

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program



Johnson Farm & Islands, Monroe, NH

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Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report



November 29, 2012

To: Governor Lynch, Governor-Elect Hassan, Members of the Executive Council, Senate President and Speaker of the House

We are pleased to let you know that LCHIP continues to fulfill its mission successfully, even as the dollars available for grant-making are reduced. Recipients of LCHIP grants are especially grateful for this support during what continues to be challenging economic times for everyone.

This report documents both the projects from earlier grant rounds that were completed during FY 2012 and the new awards that were made during the year. In this grant round, \$1,158,000 of state money invested in these projects through the LCHIP grants leveraged a total project value of over \$29,000,000! New this year, we are also reporting on the many excellent projects that completed the rigorous LCHIP application process but could not be awarded funds because of the limited supply available.

As the images of grant recipient sites within this report show, LCHIP is not just about the conservation of land or the protection of old buildings. The projects supported with LCHIP grants are a reflection of what we as citizens treasure about the place we call home, as well as what our visitors come to enjoy.

Our many project partners are highly appreciative of the assistance LCHIP provides:

As you know, but I am happy to say, we could not have done it without LCHIP! The leverage that your program has provided for TPL and other organizations to get other federal, local and private funds remains extremely important.

Rodger Krussman of the Trust for Public Land about the Albany Town Forest

But in the end, none of the work we've recently completed would have been possible without LCHIP's help. Your program allowed us to stretch our resources so much farther than we otherwise could have.

Elizabeth Dubrulle, Goffstown Historic District Commission about Grasmere Town Hall

On behalf of the LCHIP Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your ongoing interest in the good works of this program. We look forward to a changing economic climate when LCHIP will once again be able to extend its benefits to more of the excellent project opportunities in New Hampshire's municipalities and non-profits. .

Sincerely,



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Board President



Dorothy T Taylor
Executive Director



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Brief Summary of LCHIP's Activities 2000-2012



