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### **New Director at the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program**

LCHIP hires former Downtown Resource Center Director and New Hampshire Native

CONCORD, NH – On January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) welcomed Deborah Turcott as the organization's new executive director.

In her new position, Ms. Turcott will work with the LCHIP Board of Directors and staff, and engaging with New Hampshire's historic, cultural, and natural resource organizations, municipalities and government officials to leverage and steward the existing resources of LCHIP and to develop and implement strategies that will maximize opportunities for its future. Ms. Turcott will oversee, manage, and administer LCHIP's grant program, which this past year granted over \$6 million.

Ms. Turcott left her position as the Director of the Community Development Finance Authority's Downtown Resource Center and New Hampshire Main Street program to assume this role with LCHIP. She has over a decade of non-profit management and marketing experience, the past five years of which has been with downtown revitalization organizations focusing on economic development, historic preservation, and smart growth principles. She holds a BS degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

"With over 40 candidates for the position, the Board was delighted to select Deb, as she has the background we wanted and represents a strong future for the program," said Craig Welch, LCHIP Board Chair and Principal, The Craig Welch Group LLC. "We are excited that Deb has accepted this challenge and we are confident that her skills, experience and ideas will be a benefit to the state."

"I consider this an incredible opportunity to serve the people of New Hampshire protecting a quality of life that I have grown to know and love in my life here," said Ms. Turcott. "I look forward to working with LCHIP's many partners and the legislature as we seek to conserve and preserve our resources and make sure these resources continually contribute to our state's economy and way of life."

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits in an

effort to protect and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources. Its mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the state's economy, its environment, and the quality of the life in New Hampshire. For more information about LCHIP call 603.224.4113 or visit [www.lchip.org](http://www.lchip.org).

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