



# April 2019

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## Welcome!

Here's some of what's going on at LCHIP:

- [Historic Resource grant orientation workshops](#) are scheduled for April 29 (Concord) and April 30 (Littleton) and there is still time to register. Note that the workshop is **required** for first time LCHIP applicants and recommended for repeat applicants.
- SB 74, seeking to provide additional money for LCHIP grants, has been amended and passed the state Senate. It is now under consideration in the House of Representatives. Find the text and status of the bill [here](#). If you wish to contact your representatives about this (or any other) bill, you can find their contact information [here](#).
- The 2019 [LCHIP Natural Resource application materials](#) are available on the LCHIP website.
- Anyone planning to apply for LCHIP funding in 2019 must submit a 1-page Intent to Apply Form no later than May 17, 2019. Find the historic resource form [here](#) and the natural resource form [here](#). LCHIP staff will review the Intent to Apply forms to confirm eligibility of both the applicant organization and the project. The sooner you submit the form, the sooner you may be approved to apply.



*Dining room fireplace located in the Littleton Community Center, site of LCHIP's April 30 historic resource grant workshop*

We look forward to seeing the interesting new projects seeking LCHIP support this year.

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## Spotlight On LCHIP Projects

### St. Mary and Archangel Michael Church, Nashua

Nashua's century-old French-Canadian Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier entered a new phase in its history in 2009, when a Coptic congregation bought the disused Norman-style building and rededicated it as [St. Mary and Archangel Michael Church](#).

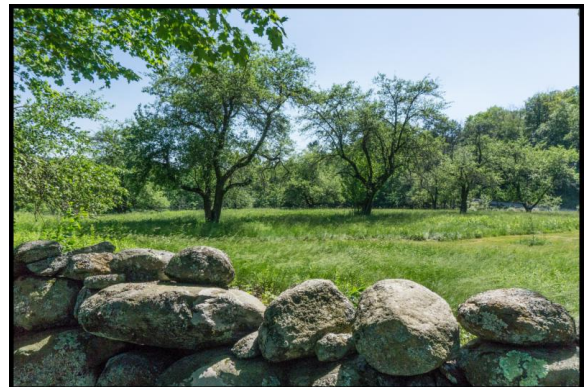
In 2017, LCHIP awarded a grant to help repair the soaring - and cracked - west stone façade and towers. Now, church leaders are working with a national nonsectarian nonprofit organization, [Partners for Sacred Places](#), to build capacity as they take on this ambitious project. With the help of this collaboration, the monumental edifice on French Hill should endure as an historic and architectural landmark for years to come.



*Repairs are under way at the St. Mary and Archangel Michael Church in Nashua.*

### Royce Conservation Easement, Jaffrey

For the Royce family, this spring's apple blossoms will smell especially sweet. The Monadnock Conservancy has accepted a conservation easement on the family's 110 acres along [Mountain Brook Reservoir](#) in Jaffrey. The property, with its undeveloped frontage along the reservoir and mix of fields, orchard, forest, and wetlands, supports a wide variety of wildlife. Spectacular views of the land can be seen from the publicly-accessible reservoir and Gilmore Pond Road. LCHIP's grant award allowed the Conservancy to accept the easement, which will permanently protect its important conservation features. Read more about this project [here](#).



*Apple orchard in the Royce Conservation Easement  
Photo: Stephen Gehlbach*

### Rocky Hill Farm Meadows, Haverhill

The 40-acre Rocky Hill Farm Meadows is part of the scenic open space visitors enjoy when driving to the [Bedell Bridge State Park](#) and boat ramp in Haverhill. Almost all of the

property, which includes 32 acres of prime agricultural soil, is in the floodplain and in the spring and fall the fields are a resting spot for migratory birds.

With financial support from LCHIP and others, the [Upper Valley Land Trust \(UFLT\)](#) recently accepted a conservation easement on the property. UFLT Conservation Project Manager Megan Chapman said "These meadows are some of the most fertile farm soils in the Valley and it's a testament to their love of the land that Dale and Jackie Lewis want them protected so that they are open and available to grow food for generations to come. We are thankful for the continued support and advocacy of farmland conservation by LCHIP's Board of Directors."



*Rocky Hill Farm owner Dale Lewis (right) accompanies LCHIP Board members Harold Janeway and Amanda Merrill during a site visit to the farm.*

## 2018 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Albany - <a href="#">Whitton Pond</a>	Goshen - <a href="#">Goshen Grange First Floor Rehabilitation</a>
Alstead - <a href="#">Chase's Mill Rehabilitation</a>	Keene - <a href="#">Ball Mansion Rehabilitation</a>
Belmont - <a href="#">Gale School Relocation</a>	Langdon - <a href="#">Langdon Congregational Church Planning Study</a>
Brookfield - <a href="#">Snow Family Conservation Easement</a>	Lebanon - <a href="#">Kendrick-Wood House Exterior Rehabilitation</a>
Canterbury - <a href="#">Turning Mill Pond Preservation</a>	Milan - <a href="#">Community Forest Expansion</a>
Charlestown - <a href="#">Silsby Free Library Masonry</a>	Milton - <a href="#">Free Public Library Belfry</a>
Chesterfield - <a href="#">Stone House Tavern Planning Study</a>	New Durham - <a href="#">Birch Ridge Community Forest</a>
Chesterfield - <a href="#">Evans Farm Agricultural Easement</a>	North Hampton - <a href="#">Centennial Hall Rehabilitation</a>
Columbia - <a href="#">Shrine of Our Lady of Grace Planning Study</a>	Northfield, Canterbury - <a href="#">Stillhouse Forest</a>
Concord - <a href="#">Kimball Jenkins Mansion Roof and Upper Trim</a>	Orford - <a href="#">Brackett Brook Farm Conservation Easement</a>
Croydon, Grantham, Newport - <a href="#">W.F. Rugar Wildlife Management Area</a>	Plymouth - <a href="#">Old Webster Courthouse Rehabilitation</a>
Deerfield - <a href="#">Town Forest Expansion</a>	Portsmouth - <a href="#">Portsmouth Women's City Club Sprinkler System</a>
Durham - <a href="#">Lamprey River Preserve Expansion</a>	Rindge - <a href="#">Ingalls Memorial Library Masonry</a>
Durham - <a href="#">Lubberland Creek Preserve Expansion</a>	Rochester - <a href="#">Rochester Opera House Seat Restoration</a>
Epsom - <a href="#">Town Forest Expansion</a>	Statewide - <a href="#">Preservation Planning Grant</a>
Exeter - <a href="#">Ladd-Gilman House Moisture Control</a>	Sugar Hill - <a href="#">St. Matthew's Chapel Foundation</a>

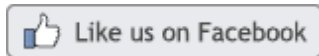


Farmington - <u>Farmington First Congregational Church</u> Rehabilitation	Swansey - Whitcomb Hall Second Floor Rehabilitation
Farmington - <u>Scruton's Dairy Agricultural Easement</u>	Tilton - <u>Tilton Mansion Planning Study</u>
Fitzwilliam - <u>Town Hall Planning Study</u>	Tuftonboro - <u>Great Meadow Conservation Area</u>
Francestown - <u>Abbottville Farm Agricultural Easement</u>	Wolfeboro - <u>Wolfeboro Freight Shed Rehabilitation</u>
Gorham - <u>Community Forest Expansion</u>	



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