

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program



Austin Hall in Strafford

(Photo: Kenneth Berry)

Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report



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November 30, 2011

Dear Governor Lynch, Members of the Executive Council, Senate President Bragdon and Speaker of the House O'Brien,

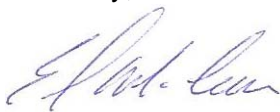
We are pleased to report that LCHIP continues to fulfill its mission successfully, even as the dollars available for grant making are reduced. Recipients of LCHIP grants are especially grateful for this support during what continues to be a challenging economic time for everyone.

The November 2010 LCHIP grant round provided funding for a full two dozen important projects, as you can see listed on page 6 of this report. In this grant round, \$1,500,000 of state money invested in these projects through the LCHIP grants leveraged a total project value of nearly \$28,000,000!

The initial vision for LCHIP and its success since its inception relate not just to land and buildings, but to what people treasure about the quality of life here in our beloved state. The many people and organizations who have benefited from LCHIP grants all strive and work on each project because it is of substantial importance to a specific community. New Hampshire is a state defined by its special places. LCHIP is in the happy position of assisting people in communities to protect some of those special places, simultaneously contributing to the economy and to the natural resources that support the very air we breathe and water we drink.

We are honored to share LCHIP's successes for FY 2011 with you and with the people of New Hampshire. Representing the LCHIP Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for your support of LCHIP and look forward to the future when LCHIP will again be able to provide substantial support for more good projects that benefit the people, places and economy of the state.

Sincerely,



Rusty McLearn
Board President



Dorothy T Taylor
Executive Director



LCHIP Board and Staff – Fiscal Year 2011

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Projects Completed in Fiscal Year 2011

Projects that are awarded LCHIP grant funding are allowed time to complete the project before receiving the final grant award. Land conservation projects are expected to be completed within 18 months after receiving the award, while historic projects are allowed up to 24 months. Seventeen projects that received LCHIP grant awards in earlier grant rounds were completed during Fiscal Year 2011. Seven historic structures, ranging in age from 1801 to 1889, were rehabilitated and over three thousand acres of land were permanently protected.

Project locations ranged from Northumberland in the north to Swanzey near the southern border, and from Langdon in the west to Star Island at the Isles of Shoals in the east. Projects were completed in sixteen towns in eight counties. Grant money was provided to five municipal entities and twelve private non-profit organizations.

State investment of nearly \$1.6 million led to a total project investment of \$7.6 million, continuing the pattern of LCHIP grants multiplying project value far beyond the mandated 50/50 match.

In addition, these seventeen projects provided direct employment for more than a hundred New Hampshire workers, including carpenters, roofers, surveyors and many others. These jobs provided direct employee income of \$1,343,490.



Acworth Meeting House in Acworth



Projects Completed in Fiscal Year 2011

Land Conservation Projects	Location	Grant Round/Date of Award	Acres/ Match Acres	LCHIP Grant	Total Project Value
Massabesic Audubon	Auburn	GR8/1-10	129	\$200,000	\$1,054,860
Foss Mountain	Eaton	GR9/11-10	99	\$100,000	\$340,500
Pawtuckaway River Corridor I	Epping	GR8/1-10	213	\$87,450	\$1,169,950
Shattuck Pond to Dinsmore Brook	Francestown	GR8/1-10	79/388	\$60,000	\$627,394
Potter Farm	Northumberland	GR9/11-10	261	\$100,000	\$374,270
Plainfield Cider Orchard	Plainfield	GR8/1-10	465	\$118,000	\$241,000
Tippin' Rock Farm	Swanzey	GR8/1-10	91/62	\$88,680	\$252,365
Kearsarge Gore Farm	Warner	GR8/1-10	471	\$138,250	\$276,500
Black Mountain Forest	Warner	GR9/11-10	1025	\$150,000	\$1,154,960
Eccardt Farm	Washington	GR9/11-10	135	\$30,000	\$163,360
Total Land Conservation Projects	10 projects		2968/450 acres	\$1,072,380	\$5,655,159



