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LCHIP's Executive Director to Retire Board of Directors Initiates Search

The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) announces that LCHIP Executive Director Dijit Taylor intends to retire at the end of 2021.

"It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Executive Director for the past eleven years," Taylor said. "LCHIP represents a true New Hampshire success story. As we like to say, 'LCHIP saves what people love about New Hampshire'."

"During my tenure with the program, support has grown from a succession of governors and from the legislature. Much has been accomplished over the first twenty-one years of the program. There is more for the strong Board of Directors and experienced staff to achieve under new leadership in coming years."

Since 2010 when Taylor started, LCHIP has provided matching grants totaling more than \$35 million and leading to a total investment of \$157 million. Grants have gone to 204 different organizations, benefitting resources in 152 of the state 234 municipalities. This has provided permanent conservation for 53,307 acres of land and supported preservation of 177 historic buildings dating from as far back as 1664 and as recent as 1967.

LCHIP Board Chair Ben Wilcox says "The LCHIP Board is grateful to Dijit for her leadership during these years. Dijit leaves big shoes to fill and a formal search committee has been formed to evaluate and recommend viable candidates for this important leadership role."

Prior to joining the staff at LCHIP, Taylor was the Director of the Center for Land Conservation Assistance at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, where she initiated the now-annual statewide land conservation conference, *Saving Special Places*. Before that, she worked at the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, the New Hampshire Rivers Council and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Find the announcement of the position opening at www.LCHIP.org

LCHIP is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to protect and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. It was created by the legislature in 2000 to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment and the quality of life in New Hampshire. All funding for LCHIP grant-making and administrative costs depends on the state budget process. For more information, see www.lchip.org.