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Prior to Irene we talked about setting up some event/events for the governor to talk about water quality in Lake Champlain. If he is still interested, here are a few options to consider. Some are coming up soon, so I thought it would make sense to get it back on your radar.

(1) May 24-25: Signing of the VT-Quebec agreement with the discussion of water quality issues on the second day. This is one that our Governor's office staff and Premier Charet's office have been discussing at length and seems pretty well baked. (Remember the Friend of Lake Champlain annual meeting is May 24th. If the Governor and the Premier are thinking of attending please let me know so David and I can brainstorm an initiative to announce.)

(2) June 4-5: Flood resilience summit involving NY, Quebec and Vt. To be held in Burlington. The dates have been picked and LCBP's Bill Howland has started organizing the agenda. It would be great if Governor Shumlin could kick off the meeting, or make an appearance at some point.

(3) Announcement of the State of the Lake Report. This is a report that the LCBP issues every 3 or 4 years (last one was in 2008) summarizing the environmental health of the lake. This is expected to be ready for release in mid-June though the date may slip. It is usually closely covered by the media. Governor Shumlin may want to participate in the release of this report. If he does, we will want to also invite Governor Cuomo and Premier Charet.

(4) Green infrastructure executive order: As we have discussed briefly before, this may be an opportunity for the Governor to indicate his commitment to protecting water quality. An event to publicize this order could take place at 133 State Street to highlight the G.I. project in the parking lot.