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Welcome!

Good news! On March 9, the House voted overwhelmingly by voice vote NOT to repeal LCHIP! Hooray and thanks to the many legislators who see the value of what LCHIP does to help communities all around the state.

April is National Library Month! This newsletter spotlights two recent LCHIP grant awards to local libraries!

LCHIP's next grant round will officially open on May 1 - watch the website for schedule and details of application and workshops.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Saving Special Places conference on April 9.

Dijit Taylor
Executive Director

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LCHIP Spotlights

Goffstown, Black Brook Preserve

The Piscataquog Land Conservancy will use a \$25,000 LCHIP grant awarded in 2015 to help expand their existing Blackbriar Woods Preserve in Goffstown. This additional 101 acres offers remarkable natural resource value, including the protection of a half mile of frontage on Black Brook, a tributary of the Merrimack River that has seen extensive conservation and restoration efforts in recent years.



Site visit to Black Brook.

The property also includes beaver ponds, prime wetlands, and mixed forest that includes hardwood stands of unusual size and quality. The newly expanded Blackbriar Woods Preserve will insure public access to outdoor recreation opportunities in this rapidly developing corner of Goffstown.

Milton Free Public Library

Built in 1875, the Milton Free Public Library has been a center of town activity for over 140 years. Originally built as a school house, the building was converted to the town library in 1992. In 2012, the Trustees of the Milton Free Public Library hired an engineering firm to determine the future needs of their beloved "Little Red School House." Since then they have steadily chipped away at building projects. The Library's most recent project, repairs to the mansard roof and central tower, was awarded a 2015 LCHIP grant for \$16,020. To learn more about the ongoing rehabilitation of this small-town architectural gem, visit the Library's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages!



Milton celebrates July 4th at the Little Red School House.

Miner Memorial Library, Lempster

Built for \$500 in 1845, the Miner Memorial Library was originally constructed to serve

as a Unitarian Universalist Church. The East Lempster UUC disbanded in 1965 and deeded their building to the Town of Lempster for use as a public library. The Miner Memorial Library is named after Alonzo Ames Miner (1814-1895), a well know member of the Lempster UUC who was the second president of Tufts University and served on the Board of Overseers at Harvard University.



Miner Memorial Library.

Sloping floors and rolling library chairs alerted the Library Trustees to problems with the small building's foundation and framing. The Trustees were recently award a LCHIP grant for \$29,945 to help repair the building's strained roof structure. To learn more about events in Lempster including the Library's public programming visit their blog [Happenings in Lempster](#).

LCHIP Road Trip

SAVING SPECIAL PLACES- NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ANNUAL LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Saving Special Places - New Hampshire's Annual Land Conservation Conference
 Saturday April 9, 2016 8:00am - 3:45pm
 Prospect Mountain High School, Alton NH
 242 Suncook Valley Rd. Alton, NH 03809

Saving Special Places is New Hampshire's largest annual conservation event, offering land conservation professionals and volunteers a full day of education and networking. Don't miss this year's keynote address: *Celebrating Our Roots - NH Public Radio's Sam Evans-Brown Interviews Conservation Visionaries Paul Bofinger and Sharon Francis.*

Advance registration is strongly encouraged, as this popular conference regularly sells out! Saving Special Places 2016

Learn more here: [Saving Special Places](#)

2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Acworth Horse Sheds	Lancaster - Main Street Stewardship Project
Ashland - Whitten Woods	Lempster - Miner Memorial Library
Barrington - Stonehouse Pond Forest	Lyndeborough - Rose Mountain

Berlin - <u>St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts</u>	Madbury - <u>Powder Major's Farm & Forest</u>
Danbury - <u>South Danbury Church</u>	<u>Milan Community Forest</u>
Derry - <u>First Parish Church</u>	<u>Milton Free Public Library</u>
Dunbarton - <u>Stone Farm</u>	<u>Milton - Plummer Homestead</u>
E. Kingston - <u>Monahan Farm</u>	Moultonborough - <u>Castle in the Clouds</u>
Enfield - <u>Smith Pond & Shaker Forest</u>	Orford - <u>Mason Pond</u>
Francestown - <u>The Beehive</u>	<u>Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church</u>
Goffstown - <u>Black Brook Preserve</u>	Portsmouth - <u>Richard Jackson House</u>
Hampton - <u>1723 James House</u>	Portsmouth - <u>Wentworth-Gardner House</u>
Hooksett - <u>Clay Pond</u>	Rye - <u>Oceanic Hotel</u>
<u>Hooksett Town Hall</u>	Stratham - <u>Lane Homestead</u>
Keene - <u>United Church of Christ</u>	Walpole - <u>Vose Farm</u>
Kensington - <u>Bodwell Farm</u>	<u>Windham Presbyterian Church</u>



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