Gilmanston Academy in Gilmanston

Historic Restoration Projects	Location	Grant Round/Date of Award	Date Built	LCHIP Grant	Total Project Value
Acworth Meetinghouse	Acworth	GR8/1-10	1821	\$130,000	\$829,220
Allentown Meetinghouse	Allentown	GR9/11-10	1815	\$10,220	\$34,882
Cottage at the Rocks	Bethlehem	GR8/1-10	1889	\$9,000	\$18,650
Pearson Hall	Haverhill	GR7/2007	1816	\$100,000	\$450,473
Langdon Meetinghouse	Langdon	GR8/1-10	1801	\$99,600	\$199,218
Center Meetinghouse	Newbury	GR8/1-10	1832	\$100,000	\$350,000
Star Island Oceanic Hotel	Rye	GR8/1-10	1874	\$75,000	\$153,615
Total Historic Restoration Projects	7 projects			\$523,820	\$2,036,058
Total Land Conservation and Historic Preservation Projects	17 projects			\$1,596,200	\$7,691,217



Projects Awarded LCHIP Grants in Fiscal Year 2011

LCHIP held a grant round in the fall of 2010. Applications were received for 36 projects seeking \$2.6 million in grant funding and representing a total project value of \$32.4 million. In November, the LCHIP Board selected the twenty-four projects listed on the following page for funding.



Battles Farm in Bradford

(Photo: Bill Duffy)

The eleven land conservation projects will provide direct protection for 4,315 acres, plus another 30,000 acres of match property. The 13 historic resource projects allow for the needed repairs to buildings that range in date from 1764 to 1907 and the first statue that LCHIP has supported.

The award recipients are well distributed around the state in twenty-one towns and one city and are found in nine of the ten counties. LCHIP will partner with six towns and seventeen different non-profit organizations in accomplishing these projects. The state investment of just under \$1.6 million will lead, when these projects are completed, to a total project value of \$27.9 million.



Projects Awarded LCHIP Grants in Fiscal Year 2011



Barrett House in New Ipswich

(Photo: Kerry Vautrot)

Town/City	Acres or year built, as applicable	Project Name	Grant Award	Total Project Value
Acworth	83 acres	Desbiens Property Gove Forest	\$46,766	\$138,700
Albany	300 acres	Albany Town Forest	\$145,000	\$993,000
Allenstown	1815	Allenstown Meetinghouse	\$10,220	\$35,956
Bradford	143 acres	Battles Farm	\$140,000	\$367,600
Eaton	99 acres	Foss Mountain	\$100,000	\$340,500
Errol/Wentworth's Location	938 + 30,199 acres	Androscoggin Headwaters II	\$250,000	\$21,850,000
Gilmanton	1894	Gilmanton Academy Cupola	\$20,000	\$48,000
Jaffrey	127 acres	Shattuck Farm	\$113,875	\$328,250
Langdon	1801	Langdon Meeting House Chimney	\$7,987	\$15,975
Milton	1803	Milton Town House Roof	\$8,187	\$16,375
New Durham	1907	Town Hall Study	\$7,500	\$7,500
New Ipswich	1800	Barrett House Barn Stabilization	\$65,000	\$203,835
Newfields	1873	Newfields Community Church	\$15,000	\$70,028
Northumberland	260 acres	Potter Farm Land Protection Project	\$100,000	\$374,270
Northwood	1840	Northwood Congregational Church Study	\$4,500	\$9,000
Nottingham, Epping	190 acres	Pawtuckaway River II	\$50,000	\$636,000
Rochester	1896	Parson Main Statue/Central Square	\$6,000	\$33,500
Statewide		Preservation Planning Grants	\$37,500	\$75,000
Strafford	1833	Austin Hall	\$49,437	\$98,875
Strafford	1015 acres	Evans Mountain	\$150,000	\$930,310
Sutton, Warner	1025 acres	Black Mountain Forest	\$150,000	\$980,310
Washington	135 acres	Eccardt Farm	\$30,000	\$163,360
Westmoreland	1764	Park Hill Meeting House	\$59,443	\$118,886
Wilton	1907	Wilton and Gregg Free Public Library	\$25,614	\$95,472
Total	34,514 acres		\$1,592,030	\$27,930,703



