

Earth Day Essay

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The forest. A serene place that holds hundreds of types of animals and lots of trails meandering and snaking through it like a river. The fox quietly sneaks up on its prey, the falcon mothering its young, and the owl waiting for night, silently coming up with plans to trap its prey. At the river there are fish jumping up waterfalls and swimming up streams and rivers while the bears silently wait, knowing that the fish will come and they will not go hungry with them. This is Vermont. And this is what I like about it. But there are always bad things happening in life.

My concerns for Vermont are deforestation and destruction of rivers, streams, and lakes. I worry that as the forests are cut down for firewood and lumber, the animals that live there will start going more and more into neighborhoods around them, bothering the humans that live there. Another factor destroying the forests and lakes are shopping malls. They are making water run off the asphalt roads and asphalt parking lots, taking the rubber from car tires, salt from the winter, and all sorts of other nasty things into the rivers and lakes, poisoning them and killing everything that relies on them.

If the rivers and lakes start being destroyed then it will result in a whole different set of problems. Bears and other animals that rely on the rivers would not be able to eat their normal food and get their water. The humans would also start to be affected because a lot of people hunt deer and fish.

My hopes are that these problems, in the future, will be solved and the forests, lakes, rivers, and many other things in Vermont and hopefully

the rest of the world will be safe from the destruction of humans and their equipment. I also hope that someday every house will have solar panels so adults don't pump more terrible fumes into the atmosphere and slowly cook us and the rest of the planet. This planet is not well governed, but if people start taking "reduce, reuse, recycle" seriously then maybe we can all survive long enough to colonize other planets and not destroy them like we are destroying this one.