Protect Vermont's Environment

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Imagine yourself sitting on the edge of Lake Champlain. In one direction you see the Adirondack Mountains of New York on the other direction you see the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont. Camels hump and Mount Mansfield rise above the other rolling Green Mountains.

Vermont has some of the cleanest air in the nation. According to the American Lung Association, "*Burlington-South Burlington-Barre metro area is one of only two cities nationwide ranking on the "Cleanest Cities" lists for all three measures". Clean air is important because* good air quality makes people want to get outside. During the pandemic Vermont has seen record numbers of people getting outdoors and having clean air in that environment is very important to the people who are accessing the environment.

The Green Mountain State and its environment are home to a large amount of wildlife. Tourists and Vermonters enjoy viewing the wildlife. During the pandemic many Vermonters got outside to enjoy viewing wildlife. It is important for us to protect the habitat and the animals that live here as we face climate change.

Vermont is home to many lakes, rivers and streams. USGS shows that 4.2% of Vermont's area is water. While Vermont does not have as much water as other states the many lakes streams and rivers are clean and used by animals and people who love the outdoors. It is important that we take care of our waters so we have clean water for animals and the life that surrounds us.

The environment of Vermont is why many people have chosen to live here. The clean air, wildlife and the lakes, rivers and streams are a key part of that environment. The people who live here and the people who visit need to cherish and take care of the environment. For us to continue and to enjoy the great outdoors of Vermont we all need to do our part to keep the Green Mountain State green for all the generations to come.