LCHIP's Trust Fund

In 2011, revenue for LCHIP grants came from modest twenty-five dollar recording fees on four types of documents which are filed with the Registry of Deeds in every New Hampshire county. These fees generated over \$4 million in revenue in FY 2011. The revenue is retained in an LCHIP Trust Fund held by the New Hampshire Department of Treasury.

As in FY 2010, the legislative budget process in 2011 re-allocated 50% of the revenue from the LCHIP Trust Fund to the state's General Fund.

Monies for specific projects are drawn from the Trust Fund. A portion of each grant award is also used 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.



Foss Mountain in Eaton (Photo: Linda J. Comeau)

Date	Recording Fee Income	Project Grant Fund Dispersal	Interest Earned	Transfer to Operational Budget (Interest & Fees)	Mandated Transfer to CCE	Balance
Starting Balance						\$3,971,027
Total	\$4,167,422	(\$1,648,914)	\$11,666	(\$183,801)	(\$202,220)	
Ending Balance						\$6,115,180
Transfer to General Fund (50% of recording fee income for FY 2011)						(\$2,083,711)
Amount Committed to Thirty-six Active Ongoing Projects						(\$2,472,853)
Total Available in Trust Fund at Close of Fiscal Year						\$1,558,616



LCHIP Administrative Costs – Fiscal Year 2011

Much of the administrative cost of LCHIP is supported by up to \$200,000 a year from the Conservation License Plate Program, the “Moose Plate.” Remaining administrative costs come from administrative fees assessed on the project grants, plus interest on the LCHIP Trust Fund and other bank accounts. As shown below, the operating expenses for LCHIP in FY 2011 were 20% less than in FY 2010, largely because of reduction in staffing levels.

Administrative Expenses	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010
Salaries and Benefits	\$213,338	\$305,112
Payroll Taxes	\$8,956	\$16,757
Rent/Utilities	\$15,000	\$15,000
Other Office Expenses	\$12,854	\$9,109
Audit Fees	\$12,400	\$7,285
Attorney or Consultant Fees	\$18,384	\$5,260
Travel/mileage	\$2,964	\$3,336
Insurance	\$3,060	\$3,265
Meeting Expense	\$1,013	\$2,165
Bookkeeping & Payroll Service Fees	\$4,230	\$1,959
Misc Expenses	\$295	\$238
Depreciation	\$10,728	\$11,751
Project Signage	\$113	\$0
Dues/Professional Development	\$222	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$303,557	\$381,237



