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What I love about Vermont's environment is mountains because trees help us breathe. Mountains give us strength and faith and help us see what can happen if we don't take care of our environment or what can happen if we do take care of our environment. Because when I go hiking or camping sometimes I see trash and that's not good for the mountain and the animals it's holding cause what we are doing is hurting the mountain and the animals. We need to stop hurting things for our own good.

What I enjoy about Vermont's environment is healthy lakes, rivers, and mountains and most of all seeing people. I want to help our environment so we can have clean air to breathe and a clean and healthy place to live. We can be healthier and happier and won't have to worry about all the bad things that could happen if we didn't help our earth.

What I most care about with the environment is trees, they are getting cut down or burned down. We need to stop doing that. Also the river, lakes, and oceans are getting trash thrown in and that can cause a lot of problems for a lot of things. And water animals, more water animals are dying from trash in the water that we are making. We need to stop what we are doing and think about what we are causing and then help. And finally land animals, they keep getting endangered species because their habitats are being destroyed.

What Earth Day means to me is going into the environment and helping fix

something that we trashed and hurt, a beautiful environment that mother nature gave to us. All of us helping mother nature like she helped us. Helping our environment so in the future we can have a healthy environment. We will keep helping our environment until we can stop hurting it.

My concerns about the future of Vermont's environment is trees. They're getting chopped or burned down and they help us breathe. If they get chopped or burned down more in the future we won't have clean fresh air for us to be healthy. Trees don't help us just breathe. They help us have beds and homes but we can't keep chopping down trees for homes and furniture. We need to find a solution so we can have a better environment.

Vermont's changing environment impacts outdoor recreation and other stuff and can affect Vermont because of fossil fuels and trash in lakes and rivers and on land. A lot of animals are going endangered everyday. People are not helping the environment to have a better future and our air is not that clean anymore like it was sometime when our environment was healthy.

What I think we should do to help protect the environment is to pick up trash on land and in water, and also stop burning fossil fuels. We can have a life, a life that we can be healthy in, one that we don't have to worry about bad stuff that could happen, and a world where everything we do doesn't hurt us or our environment, our environment that we are supposed to enjoy, an environment that we can at least go to a park where little kids can't choke on little things they find, an environment where we can go outside

and see bright green grass and healthy trees and breathe clean air. Finally we can enjoy our environment and don't have to worry anymore.