## Earth Day Essay

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I was hiking on a tall mountain and I could see all of the beautiful folige in the valleys and lakes. Hiking is one of my faverate thing to do in Vermont. I love the beautiful landscapes of farms and rivers. The difficult mountain biking and skiing trails are a fun challenge.

I do have some concerns about how the state is changing, I think that we will not be able to save these landscapes if we don't stop over logging and over developing fields and forests. There are too many roads of pavement going in valleys. I don't believe in large scale windmills and solar panels. They are destroying the ridge lines and the farm fields.

I have high hopes for Vermonts future. We need more control over the building and logging. I'd like to see more solar panels and wind farms that are smaller and will make energy and not destroy land at the same time. I also think that it is too much money to go skiing and mountain biking if I want to encourage Vermonters to be outside. We need to make prices more affordable for them. I hope when I am an adult I can hike the same mountain and the view will be just as beautiful as it is now.