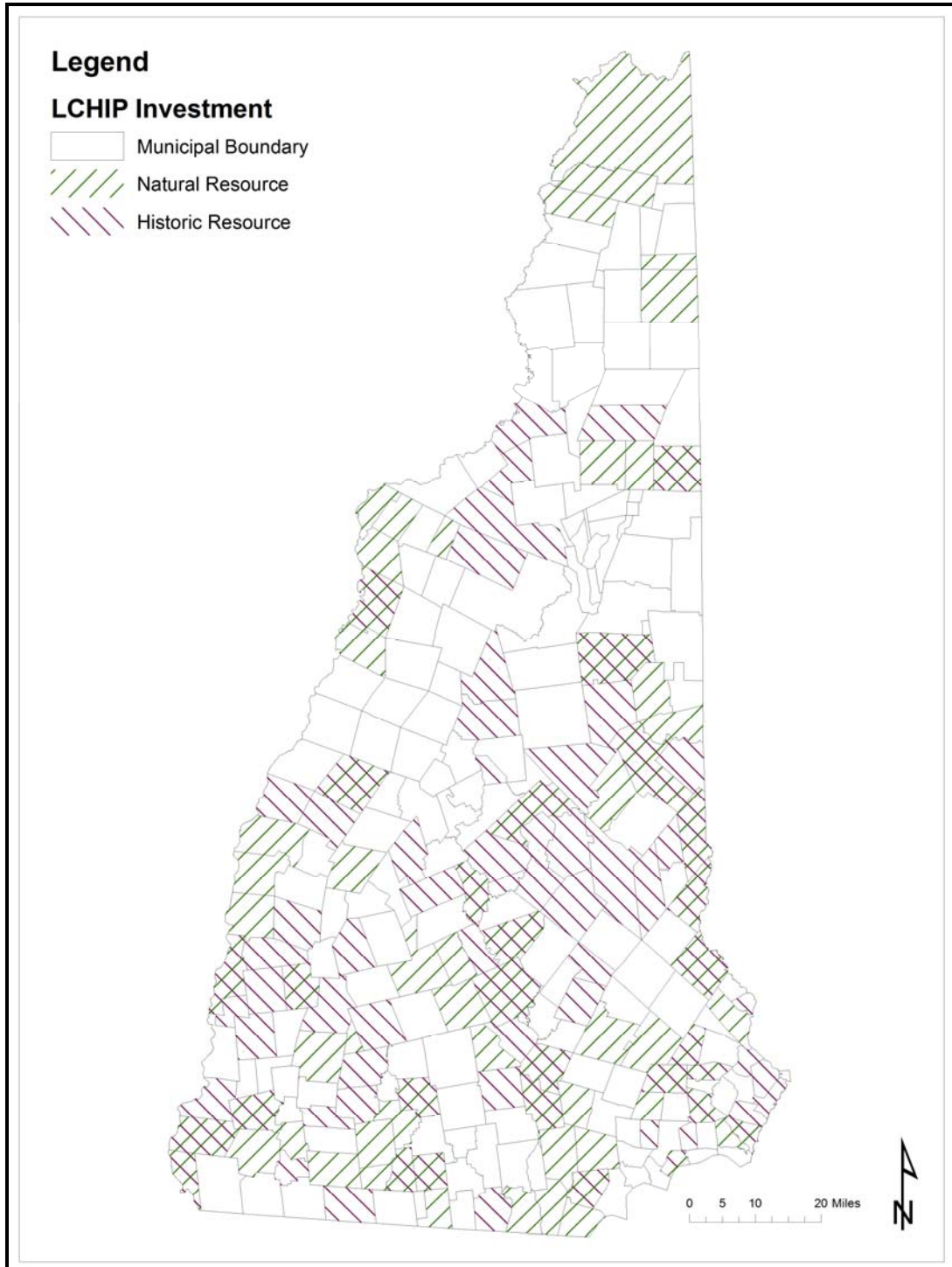
Newfields Community Church, Newfields

LCHIP is a Matching Grant Program created by General Court in 2000 through RSA 227-M. Matching grants are provided to municipalities and non-profit organizations to help with restoration of historic buildings and permanent conservation of natural resources.

- Money for the grants comes from fees on some documents filed at County Registry of Deeds offices
- Funding for administrative costs comes in part from the Conservation License Plate Program – the “Moose Plate”
- LCHIP has supported 226 projects in 141 towns and cities across all ten counties of the state since 2001 (see map on next page)
 - 126 historic structures protected – buildings that are used as town halls, theaters, churches, community centers, days care centers, museums and many other purposes
 - 263,000 acres permanently conserved for forestry, farming, recreation, watershed protection, habitat and ecosystem services
- \$27 million of state funds invested through LCHIP grants have led to total project value of \$237 million, a remarkable return on investment
- LCHIP has partnered with 80 private non-profit groups and 76 government entities
- All properties protected with state money through LCHIP are open for passive recreation activities specifically including hunting and fishing (RSA 227-M:15)
- 97% of voters agree that we must invest in land conservation and historic preservation to protect our quality of life for future generations



LCHIP Award Locations 2001-2012



Historic Resource Projects Completed in Fiscal Year 2012

LCHIP grants are awarded based on *plans* for the project. Funds are not disbursed until the projects reach designated stages of completion or full completion, depending on the type of project. Natural resource projects are expected to be completed within eighteen months of the grant award, while historic resource projects are allowed up to twenty-four months. The committed funds are held in the LCHIP Trust Fund at the Department of Treasury until the applicant demonstrates to LCHIP that the project has accomplished all of the required due diligence.

| Historic Restoration Projects | Location | Grant Round/Date of Award | Date Built | LCHIP Grant | Total Project Value |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Academy Cupola Restoration | Gilmanton | GR 9/2010 | 1894 | \$20,000 | \$40,500 |
| Meeting House Planning Study | Hancock | GR 8/2010 | c. 1820 | \$7,000 | \$14,000 |
| The Temple storage building rehabilitation | Harrisville | GR 8/2010 | c. 1850s | \$64,341 | \$128,681 |
| Meetinghouse Chimney | Langdon | GR 9/2010 | 1801 | \$7,987 | \$15,991 |
| Town House Restoration, Town House Roof | Milton | GR 8 & GR9 /2010 | c. 1803 | \$11,874 | \$23,748 |
| Town Hall Historic Building Assessment | New Durham | GR 9/2010 | 1907 | \$7,500 | \$15,000 |
| Community Church Restoration | Newfields | GR 9/2010 | 1873 | \$15,000 | \$38,125 |
| Barrett House Barn Stabilization | New Ipswich | GR 9/2010 | 1800 | \$65,000 | \$255,470 |
| Congregational Church Renovation/restoration Study | Northwood | GR 9/2010 | 1840 | \$4,500 | \$9,000 |
| Parson Main Statue, Central Square Restoration | Rochester | GR 9/2010 | 1896 | \$6,000 | \$40,979 |
| Preservation Planning Grants (NHPA) | statewide | GR 8/2010 | | \$22,500 | \$46,267 |
| Old Town House Planning Study | Thornton | GR 8/2010 | 1790 | \$7,204 | \$14,408 |
| Park Hill Meetinghouse Roof | Westmoreland | GR 9/2010 | 1764 | \$59,443 | \$118,886 |
| Total Historic Restoration Projects | | | | \$298,349 | \$761,055 |



