Welcome!

Spring is springing and LCHIP projects, as well as spring flowers, are blooming. As of today, we have 48 projects in various stages of completion. The historic resource projects are busy getting the construction season activities underway. It’s exciting to hear about their progress. Natural resource projects anticipate better weather for completing required surveys and baseline documentation. Previously protected farms are busy with young animals and spring time planting, while many previously assisted historic resources are opening for the summer tourism season.

In mid-May, I enjoyed spending a day with our communications consultants at Clearly Creative as they filmed some of the recent grant recipients in the Seacoast area. Each project proponent did an amazing job conveying their excitement about their project and the support that LCHIP provides. Watch for the upcoming release of this video.

Happy Spring!

Dijit Taylor
LCHIP Executive Director

LCHIP Spotlight: Brennan Brook Project, Francestown

Fun Fact -

Which LCHIP-assisted project was featured on a US postage stamp?**

LCHIP Links
39 Grants Awarded in 2013

LAKES REGION
Mount Major
Belmont Bandstand
Belknap Mill
Meredith Public Library
Middleton Old Town Hall
Milton Town House
Jones Farm
Castle in the Clouds
Lane Tavern

MERRIMACK VALLEY REGION
Crooked Run Conservation Easement
Old Boscawen Public Library
The Piscataquog Land Conservancy, the Francestown Land Trust and the town of Francestown have just completed the permanent protection of 150 acres of well managed woodland in Francestown. The property contains a 20 foot waterfall, the only one known in the town. LCHIP provided $120,000 toward the $766,223 project. The land is part of a block of 6000 undeveloped acres with substantial wildlife habitat value. The project includes a restored historic dam, a "lost village," and nearly a mile of frontage on a Class VI road. Thanks to the former owners, John and Diane Schott, for holding and managing the land so well since the mid 1970s, including restoration of the plank and stone dam with traditional techniques and materials, and for selling it for protection at less than its full value.

**LCHIP Spotlight: Littleton Community Center**

The 1884 Queen Anne-style house was purchased in 1919 by a group of prominent local citizens as a memorial for those who served in the First World War.

The non-profit Littleton Community Center provides
community meeting space and derives much of its revenue from rental income. In developing a master plan for the future of the building and organization in 2013 the board was advised by the architect they consulted, "Before you hire me, fix the roof." The organization was awarded an LCHIP grant of $23,000 for the urgent repair of their roof in 2013, which was completed before the winter to protect the building.

LCHIP Projects Receive Preservation Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the Danville Heritage Commission and the Old Allenstown Meetinghouse Steering Committee, both recipients of 2014 Preservation Achievement Awards from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for outstanding rescue and restoration of the Webster Stagecoach Stop and Store and the Old Allenstown Meetinghouse, respectively. LCHIP supported the efforts of the Danville Heritage Commission with grants in 2007 and 2010 and the Old Allenstown Meetinghouse in 2010.

Webster Stagecoach Stop and Store

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The NH Preservation Alliance is a statewide, non-profit historic preservation organization. They presented nine achievement awards at the Concord City Auditorium on May 13, 2014.

LCHIP GIS Map

LCHIP has provided almost 300 grants since it was created in 2000 and began awarding grants in 2001. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have become much more popular and usable tools since that time. LCHIP has been a little slow to get all the grant locations mapped with GIS. Natural Resource Specialist Jess Charpentier has recently completed LCHIP’s GIS map showing where all the grant funds have been invested.

Click below for a larger PDF or, even better, stop by the LCHIP office to enjoy the detail that shows up so much better in the large 2 1/2’ x 3 1/2’ version in the office.

LCHIP GIS Map

**It was the Wentworth Garner House in Portsmouth.

Part of the Greetings From America Series, this one was released in 2002 in a retro design that was supposed to resemble postcards from the 1930's and 40's.