Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Don't forget to add dtaylor@lchip.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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Welcome!

We invite you to travel via our newest video to recent LCHIP projects in the Merrimack Valley Region and the

Photo: Robie Farm

LCHIP ROAD TRIP: Got Turkey?
Upper Valley. Enjoy your trip!

If you are taking any road trips these days, it's clear by the number of roadside signs that there are some hotly contested elections coming up. Please be sure to identify and support candidates who reflect your priorities about land conservation and historic preservation.

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissioners will be holding their annual meeting and conference on November 1st at the Laconia Middle School. For more information, go to www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting44.

Dijit Taylor
LCHIP Executive Director

It's a tough job...

... and we are happy to do it.

Our staff is small. VERY small. Two full-time and two part-time employees. Thus, it's all hands on deck to visit the sites of the current round of applicants. We try to get to any site which we haven't seen before, and squeeze in a visit to some of our previous grant recipients as well.

We visit these sites to inform them, to get the back story, to get updates on how things stand since they filled out that 19 page application back in June. We ask deep questions like, "Sooooo... Do you really expect to raise the match funds with a bake sale?" or "You say there are six siblings, two of which aren't speaking. Do you think it realistic that they'll

November is right around the corner, and if you are interested in supporting local farms AND preparing a "best-ever" Thanksgiving feast, consider purchasing a locally-raised bird. In 2005 LCHIP helped permanently protect the Hurd Farm in Hampton. Steve and Sheryl Hurd operate the farm, in fact, Steve is the third generation to live and farm here. They take great pride in their agricultural heritage and are passionate about raising the best locally grown meats available. Click here to learn more about Hurd Farm.

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
agree to put the land under conservation?"

After we tell them that we have just over $3 million to fund 53 applicants who have requested over $4 million, some shoulders fall. "This is actually good news," says our Executive Director, Dijit Taylor, "We have fewer applicants than last year and full funding."

We, the LCHIP staff, are merely the messenger in these visits - it's the LCHIP Board of Directors who will decide on who gets how much. Sure, we get a bit dusty and have had to walk through fields of poison ivy, but they have the toughest job: choosing among the dozens of projects worthy of protection and preservation.

Driving around the state this month has been more of a perk than a curse. We have explored forests and fields surrounded by stunning foliage. We have climbed ancient steps into attics and bell towers, and walked through town hall theaters which are no longer open to the public.

So, we apologize that we have been out of the office more than in. We'll settle back in come November, when we have to summarize all our observations for the Board.

We're happy to do it.

**LCHIP Spotlight:**
Here's what our partners have to say:

"Last year 150,000 New Hampshire folks visited the Palace for all sorts of different shows."

*Peter Ramsey*
President/CEO
*Palace Theater, Manchester*
"This project protects a lot of wildlife habitat. This property was donated by T.L. Storer for passive recreation for the Boy Scouts that use it and also for local residents."

Daniel Kern, Executive Director
Bear-Paw Regional Greenways
Crooked Run, Barnstead

LCHIP Spotlight: Previous Projects in the Merrimack Valley and Upper Valley

Hazleton Farm in Hebron

Three hundred and seventy five years after it was first granted to an early family member in 1637, 270 acres of Hazleton Farm in Hebron will be open land forever. LCHIP funds helped the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to purchase a conservation easement on the land, which features open agricultural fields, managed woodlands, frontage on a stream that feeds Newfound Lake and abundant wildlife.
The Colonial Theater in Bethlehem

The Colonial Theater was literally collapsing in 2003 when LCHIP funds facilitated the rehabilitation of the historic building which has since then become a recognized arts center for the North Country.

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