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Maddie's Earth Day Challenge Essay

My favorite thing about Vermont is going on my boat in the summer and the rural lifestyle. I am glad that Vermont has been putting in the work to keep our lakes and rivers afloat. Over the past summer, there were many blue-green algae blooms in Lake Champlain. I wasn't allowed to go swimming during one of the hottest weeks of the summer, which was unfortunate, because we do not have a very long summer season in Vermont. I was upset because it was too hot!

Vermont needs to do more for water quality. An example of Vermont improving the water quality is listed below. In 2020 Vermont released the [Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2020 Performance Report](#). The report provides information on the \$194 million investment in water quality over the past five years. This initiative has been paying off by improving Vermont's water quality in rivers and lakes. Vermonters should read this report because it provides information on how Vermont is cleaning up our lakes and rivers. I hope Vermont continues to do more in the future.

During the winter, I enjoy skiing, sledding, and drinking hot cocoa. I ski at Bolton Valley and Sugarbush. This year my ski season was disappointing because snow conditions were not good. It would snow, but then it would warm up or rain, which would create ice. I believe this is a result of climate change, and we need to change that. One of the ways we can help fight climate change is to buy and use local products. This will help fight climate change, as there will not be shipping from far away.

Actions we can take on Earth Day include offering your time to the planet and spreading the message about climate change and the importance of protecting our Earth. On Earth Day, I will go outside and spend time in the beautiful world.