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LCHIP Land & Community Heritage Investment Program



Welcome

The 2016 grant applications are here! Forty-two applications (22 historic and 20 natural resource) were received by the due date of June 24. The proposed projects range from Northumberland to Portsmouth and Conway to Swanzey. They include historic museums, an elderly housing project, a small teaching farm and a rather astonishing ten-plus miles of river frontage. The total amount requested is just over \$6 million, with an anticipated \$3,500,000 available for grants.



A few of the 50,000 feet of river frontage proposed for protection.

LCHIP staff is reviewing the applications. Soon copies will also be provided to the members of the Review Panels, with site visits to be scheduled for August and September.

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LCHIP Executive Director

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 **LCHIP Spotlights**

Windham Presbyterian Church

The 1834 Windham Presbyterian Church added a bell tower in the 1840s. Routine maintenance in 2011 revealed moisture damage to the structure and exterior of the tower. The Church paused the routine maintenance project and developed a revised scope of work to address the tower's issues. In 2015, [Windham Presbyterian Church](#) was awarded a \$20,350 LCHIP grant to help with structural repairs, replacement of the tower's lower roof deck roofing, and rehabilitate the tower's dome and weathervane. Work is nearly complete, so check out the newly rehabilitated the Presbyterian Church the next time you're in Windham!



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Wentworth-Gardner House, Portsmouth

Since its construction in 1760, the Wentworth-Gardner House has stood as the centerpiece of Portsmouth's South End neighborhood. Yankee Magazine recently listed this National Historic Landmark as one of the five best historic houses in New England. A fine example of the Georgian architectural style, the Wentworth-Gardner House has been struggling with ongoing moisture issues and plaster deterioration. A 2015 LCHIP grant for \$24,090 is helping the Wentworth-Gardner and Tobias Lear Houses Association restore the second floor plaster ceilings, windows and pocket shutters, as well as rehabilitate the foundation and improve drainage. To learn more about the history of the Wentworth-Gardner House, visit the [Wentworth Lear Historic Houses](#) website.



Public tours of the Wentworth-Gardner House are offered June through October.

Monahan Farm, East Kingston

The Monahan Farm in East Kingston has been a landmark for generations of Seacoast residents. A family-run business dating back to the colonial era, this farm has long provided the community with a bounty of fresh produce including strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, tomatoes, melons, squashes, and pumpkins.

In 2015 LCHIP proudly awarded \$85,000 to the [Southeast Land Trust](#) and the



Three generations have shared in working the 28-acre Monahan Farm.

Town of East Kingston to support their efforts to conserve this iconic agricultural landmark. Recently SELT announced that all the funds have been raised and the project should be completed this fall. Congratulations! If you'd like to visit, Monahan Farm is located on 1 East Road (at the intersection of Rt. 107 and Rt. 108).

LCHIP Road Trip

What: Artists Weekend

Where: The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens

When: July 16-17, 10am-3pm

Discover the natural beauty and gardens of The Fells through the eyes of New England artists as they create en plein air. Visitors are invited to observe artists interpret the landscape and watch as their paintings come to life.

For more information on Artists Weekend, visit [The Fells Calendar and Events page](#).



The Fells is one of New England's finest examples of an early 20th-century summer estate.

2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

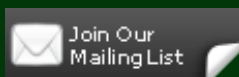
Acworth Horse Sheds	Lancaster - Main Street Stewardship Project
Ashland - Whitten Woods	Lempster - Miner Memorial Library
Barrington - Stonehouse Pond Forest	Lyndeborough - Rose Mountain
Berlin - St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts	Madbury - Powder Major's Farm & Forest
Danbury - South Danbury Church	Milan Community Forest
Derry - First Parish Church	Milton Free Public Library
Dunbarton - Stone Farm	Milton - Plummer Homestead
E. Kingston - Monahan Farm	Moultonborough - Castle in the Clouds
Enfield - Smith Pond & Shaker Forest	Orford - Mason Pond
Francestown - The Beehive	Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church

Goffstown - Black Brook Preserve	Portsmouth - Richard Jackson House
Hampton - 1723 James House	Portsmouth - Wentworth-Gardner House
Hooksett - Clay Pond	Rye - Oceanic Hotel
Hooksett Town Hall	Stratham - Lane Homestead
Keene - United Church of Christ	Walpole - Vose Farm
Kensington - Bodwell Farm	Windham Presbyterian Church



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