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Welcome!

October, as always, was a whirlwind of activity as LCHIP wrapped up our annual site-visit season. Eighteen volunteer review panelists and five staff members carefully read and evaluated all 55 proposals received in this, our 21st grant round. I am deeply appreciative of the time and effort these impressive volunteer panelists devoted to LCHIP's evaluation process (*see who they are below*). My back-of-the-envelope calculation indicates that each spent no less than 100 hours reviewing proposals, driving to and attending 51 site visits, and preparing for and participating in two full-day panel discussions - an average of roughly 11 hours per week devoted to LCHIP. Their commitment is invaluable, and humbling.

LCHIP's Board of Directors will meet mid-month to hear the recommendations of the panels, consider the proposals, and make the all-important funding decisions, which will be announced in early December. Stay tuned!

Best,

Paula Bellemore
Executive Director

Special thanks to all members of our 2022 LCHIP Review Panels!

NATURAL RESOURCE REVIEW PANEL

Rich Cook - retired Land Agent, NH Fish and Game
Rep. Judith Spang - LCHIP Board of Directors, member
NH House of Representatives
Paul Doscher- Conservation Advisor, Retired Vice-
President for Land Conservation, SPNHF
Rebecca DiGirolomo - Natural Resource Field
Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension
Jim Oehler - Wildlife Habitat Program Supervisor, NH
Fish and Game Dept.
Pierce Rigrod - Supervisor, NH DES Drinking Water and
Groundwater Protection Bureau
Pete Steckler- Principal, Northeast Conservation
Services
Stephen Walker - Director, State of NH Conservation
Land Stewardship Program

HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW PANEL

Colin Cabot - LCHIP Board of Directors; Founder and
Exec. Director Sanborn Mills Farm
John "Chick" Colony - LCHIP Board of Directors; Co-
owner, Harrisville Designs
Jodi Black - Preservation Manager, Historic New
England
Amy Dixon - Community Preservation Coordinator, NH
Division of Historical Resources
Elizabeth Farish - Curator, Strawberry Banke Museum
Helen Frink - Author, Retired as Professor Emerita
Keene State College
Elizabeth Durfee Hengen - Preservation Consultant
Jenna Lapachinski - Field Service Representative
Preservation Trust of Vermont
Lisa Mausolf - Preservation Consultant and
Architecture & Planning Consultant
Jim Perkins - Preservation Consultant; Archivist for the
Town of New London

Rochester Forest Conserved

Two pieces of forest land in the hills of Rochester, once owned by the Champlin family, are once again reunited: [The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests](#) has acquired 122 acres in Rochester to add to the existing 185-acre [William H. Champlin Forest](#). Now totaling over 300 acres, this forest provides opportunities for hiking and other passive outdoor recreation in a populated and rapidly-growing part of New Hampshire. Easily accessible trails allow for exploring multiple forest types from a parking area on Route 108. The forest also provides important wetland and upland habitat, and provides headwaters for a local drinking-water supply.



This project was made possible through a \$115,000 grant from LCHIP, \$200,000 from the [Rochester Conservation Commission](#), and \$110,000 from the [Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund](#), as well as other private donations. A full press release about the addition can be found on the [Forest Society's website](#).

Photo: Champlin Cattail Marsh, courtesy of Forest Society

Preservation Projects Moving Briskly Toward Completion

Alongside the busy review of grant applications that takes place every summer and fall, many preservation projects already benefitting from LCHIP grants are speeding toward conclusion. Of LCHIP's 47 open historic rehab grants, over a dozen are on track to wrap up by the end of the year, and a handful of others are now reaching their midpoint. As a result, LCHIP staff expect a rush of site visits before snow flies. Project proponents and their contractors are clearly trying to make the most of the good weather to maximize this construction season.



Photo: [Nashua's First Church](#) is repairing its 118-foot-tall stone tower, shown here, with the help of an LCHIP grant. The project is halfway done and is expected to be complete by next summer.

Annual Monitoring Reports Due

Have you received an LCHIP grant in the past? Annual monitoring must be completed by December 31, 2022, to be in compliance with your legal agreement with LCHIP and be eligible to receive a 2023 stewardship mini-grant. Email the completed report to Info@LCHIP.org or any member of the LCHIP team. Download forms [HERE](#).

LCHIP Projects in the Works

Banners proudly proclaiming support from LCHIP are cropping

up across the state. LCHIP's Project-in-the-Works signs were recently spotted at Manchester's Chandler House, which the [Currier Museum](#) is rehabbing, and on Glencliff's [Willing Workers Hall](#), also under rehabilitation. Sixty-two LCHIP-funded projects are underway as we speak, and we love seeing the LCHIP banners flying high!



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 - even for a friend! Find out more at mooseplate.com. Income from the Moose Plate Program pays for much of LCHIP's administrative expenses. Thanks Moose Plate holders for your support!

Header photo: A 2015 LCHIP grant helped the Town of Hooksett and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) expand the Clay Pond Conservation Area (CPCA) to more than 800 acres.

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