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*Photo: Governor Hassan and LCHIP Board Chair Doug Cole applaud new LCHIP grant recipients.  
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## WELCOME!

Happy New Year! It's a new year and LCHIP has a brand new group of grant award recipients to tell you about over the course of the coming year. Thirty two new grants were made in December 2015, for projects ranging from Milan in the north to Windham in the south and from Star Island in the east to Walpole in the west. Governor Hassan joined in the celebratory announcement event. Congratulations and best wishes to the proponents of each of these new projects!

For this first issue of the new year, the newsletter focuses on a rare historic resource project that is a first of its kind to be protected with LCHIP assistance and two conservation projects that will help insure public access for recreation.

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## LCHIP Spotlights

### Acworth

The Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse, in partnership with the Acworth Cemetery Trustees, were recently awarded \$34,000 to document and rehabilitate the Acworth Horse Sheds, located behind the Acworth



Meetinghouse. Most NH towns had community horse sheds, but as transportation evolved away from the horse and buggy, most of these structures were abandoned or torn down. The Acworth Horse Sheds is one of only nine known remaining examples in New Hampshire of this once ubiquitous building type. The predecessor of the Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse, the Acworth Meetinghouse Restoration Project, received LCHIP grants in 2007 and 2010 to rehabilitate the Acworth Meetinghouse. The project was honored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2011.

*Photo: Courtesy Preservation Timber Framing Inc.*

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## LCHIP Grants Insure Public Access for Recreation

### Lyndeborough, Rose Mountain Summit Preserve

The moment Governor Hassan announced the Piscataquog Land Conservancy's (PLC) \$42,500 grant award last December a race began to conserve the 189-acre Rose Mountain Summit Preserve in Lyndeborough before year's end. PLC succeeded, acquired the property on December 30 after a month of long hours and lots of hard work. Congratulations!



PLC is now working to develop a comprehensive management plan. Input from recreational user groups including hikers, hunters, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, as well as detailed inventories and maps of the Preserve will be integrated in a final comprehensive management /recreation plan, expected to be completed by the fall of 2016. More information on the Rose Mountain Summit Preserve and the PLC can be found [here](#).

*Photo: Courtesy Piscataquog Land Conservancy*

### Barrington, Stonehouse Forest

The 1,500 acre Stonehouse Forest property in Barrington was once destined to become a private exotic game hunting reserve. The Southeast Land Trust of NH (SELT) envisions a different future for the land. Supported in part by a \$420,000 grant from LCHIP, SELT has launched a multi-year effort to raise \$3.3 million to acquire, steward, and manage this vast landscape. The property is undeveloped and



wooded with two natural ponds, large wetland complexes, sparkling streams, rocky outcrops, and rolling topography. Once preserved, SELT will expand the existing trail network, construct parking area(s) and kiosks to improve public access for hiking, bird watching, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

A free public field trip on the property is scheduled for February 6 at 9:00am, with more field trips expected in the future. For more information, or to sign up for the February 6 field trip, please [click here](#).

*Photo: Courtesy Southeast Land Trust of NH*

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## LCHIP Road Trip

Looking for a winter outing but don't want to fight the cold? Saturday, January 30th at 2pm, the New Hampshire Historical Society will host a Collection Highlights Talk, The Remarkable Story of Sarah Elizabeth Harper Monmouth and the Worsted Church Textiles. Learn about Sarah Harper's life and the textiles she created, which decorated the Worsted Church in Canterbury and drew hundreds of tourists to the small church during the first half of the twentieth century. For more information visit the Historical Society's Programs and Events Calendar [here](#).

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## 2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Acworth Horse Sheds	Hampton - <a href="#">1723 James House</a>	Milton - <a href="#">Plummer Homestead</a>
Ashland - <a href="#">Whitten Woods</a>	Hooksett - <a href="#">Clay Pond</a>	Moultonborough - <a href="#">Castle in the Clouds</a>
Barrington - <a href="#">Stonehouse Pond Forest</a>	Hooksett Town Hall	Orford - <a href="#">Mason Pond</a>
Berlin - <a href="#">St. Kieran Community Center</a>	Keene United Church of Christ	Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church
Danbury - <a href="#">South Danbury Church</a>	Kensington - <a href="#">Bodwell Farm</a>	Portsmouth - <a href="#">Richard Jackson House</a>
Derry - <a href="#">First Parish Church</a>	Lancaster - <a href="#">Main Street Stewardship Project</a>	Portsmouth - <a href="#">Wentworth-Gardner House</a>
Dunbarton - <a href="#">Stone Farm</a>	Lempster - <a href="#">Miner Memorial Library</a>	Rye - <a href="#">Oceanic Hotel</a>
E. Kingston - <a href="#">Monahan Farm</a>	Lyndeborough - <a href="#">Rose Mountain</a>	Stratham - <a href="#">Lane Homestead</a>
Enfield - <a href="#">Smith Pond &amp; Shaker Forest</a>	Madbury - <a href="#">Powder Major's Farm &amp; Forest</a>	Walpole - <a href="#">Vose Farm</a>

Francestown - [The Beehive](#)

[Milan Community Forest](#)

[Windham Presbyterian Church](#)

Goffstown - [Black Brook Preserve](#)

[Milton Free Public Library](#)





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