Welcome!

Ah, March, when a sunny warm late winter day highlights both the coming of spring and the impact of our changing climate.

Look at all the interesting upcoming events:

- Old House and Barn Expo, March 21 - 22
- NH Archeology Month, April 2020
- Saving Special Places Conference, April 4
- LCHIP Grant Orientation Workshops*: State Conservation Grants Workshop, April 8
- Historic Resource Grant Workshop, April 29

*Attending a Grant Workshop is required for first time applicants and recommended for repeat applicants.

Climate change worries notwithstanding, I hope you enjoy whatever warm sunny days come your way this month, as well as any remaining snowy winter days.

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Spotlight on LCHIP Projects

Farm Blends Natural and Historic Resource Conservation

Field and house, covered bridge and river: New Hampshire's landscape blends historic and natural beauties. LCHIP's mission is to conserve and protect New Hampshire's most special places - natural, historic and cultural. Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale's farm in the eponymous town of Hinsdale tells the
story of two and a half centuries of life on the land. A handsome 1759 house stands on 37 conserved acres with over half a mile of frontage on the Connecticut River. LCHIP helped the Hinsdale Historical Society acquire the property in 2009 and awarded a second grant in 2019 to help replace the roof on the grand house. Follow these links to read more about the Hinsdale property and Colonel Hinsdale.

Special note: The Saving Special Places 2020 land conservation conference includes a workshop about protecting historic resources while meeting land conservation goals, meshing perfectly with LCHIP’s recognition that a variety of resources define the special places of our state.

Loudon Agricultural Resource to be Conserved

The 279-acre Pear Farm sits on Loudon Ridge, the most rural and scenic part of the town of Loudon, and its agricultural heart. A 2019 LCHIP grant will help The Trust for Public Land partner with the Loudon Conservation Commission to conserve the farm, allowing a fourth generation of the Pearl family to continue to produce hay, squash, pumpkins, sweet corn, and maple syrup for nearby farm stands, regional supermarkets, and maple syrup wholesalers. Visit the farm for their Maple Weekend Open House on March 21 & 22.

Archeology Month

April is Archeology Month in New Hampshire!

The New Hampshire Archeological Society (NHAS) celebrates Archeology Month with an exploration of New Hampshire’s past through a wide variety of presentations, exhibits, hands-on activities, and an annual spring meeting.

Information can be found on their website or Facebook page and is frequently updated.

2019 LCHIP Grant Recipients

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The NH Conservation 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! Find out more at mooseplate.com. Income from the Moose Plate Program pays for much of LCHIP’s administrative expenses. LCHIP thanks Moose Plate holders for their support!

Headline Photo:
Debbie Leary collects maple sap on Leary Farm, a 2017 LCHIP grant recipient. For more information about this maple syrup business, visit Forty to One.