Milton Town House, Milton



Parson Main Statue, Rochester



Park Hill Meetinghouse, Westmoreland



Natural Resource Projects Completed in Fiscal Year 2012

| Land Conservation Projects | Location | Grant Round/Date of Award | Acres | LCHIP Grant | Total Project Value |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Desbiens Expansion/Gove Forest | Acworth | GR 9/2010 | 83 | \$46,766 | \$138,700 |
| Albany Town Forest | Albany | GR9/2010 | 302 | \$145,000 | \$815,000 |
| Battles Farm | Bradford | GR 9/2010 | 143 | \$130,000 | \$340,350 |
| Colony Wetland Complex | Chesterfield | GR 10/2011 | 300 | \$85,433 | \$311,387 |
| Pawtuckaway River Corridor Phase 2 | Epping, Nottingham | GR 10/2011 | 190 | \$50,000 | \$636,000 |
| Stowell Addition, Mt. Monadnock | Jaffrey, Marlborough | GR 10/2011 | 335 | \$125,000 | \$541,209 |
| Gardner Mountain | Lyman | GR 8/2010 | 1,081 | \$250,000 | \$624,000 |
| Evans Mountain | Strafford | GR 9/2010 | 1,015 | \$150,000 | \$930,105 |
| Total Completed Land Conservation Projects | | | 3,147 | \$837,199 | \$3,521,751 |



Mount Monadnock/Stowell Property



Historic Projects Awarded LCHIP Grants in Fiscal Year 2012

Twenty-four projects were awarded grants from LCHIP in 2012. Another eighteen completed applications were not awarded funding. See list on page 9. Please note that many of the projects were awarded less funding than they requested. The Board of Directors is aware that recognition by LCHIP has value for other fund-raising activities by project proponents. With the limited funding available, this year the Board opted to provide a larger number of grants at smaller amounts than requested to help multiply the benefit of the LCHIP recognition.

| Town/City | Year Built | Project Name | Grant Request | Grant Award | Total Project Value |
|----------------|------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Acworth | 1892 | Silsby Library | \$8,350 | \$4,000 | \$10,000 |
| Berlin | 1915 | Interior Restoration Plan for Brown Company R&D Building | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 |
| Bow | 1835 | Bow Bog Meetinghouse | \$77,500 | \$50,000 | \$192,000 |
| Canaan | 1796 | Meeting House Tower Repair | \$43,625 | \$35,000 | \$87,250 |
| Charlestown | 1872 | Charlestown Town Hall | \$100,000 | \$50,000 | \$325,000 |
| Enfield | 1930 | Mary Keane Chapel | \$35,000 | \$20,000 | \$77,000 |
| Gilmanton | 1895 | Gilmanton Academy Window Restoration & Weatherization | \$32,750 | \$32,750 | \$86,585 |
| Hillsborough | 1892 | Gov. Smith/Fuller Public Library | \$45,970 | \$40,000 | \$91,940 |
| Laconia | 1914 | Colonial Theater | \$290,000 | \$150,000 | \$5,000,000 |
| Langdon | 1801 | Langdon Meetinghouse | \$10,725 | \$10,725 | \$21,450 |
| Moultonborough | 1914 | Castle Gate House Exterior | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$155,300 |
| Portsmouth | 1810 | Discover Portsmouth Center | \$80,000 | \$40,000 | \$1,221,000 |
| Portsmouth | 1763 | Moffatt-Ladd House Window Preservation and Restoration | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$180,000 |
| Statewide | | Preservation Planning Grants | \$22,500 | \$20,000 | \$45,000 |
| Total | | | \$876,420 | \$582,475 | \$7,512,525. |



