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**New Natural Resource Specialist at the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program**

LCHIP hires former Director of Conservation at Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust.

CONCORD, NH – May 27, 2008 marks a new step for New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program as they are proud to welcome Ray Ilg as the new Natural Resource Specialist.

Ilg will be working with a variety of projects with the Executive Director Deb Turcott and the rest of the LCHIP staff to review project proposals. He will also be interacting with other New Hampshire organizations that work with historic, cultural, and natural resources.

Ilg received his bachelor degree from Ithaca College and later received his Master of Forestry from University of Maine. He left his position as Director of Conservation at Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust to work for LCHIP. Ilg has approximately eight years of experience with conservation, the past two years Ilg has managed a variety of different tasks as the Director of Conservation at CCALT. Ilg also has years of experience with the world of sales.

"Ray brings years of local land trust experience to his position at LCHIP" says LCHIP Executive Director Deb Turcott. "I am excited that he is now part of the conservation community in NH and look forward to the positive impact he will have on our program."

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. The mission of LCHIP is to ensure the continuous 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).