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Earth Day in Vermont

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I have many opinions on Vermont's environment. Most of my opinions are positive but some aren't as positive. The air is clean and the water is too. I enjoy walking in the woods with all the different trees that are here in Vermont.

There is Earth Day and it has meaning to me. It's a time when communities get together and celebrate the earth. We do this by cleaning up the environment and working together to ensure our community is clean and safe. It's also nice to have a day dedicated to the earth and keeping it clean since the world has been struggling with that since the 1850s.

I do have concerns about the future environment. In towns like Brattleboro, there's a drug problem that contributes to a littering problem. There are also needles almost everywhere you step in downtown Brattleboro. Has the time come where you worry about if you are wearing shoes with thin soles you have a chance to be drugged by stepping on a needle? Since a lot of people are moving here and the population is increasing there's going to be a lot more trash and waste.

There are things I think the state of Vermont should do to help the environment. One thing is helping people with drug problems. It's really sad to see people on the streets doing drugs and then getting sick. One idea I think they can do to fix this problem is to add more accessible treatment. Although this idea wouldn't fully get rid of the problem, it would lower the amount of drugs being taken, sold, and drug addicts who are leaving the trash and waste from their drug use around our state.

In conclusion, I think the state of Vermont should be focusing on the drug problem because it really does affect the environment by a drastic amount. They should also be focused on littering since that's a problem in Vermont's environment too. All in all, that's what I think about Vermont's environment. There are many positive things about the environment and negative things that are having me worried about the future.

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