Natural Resource Projects Awarded LCHIP Grants in Fiscal Year 2012



Union Meadows, Wakefield

| Town/City | Acres | Project Name | Grant Request | Grant Award | Total Project Value |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Chesterfield | 300 acres | Colony Wetland Complex | \$85,433 | \$85,433 | \$311,387 |
| Errol | 938 acres | Androscoggin Headwaters III | \$250,000 | \$150,000 | \$21,000,000 |
| Fremont | 76 acres | Smith Land Acquisition | \$100,000 | \$25,000 | \$251,050 |
| Goffstown | 410 acres | Roberts Farm | \$200,000 | \$50,000 | \$2,988,500 |
| Hampton | 120 acres | Batchelder Farm | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | \$892,000 |
| Hooksett | 122 acres | Merrimack Riverfront | \$155,000 | \$80,400 | \$469,140 |
| Jaffrey, Marlborough | 335 acres | Mt. Monadnock (Stowell) | \$175,000 | \$125,000 | \$541,209 |
| Monroe | 340 acres | Johnson Farm & Islands | \$75,000 | \$50,000 | \$202,500 |
| Springfield | 46 acres | Patten Easement | \$45,000 | \$30,000 | \$108,000 |
| Wakefield | 121 acres | Union Meadows | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$250,000 |
| Total | 2,808 acres | | \$1,215,433 | \$725,833 | \$27,013,786 |



Projects NOT Awarded LCHIP Grants in Fiscal Year 2012

These eighteen projects all submitted applications requesting funding in Grant Round 10. With the limited funding available, the Board of Directors was unable to provide grants at any level for these projects.

| Town/City | Acres or Year Built (as applicable) | Project Name | Grant Request | Total Project Value |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Derry | 1769 | First Parish Church Rehabilitation | \$29,600 | \$110,000 |
| Gilmanston | 85 acres | Twigg Properties | \$175,000 | \$1,425,064 |
| Hampton | 1723 | James House Exterior | \$33,219 | \$74,751 |
| Haverhill | 1880 | Parish Hall Restoration | \$3,250 | \$18,212 |
| Hillsborough | 51 acres | Coffin Property | \$25,000 | \$81,684 |
| Haverhill | 1816 | Pearson Hall History Museum | \$100,000 | \$215,650 |
| Keene | 1788/1828/1938 | Steeple/Façade Rehabilitation, UCC | \$65,000 | \$201,000 |
| Lee | 17 acres | Wadleigh Falls Island Farm | \$50,000 | \$100,450 |
| Manchester | 1941-42 | Crystal Lake Bathhouse Restoration | \$325,000 | \$650,000 |
| Nashua | 1882 | Millyard Chimney | \$100,000 | \$528,250 |
| Newbury | 1891 | Veranda at The Fells | \$45,000 | \$135,000 |
| North Hampton | 1876 | Centennial Hall | \$19,000 | \$38,585 |
| Plainfield | 217 acres | Wond-R-View Farm & Forest | \$215,624 | \$446,242 |
| Rindge | 1796 | Meetinghouse | \$42,000 | \$87,000 |
| Rye | 1899/1870 | Goss Barn Restoration | \$48,500 | \$100,751 |
| Rye | 1876 | Star Island Cottage & Porch Restoration | \$88,078 | \$190,640 |
| Sandown | 1773-74 | Old Meetinghouse Preservation Project | \$13,000 | \$26,000 |
| Wilton | 19 acres | Gage Road Field | \$20,150 | \$198,150 |
| Total | 389 acres | | \$1,367,851 | \$4,046,726 |



LCHIP's Trust Fund

In FY 2012, per the biennial budget, \$120,000 in income from recording fees was provided to the LCHIP Trust Fund (per RSA 478:17-g) was designated for, and transferred to the LCHIP administrative fund, further described on the following page. Two other income items accrued to the LCHIP Trust Fund:

- \$100,000 payment from a wind energy company, which was required as mitigation for the impact of the wind towers on the historic village of Rumney
- \$145,751 returned when funds that were used toward the purchase by an LCHIP-eligible entity had to be refunded to LCHIP, per RSA 227-M:16, when the property was sold to a non-LCHIP-eligible entity. The resource values continue to be protected through a conservation easement on the property.

Funds for the grants that were awarded, shown on pages 7 and 8, were drawn from revenues that accrued to the LCHIP Trust Fund during the second half of FY 2011, when LCHIP was receiving half of the recording fees that were created through RSA 478:17-g to benefit LCHIP.

