



NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM
Grant Round 18 (2019) Natural Resource Project
Grant Application

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	Grant Request
Town & County	Total Project Cost
Property Location	Acres to be conserved
Applicant	Total Property Value
Organization Type	Project Type
Taxpayer ID #	
Mailing Address	
Contact Name/Title	
Phone	E-mail

Provide a brief summary of the proposed project. Briefly describe the property (resource values, acres to be conserved), how LCHIP funds will be used, the property interests to be conveyed and the roles of other entities involved.

RESOURCE VALUES

1. Conservation Attributes / Natural Features

35 Points

Provide the following information, estimating if necessary

Attribute	Acres	Attribute	Acres	Attribute	Acres
Cropland		Floodplain		Prime Farmland	
Hayland		Shoreline (feet)		Farmland of Statewide Importance	
Pastureland		Surface Water		NHFG WAP Tier 1 & 2	
Grassland		Forested Wetland		Group 1 (A, B or C) Forest Soils	
Forest – Managed		Non-forested Wetland		High Priority Water Supply Lands	
Forest – Unmanaged		<i>Other</i>		<i>Other</i>	

2. Resource Significance

- a. Describe the property and its significance for conservation from a local, regional and/or statewide perspective. Why is this property a conservation priority and for whom?

- b. Indicate the primary conservation values this project seeks to protect (*see instructions for more information*):

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| Agricultural | Ecological Resources | Water Resources | Working Forest |
| Historical/Cultural | Recreation/Education | Scenic/Aesthetic | Other: |

3. Imminence of Threat

10 Points

a. Are existing or planned uses of the property detrimental to the attributes identified in question 1? If yes, describe, explaining how the situation will be alleviated through this project.

Yes No

b. Is either an Option to Purchase or a Purchase and Sale Agreement in place? If yes, when does it expire? Can it be extended if the project takes longer to complete than expected?

Yes No

c. Is the project located in a:

- i. densely developed area of the State
- ii. rapidly developing area of the State

Yes No

Yes No

If yes, briefly discuss the rate or density of development in the project area as compared to the surrounding region.

4. Planning and Community Support

a. List other organizations or groups involved in this project and describe their roles.

b. Describe how the general public will be made aware of the project and given the opportunity to participate.

c. Has the municipality's governing body (Town Meeting or City or Town Council) voted to support the project, or has the project received an official endorsement by <u>elected</u> municipal officials? If yes, describe.	Yes	No
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d. Does the municipality's Master Plan have an open-space or land conservation element? If yes, describe how the property aligns with the goals described in the Master Plan:	Yes	No
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e. Is there any known opposition to the project? If yes, describe.	Yes	No
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5. Capacity to Implement Project Through to Completion

5 Points

- a. Briefly explain the applicant's capacity to implement this project, such as availability of volunteers, staff or consultants, or previous experience with projects of a similar scale.

- b. Does the applicant have previous experience with LCHIP or other similar funding sources? Yes No
If yes, describe the funding sources and program requirements.

- c. Has the applicant adopted the relevant Standards and Practices of the Land Trust Alliance? Yes Not Yet
If yes, see instructions.

7. Stewardship

a. What organization will provide oversight and enforcement of the conservation restrictions to be conveyed through this project (the “Steward”)? If the project involves a fee, or fee with easement acquisition, the steward is the proposed landowner. If the project involves only an easement acquisition, the steward is the proposed easement holder.

b. Complete this table describing the steward’s conservation properties.

	Conservation Easements	Fee-Owned	Other	Total
Number of Properties				
Conserved Acres				

c. Is the steward accredited by the Land Trust Alliance? If Yes, skip to question 7.f. YES NO

- d. Can the steward provide written policies, protocols or procedures adopted for the following:
- evaluating long-term stewardship and enforcement/defense expenses for projects YES NO
 - identifying and documenting baseline conservation values and changes over time YES NO
 - evaluating proposed uses of conservation land for impact on conservation values YES NO
 - monitoring and/or management of conservation land YES NO
 - responding to violations, encroachments, trespasses or other challenges YES NO
 - amending conservation restrictions? YES NO

e. Describe the steward’s monitoring and enforcement program and the organization’s capacity for performing annual monitoring and inspections, documenting conditions, and ensuring conservation restrictions are upheld.

7. Stewardship, continued 501 (c) 3 Organizations Only. All other applicants skip to question 8.

See instructions for more information on the questions below.

f. Complete the following table.

Purpose	Target Balance	Current Balance				Need
		Endowed	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total-on-Hand	
Monitoring & Enforcement						
Legal Defense						
Land Management						
Operating Reserves						

g. If the funds available do not meet or exceed the target amounts above, describe how the steward intends to raise the necessary funds.

8. Future Activities

10 Points

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| a. Are the proposed landowner and any interest holders familiar with, and willing to accept, LCHIP's public access requirements? If no, please explain. | Yes | No |
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| b. How will the public be allowed or encouraged to access and use this property? | | |
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| c. Are there any existing or anticipated stewardship concerns such as specialized land management requirements, potential requests to restrict public access or other considerations? If yes, describe. | Yes | No |
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| d. Will the project be proactively used to encourage further natural resource protection? If yes, how? | Yes | No |
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| e. Will this project stimulate new or increased economic activity, either during or after completion? If yes, describe. | Yes | No |

9. Additional Information

5 Points

a. Does the project protect or enhance significant cultural or historical resources? If yes, describe the affected resources and their significance to the community.

Yes

No

b. Discuss any important aspects of the project that have not already been addressed. For example, are there interesting stories about, or people connected with, the property? Is there something else we should know?

c. How many people visit the property each year?