Brief Summary of LCHIP's Activities 2000-2011



Belknap Mill in Laconia



Pond of Safety in Randolph

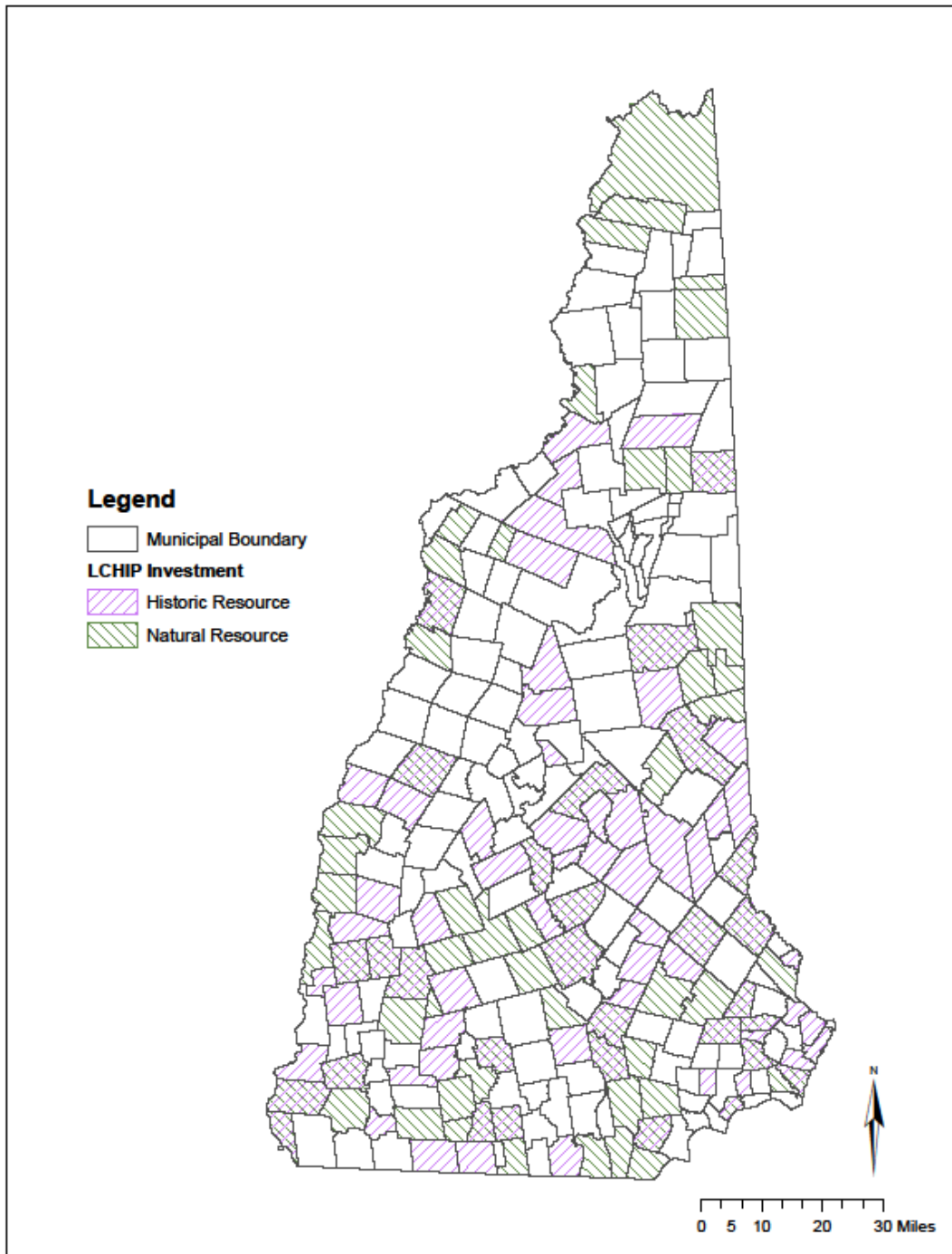
Projects from LCHIP's first grant round, 2001

LCHIP is a **Matching Grant Program** created by General Court in 2000 through RSA 227-M

- Funding for 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 invested in **202** projects in **136** towns and cities since 2001 (see map)
 - **118** historic structures protected, dating from **1712 to 1931**
 - **290,000** acres protected for forestry, farming, recreation, watershed protection, habitat and ecosystem services
- **\$26 million** investment of state funds through LCHIP grants led to **\$186 million** total project value
- **Partnerships:** LCHIP has partnered with **88** private non-profit groups and **64** public entities
- **Public Access:** All properties protected with state money through LCHIP are open for passive recreation activities specifically including hunting and fishing (RSA 227-M:15)
- **Ongoing Need:** **336** more projects propose future requests to protect **49,000** acres and **181** buildings with a total value of **\$467 million** for an LCHIP investment of **\$73 million**



Communities Receiving LCHIP Grants 2000-2011



Map Courtesy of Strafford Regional Planning Commission



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