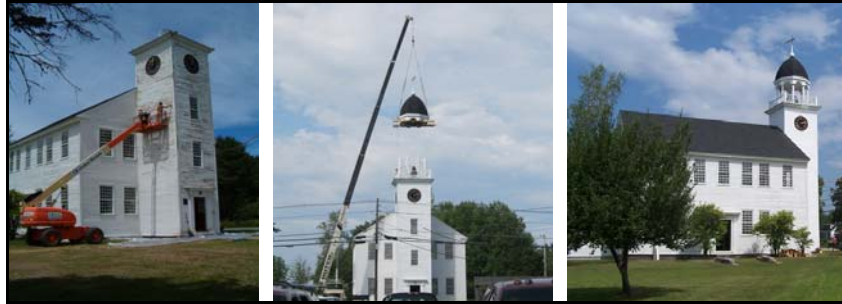
A percentage of grant amounts is also transferred to the operational budget to support the administrative costs of LCHIP, as are interest income from the Trust Fund and other LCHIP bank accounts. As required by the LCHIP enabling legislation, at the completion of each project, funds are transferred from the LCHIP Trust Fund to the Community Conservation Endowment, also held by the Treasury Department, to support long-term stewardship of the resources protected with state money through LCHIP. See page 12 for further information about stewardship.

| LCHIP Trust Fund - 2012 | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|----------------|
| | Recording Fee Income | Other income | Project Grants Dispersed | Interest Earned | Transfer to Operational Budget (Interest & income) | Mandated Transfers to Endowment Trust Fund | Balance |
| Starting Balance | | | | | | | \$4,031,468 |
| Total | \$120,000 | \$245,751 | (\$1,326,049) | \$6,631 | (\$261,560) | (\$86,830) | |
| Total Trust Fund Account Balance | | | | | | | \$4,403,850 |
| Total Trust Fund Expenditures | | | | | | | \$1,674,439 |
| Ending Balance | | | | | | | \$2,729,412 |
| Amount Committed to 39 Active Ongoing Projects | | | | | | | \$2,341,316 |
| Total Available in Trust Fund at Close of Fiscal Year | | | | | | | \$388,095 |



LCHIP Administrative Costs – Fiscal Year 2012

The administrative costs of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program are supported by up to \$200,000 each year from the Conservation License Plate Program, under RSA 261:97-b. Other income comes from an administrative fee charged on grants awarded, set by the LCHIP Board of Directors at 10% for FY 12, and from interest earned on the LCHIP Trust Fund and other bank accounts. As shown, the operating expense for LCHIP in FY 2012 are 16% lower than in FY 11, the second straight year of reduction in administrative costs.



Canaan Meetinghouse Tower Repair

| Administrative Expenses | Fiscal Year 2011 | Fiscal Year 2012* |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$213,338 | \$189,212 |
| Payroll Taxes | \$8,956 | \$10,517 |
| Rent/Utilities | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Audit Fees | \$12,400 | \$13,606 |
| Attorney/Consultant Fees | \$18,384 | \$3,247 |
| Telephone/Internet Services | \$7,966 | \$5,642 |
| Bookkeeping & Payroll Service Fees | \$4,230 | \$6,000 |
| Insurance | \$3,060 | \$2,522 |
| Travel/mileage | \$2,964 | \$3,405 |
| Office Equipment/Maintenance | \$2,135 | \$2,510 |
| Office Supplies | \$1,798 | \$1,128 |
| Meeting Expense | \$1,013 | \$663 |
| Postage | \$452 | \$443 |
| Printing | \$79 | \$135 |
| Dues/Professional Development | \$222 | \$726 |
| Project Signage | \$113 | \$1,321 |
| Other Expenses | \$719 | \$2,140 |
| Depreciation | \$10,728 | \$1,515 |
| Total Expenditures | \$303,557 | \$259,732 |

*Audit required by RSA 227-M:5, VII is underway and will be posted on LCHIP website (www.LCHIP.org) when finalized and approved by LCHIP Board of Directors.



LCHIP Stewardship – Fiscal Year 2012

LCHIP grant recipients are required to submit monitoring reports every year to document that the property is being maintained in a way that supports the state's investment in the property. Natural resource properties come under perpetual easements while historic resource properties have agreements ranging from 5 years to forever, depending on the size of the grant. LCHIP is required by RSA 227-M:12 to set aside funds to provide for monitoring of the properties.

Since FY 2009, LCHIP has provided an annual incentive payment to all recipients who provide satisfactory monitoring reports. Payments are based on the income to the Stewardship Trust Fund and the complexity of the monitoring requirements for each project. Payments this year ranged from \$81 to \$324 per project. Satisfactory monitoring reports were received from and payments made to 79 organizations and agencies for reporting on 120 different properties. None of the properties showed major violations, although a few have concerns that are being monitored for better compliance in the coming year. Only six projects that should have submitted monitoring reports failed to do so.



Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Project, 2002

Photo by The Nature Conservancy



LCHIP Board and Staff – Fiscal Year 2012

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