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The EARTH DAY Essay

What I love about Vermont is the clean air, wildlife, lakes, rivers, and mountains. I enjoy this by having the chance to swim in clean water and breathe in clean air. The air and water in Vermont is really clean, and it's only some rivers and lakes that are dirty. Unfortunately, Lake Champlain, the lake I live near, is one of the dirtiest lakes in Vermont. Lake Champlain is dirty because sewage and other runoff is going into it. Trash is also going into the lake, which is bad because there are a lot of living ecosystems, and humans swim in the lake.

My idea is instead of the sewage going into Lake Champlain when the sewers overflow, the water is redirected into an overflow tank that holds all the sewage, and when they fill up, there are pipes that lead to farms; so it will be used as fertilizer. Of course, it will be treated first. This could be a win-win because 1. No sewage would go into the lake. 2. The plants and crops will get fertilizer.

Something that I am happy about with Vermont, is that you can go outside, and you don't need to worry about much danger because the state is relatively safe. But you can't go too far away from home because there is a lot of open land, so it is possible for you to lose your sense of direction. I enjoy my environment because it's wide open woods, and it is a lot of open space for my family and me to run around. Also, at my house, we sled and ski on a little hill, and we make maple syrup because we have maple trees. I enjoy sugaring because it is fun to make your own maple syrup, and to share it with my friends and family. The process of sugaring includes tapping the trees. First, you drill a hole in the tree, then you put a tap and hang a bucket below the tap, and the sap drips into the bucket. When the buckets are full, we boil the sap. This takes about 6- 8 hours.

Earth Day, for me, means cleaning up your surroundings and planting garden crops, such as tomatoes, carrots, and strawberries, that can help the environment. Some ways that we can help the environment for Earth Day is to turn off the lights when we don't need to use them or plant a garden if you can. When I hear about Earth Day, I think of clean air, planting trees, plants, and picking up trash from off the ground and in water biomes, and happiness! Something that we could do to help protect the environment is ride bicycles instead of using cars. Some concerns we have for Vermont are the Co2 emissions going up, which can lead to some fatal environmental destruction like trees or plants dying because some animals rely on trees or plants for food or shelter.