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Pittsburg

Welcome!

New and exciting! That's what July feels like at LCHIP this summer! We've got 53 new applications to review, our Clearly Creative consultants have just done the filming for a new video (look for it in our August newsletter) and our new natural Resource Specialist has just started work. Summer is typically a busy and fun time, juggling work and seasonal vacations. We at LCHIP hope you can squeeze in a few minutes to skim through this issue of our newsletter and keep up with all that is new and exciting here. Happy summer!

Dijit Taylor
LCHIP Executive Director

Fun Fact -

Three people represent New Hampshire signed the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. Who were they and which have LCHIP connections? (Hint, if you follow LCHIP on Facebook you've seen some of this information recently.)

Introducing New Natural Resource Specialist

LCHIP Is delighted to welcome Paula Bellemore as the new Natural Resource Specialist. Paula comes to LCHIP after 10 years with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, the last four as Executive Director. She has hands on experience with LCHIP projects, from the other side of the table: PLC completed the LCHIP-supported Brennan Brook Project under her leadership in April 2014. Paula's knowledge of conservation transactions, connections in the land conservation community (she was a charter Board member of the New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition),

LCHIP Links 39 Grants Awarded in 2013

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executive experience, vision and enthusiasm are all valuable assets to LCHIP. WELCOME, Paula!



LCHIP Spotlight: 53 New Grant Requests Received

LCHIP has received 53 new applications for funding in the current grant round. During the last week before the due date, questions poured in and applications trickled in, with about half arriving in a rush on the morning of the deadline. Here is a quick breakdown by type:

	Number of Applications	Total Request	Total project Value
Historic Resource	39	\$2,213,668	\$9,921,051
Natural Resource	13	\$2,232,455	\$12,049,891
Combined Historic-Natural Resource	1	\$88,050	\$229,100
Total	53	\$4,534,173	\$22,200,042

As usual, the projects are well distributed around the state, with two or more coming from each of the ten counties. The range of requests is from just under \$6,000 to \$500,000. The amount available for grants depends on how well the fees that make up the grant fund come in between now and when decisions are made in November, but is expected to be in the \$3 to the \$3.5 million range.

We are in early stages of review of the projects, but so far they look very interesting. Buildings range in date of construction from Westmoreland's Park Hill Meetinghouse in 1764 to the Peterborough Town House in 1918. There are nine government buildings (mostly town halls), eight churches/meetinghouses, four school structures, two libraries and two mill buildings. Natural resource projects include seven forest projects, five farms, and one each of wetlands and scenery. Acres to be protected range from 8 in Chocorua to 1,140 in Epping, for a total of 4,483.

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[Crooked Run Conservation Easement](#)
[Old Boscawen Public Library](#)
[Bow Bog Meetinghouse](#)
[Canterbury Village Trust Office](#)
[Tuck Library](#)
[Stickney Hill Agricultural Neighborhood](#)
[Palace Theatre](#)

MONADNOCK REGION

[Acworth Village Store](#)
[Brennan Brook Conservation Project](#)
[Shattuck-Dinsmore Conservation Project Building #3 and Inspection Room in Harrisville](#)
[Stone Arch Bridge](#)
[Wyman Tavern](#)
[Lempster Meetinghouse](#)
[Wingate Farm](#)

NORTH COUNTRY

[Brown Company Barns](#)
[Green Hills Preserve Expansion Project](#)
[Maple Ridge Farm](#)

SEACOAST REGION

[Isinglass River - Calef](#)
[Growing Pawtuckaway](#)
[Great Bay Greenway](#)
[Kingston Historic Bands](#)
[African Burying Ground](#)
[John Paul Jones House](#)
[Lowd House](#)
[Warner House](#)
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UPPER VALLEY

[East Grafton Union Church](#)
[Robie Farm](#)
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Peterborough Town House

The review process is rigorous, including staff review of all applications, review, scoring and ranking by professional review panels, site visits and finally decisions by the Board of Directors in November.

LCHIP Spotlight: New Report Documents That Conserving Land and Water is a Good Investment!



Davis Path, Stairs Mountain

Photo by Jerry and Marcy Monkman, Ecophotography.com

The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy have recently completed an analysis of *New Hampshire's Return on Investment in Land*



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Conservation. New Hampshire invested nearly \$78 million in land conservation between 1988 and 2011 through LCHIP, the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP), the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, the Water Supply Land Protection Grant Program and some projects at the Department of Resources and Economic Development. The report finds that the conserved land provides important natural goods and services, such as protection of water and air quality, flood control and prevention, plus supports income-generating activities in forestry, agriculture, commercial fishing, tourism, outdoor recreation and the vague but important "quality of life." For every dollar the state invested in protection of natural resources, those protected resources provide \$11 in natural goods and services. New Hampshire is tied with Maine for the highest return on investment TPL has measured in twelve such studies all around the country.

Click here for more information:

<http://www.tpl.org/media-room/conserving-land-and-water-good-investment-nh>

<http://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/nh-state-roi-report.pdf>

LCHIP Spotlight: LCHIP's Amy Dixon to Speak at Conference in Philadelphia



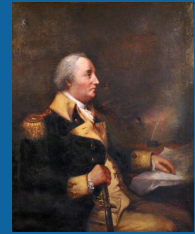
Byron G. Merrill Library, Rumney

Amy Dixon and our colleague Nadine Peterson from the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources are presenting at a workshop at Forum 2014 - the biennial conference of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. As part of a workshop entitled "More Than a Historic Marker: Finding Mitigation That Matters," they will describe how LCHIP is holding funds from the developer to mitigate the impact of the Groton Wind project on Rumney Village. The mitigation project so far has involved planning and designing universal access to the Rumney library.

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****William Whipple, Josiah Bartlett and Matthew Thornton**



William Whipple lived in the Moffatt-Ladd house

Portsmouth during the revolutionary war with wife, Katherine Moffatt Whipple. The Moffatt-house received grants from LCHIP in 2002, 2007 and a total of \$130,000 and leveraging a total project value of \$740,000.



New Hampshire Preservation Alliance seeking funding

the current grant round to purchase a preservation easement on the Josiah Bartlett House in Kingsbury. The Bartlett house is currently on the market, likely leaving the Bartlett family for the first time since it was built in

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