hours: Up to 40 hours per week, including some weekends and holidays; not to exceed 1000 hours in 12 months.

Duration: Mid-May – September 2026, with the potential for extension.

Background Information: NEIWPCC is a regional commission that helps the states of the Northeast preserve and advance water quality. We engage and convene water quality professionals and other interested parties from New England and New York to collaborate on water, wastewater, and environmental science challenges across the regions, ecosystems, and areas of expertise. The Patrick Leahy Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) coordinates and funds efforts to benefit the Lake Champlain Basin's water quality, fisheries, wetlands, wildlife, recreation, and cultural resources, in partnership with government agencies from New York, Vermont, and Québec, private organizations, local communities, and individuals.

Location of Job: Colleen Hickey Lake Champlain Resource Room at ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain on the Burlington waterfront and LCBP office in Grand Isle, VT. Occasional travel to additional outreach events may be requested. This position is not eligible for telework.

Compensation and Benefits: The steward will be paid hourly at a rate to be determined based on the experience of the selected candidate. Benefits are not provided with the exception of social security, unemployment, and workers' compensation insurance; sick leave as determined by the State of Vermont, and the elective deferral portion of the 403(b) plan.

Job Description: This position will work with the LCBP's Resource Room team located at ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and will discuss a variety of watershed issues with children, K-12 students, and adults in a positive, friendly manner. The steward will provide visitors with resources to help them engage in lake or watershed management actions or change personal or neighborhood behaviors to benefit the watershed. The ability to interact positively with the public, including children, in a friendly, professional manner in the LCBP Resource Room is required. On-site training will be provided.

The outreach steward will also assist in staffing LCBP and watershed partner events throughout the watershed. Transporting and setting up exhibits and materials for public programs will be required. Some materials weigh up to 20 pounds.

Skills/Interests Needed

- Coursework or demonstrated interest in and knowledge of Lake Champlain and watershed issues.
- Creativity with strong communication skills, including strong writing skills and attention to detail, and a background in water quality or related sciences.
- Computer skills and experience with the following applications: Microsoft Office 365 platform, mainly Word and Excel, Teams and SharePoint.
- Ability to interact positively with the public in the LCBP Resource Room and at occasional informal LCBP outreach events .
- Valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation required.
- Ability to work independently; reliability and punctuality are required.
- Photography skills, flexibility in working on various assignments, and a willingness to learn more about Lake Champlain and watershed science are a plus.
- Completion of at least sophomore year of college or equivalent life experience recommended. Recent graduates and other adults seeking seasonal work are also encouraged to apply.