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Littleton Community Center  
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## Welcome Autumn!

Early fall is a glorious time of year in New Hampshire. Days can still be warm and sunny, nights are cool enough for restful sleeping and the colors of fall are sneaking onto the landscape. All in all it's the perfect time to kick off a year-long "LCHIP Road Trip." Be sure to watch for our monthly newsletter where we'll highlight one of LCHIP's favorite destinations, perfectly suited to the season. Enjoy!

Dijit Taylor  
LCHIP Executive Director

## LCHIP Links 39 Grants Awarded in 2013

### LAKES REGION

[Mount Major](#)  
[Belmont Bandstand](#)  
[Belknap Mill](#)  
[Meredith Public Library](#)  
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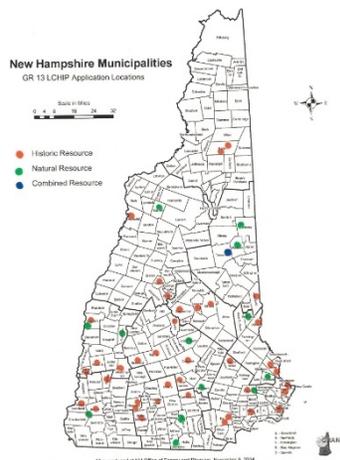
### MERRIMACK VALLEY REGION

[Crooked Run Conservation  
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Neighborhood](#)  
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## For LCHIP Staff, October is a Great Time of Year!

Visiting 54 historic, natural, or cultural sites across this great state is a tough job - but someone's got to do it!

In late August and early September, the grant review panels met. Both the historic and natural resource panels spent a full day sharing their professional expertise and discussing the diverse applications received in grant round 13.



### MONADNOCK REGION

Next, LCHIP staff will be on the road throughout October visiting as many sites as possible in order to better understand the unique value of each project.

**Check out this map** which shows the location of each site we'll be visiting.

## LCHIP Road Trip: Red Apples and Raptors

In NH, just as the maple sap harvest heralds the arrival of spring, so does the apple harvest herald the arrival of fall and the start of the fall raptor migration. This year, take a road trip to Carter Hill Orchards in Concord to pick some of the 16 varieties of apples, sample the apple cider and cider donuts made fresh on-site, and join NH Audubon staff on the Raptor Observation Platform high above the tree-tops.



Crowd at Carter Hill Observatory.  
Photo Credit: Phil Brown

Each fall, thousands of visitors - including hundreds of students from across the region, come to the 150-acre Carter Hill Orchard, permanently preserved in 2001 thanks in part to a \$405,000 LCHIP grant. There they bite into NH's crunchy harvest and experience the spectacle of New England's raptor migration first-hand.

So pick a peck of perfect apples, raise your binoculars to the sky (they have plenty on hand) and enjoy the best of a NH fall, brought to you by LCHIP! Learn more about [Carter Hill Orchard](#).

[Acworth Village Store](#)  
[Brennan Brook Conservation Project](#)  
[Shattuck-Dinsmore Conservation Project Building #3 and Inspection Room in Harrisville](#)  
[Stone Arch Bridge](#)  
[Wyman Tavern](#)  
[Lempster Meetinghouse](#)  
[Wingate Farm](#)

### NORTH COUNTRY

[Brown Company Barns](#)  
[Green Hills Preserve Expansion Project](#)  
[Maple Ridge Farm](#)

### SEACOAST REGION

[Isinglass River - Calef](#)  
[Growing Pawtuckaway to Great Bay Greenway](#)  
[Kingston Historic Bandstand](#)  
[African Burying Ground](#)  
[John Paul Jones House](#)  
[Lowd House](#)  
[Warner House](#)  
[Wentworth-Gardner House](#)  
[Oceanic Hotel](#)

### UPPER VALLEY

[East Grafton Union Church](#)  
[Robie Farm](#)  
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## FUN FACT

The official tally for the 2013 raptor migration season at NH Audubon's Carter Hill Orchard Observatory came close to breaking the 2011 record. Can you guess how many migrants were tallied during either season?

You'll find the answer at the bottom of the page. Click to learn more about [NH Audubon's Raptor](#)



A young boy spots his first Bald Eagle with the help of NH Audubon's Jess Cosentino

Photo Credit: Paula Bellemore, LCHIP Staff



Carter Hill Raptor Observatory's first paid counter, Katrina Fenton, enjoying lunch on the job.

Photo Credit: Phil Brown

## LCHIP Spotlight: Celebrate N.H. History in October

New Hampshire History Week is coming up, October 19 - 25. A gala proclamation is planned on the statehouse steps on October 16 and historic groups across the state are planning myriad special events. Find one near you on a special section of the [New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's website](#).

## Observatories!



The NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate (Moose Plate) program supports the protection of critical resources in our state. You can purchase a Moose Plate at any time - for your new car, for a car that's already registered, or even for a friend!

Visit [www.mooseplate.com](http://www.mooseplate.com) to find out how to purchase your plate. Income from the Moose Plate program pays for much of LCHIP's administrative expense. Thank you, Moose Plate holders, for your support!



Thanks to the [New Hampshire Charitable Foundation](#) for their support of this newsletter.



## LCHIP Spotlight: Androscoggin Headwaters Project Celebration

A \$650,000 grant from LCHIP helped the Trust for Public Land successfully conserve 31,000 acres at the headwaters of the Androscoggin River- one of NH's largest land conservation projects in recent years.

The Androscoggin Headwaters Project:

- adds 7,500+/- acres to the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge
- protects 934 acres around the Greenough Ponds, two of only three ponds in the state that support native, non-stocked brook trout populations, and
- preserves 23,000 acres via a state-held conservation easement which allows for continued sustainable timber production.

On a cool and windy day in early September, Governor Maggie Hassan joined a celebratory crowd on the shores of Lake Umbagog to congratulate the Trust for Public Land, LCHIP, and an array of other partners who collaborated over 6 years to bring this significant conservation project to its successful conclusion.



## LCHIP Spotlight: Farewell to Amy Dixon

Amy Dixon has served as LCHIP Historic Resource Specialist for eight years. During that time she has been a valued friend and advisor to LCHIP historic preservation proponents across the state, assisting many in completing their projects. Sadly for us, Amy has accepted a newly created position at the Division of Historical Resources, where she will be creating a new grant

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## Spoiler Alert!

Here's the answer to Answer to September's Fun Fact:

12,017 migrants were tallied during the 2011 season. 2013 came in a close second, with 11,896.

How close were you?

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program to distribute federal funds earmarked for disaster planning and relief for historic resources. Her new position is part time, which will allow her more time to juggle her role as parent of two active young boys.



Photo Credit: Sam Dixon

We are fortunate that Amy is willing and able to stay on with LCHIP part-time through this transition. Our search is underway but it must be said: Amy's shoes will be very hard to fill.

Thank you, Amy, for your years of commitment and dedication to the preservation of NH's sense of place. You will be missed! To join us in wishing Amy farewell, click here: [Amy Dixon](#)

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