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Welcome!

All the work by applicants and review panels will soon pay off as the LCHIP Board of Directors will meet on November 17th to decide which projects will get funded. It is an exciting time for all who are waiting to hear if their project will receive LCHIP dollars.

This is also Thanksgiving month. President Lincoln was inspired by Sarah Josepha Hale of Newport, NH to proclaim the first national Thanksgiving in 1863. A statue to honor Hale is located quite near the LCHIP-assisted Eagle Block in Newport. A new "Day of Giving", the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, encourages people to provide time, treasure and talent to the non-profit organizations they care about. Consider how you might contribute on November 29th.



Eagle Block in Newport.

Dijit Taylor
LCHIP Executive Director

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LCHIP Spotlights

Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough

Originally known as Lucknow, the Castle in the Clouds is an Arts and Crafts-style mansion in Moultonborough built for shoe manufacturer Thomas Plant in 1914. The house has been open seasonally to the public since 1959 and includes a museum, art gallery, gift shop, and restaurant. The accompanying 5,300-acre estate features hiking trails and bridle paths.

In 2015, LCHIP provided an \$80,000 grant to the Castle Preservation Society for much-needed work in the basement. This grant will help preserve original mechanical equipment, stabilize and repair historic fabric, improve access, and create environmentally controlled archival storage. For more information on visiting the Castle, visit their [website](#).



LCHIP Staff and Board Members tour LCHIP funded work at the Castle.

The Clay Pond Conservation Area in Hooksett is growing again!

Since 2007 the Town of Hooksett and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) have been working together to permanently protect an ecologically rich expanse of land surrounding Hooksett's Clay Pond. Soon, a 2015 LCHIP grant will help them expand the Clay Pond Conservation Area (CPCA) to more than 800 acres. An area of diverse and threatened habitats, the CPCA contains uplands, beaver impoundments, marshes, streams, and unique forests supplying abundant food for wildlife, including beaver, otter, moose, and bobcat, as well as a variety of waterfowl. A trail network provides access for hunting, hiking and wildlife observation and connects the CPCA with nearby conservation land. BPRG hosts an ongoing series of outdoor events exploring their 8,000+ acres of conservation land, including the CPCA. Learn more [here!](#)



Site visit at Clay Pond.

LCHIP Road Trip

Vintage Christmas at Castle in the Clouds!

Enjoy an elegant, vintage Christmas at Castle in the Clouds! Tour the Arts & Crafts mansion Lucknow, elegantly dressed with holiday decorations. Families will enjoy Christmas craft activities and live musical performances. Open from 10am-4pm on November 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27. For more information on the event, visit the [Castle in the Clouds' program calendar](#).



Photo courtesy of Castle in the Clouds.

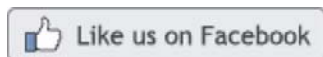
2015 LCHIP Grant Recipients

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
Francetown - 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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Headline Photo: Clay Pond Conservation Area



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