

LCHIP

Land & Community Heritage Investment Program



LCHIP GUIDANCE DOCUMENT MAP BEST PRACTICES

General Guidance

- Clear, legible maps are an important element of a successful project proposal.
- All maps should be labeled and show the property boundaries, north arrow, legend, and scale.
- Using the same color scheme, orientation, and place names on each map will improve readability.
- All layers needed to create the following maps can be found in [GRANITView](#).
- A Locus Map, Topographic / LiDAR Map, and Land Cover Map are required for each proposal, but other maps described are optional. Only provide relevant maps.

Locus Map

The Locus Map should:

- show property location and boundaries, including boundaries of any excluded areas.
- show state and local roads, water resources (streams, rivers, surface water), municipal boundaries, and nearby conservation land.
- indicate the total acres in each community on the map, if the property lies in more than one community.
- illustrate the property in the context of the greater landscape and therefore should be created at a broader scale than other attribute-based maps.

Other Maps

- All other maps should be appropriately scaled to the property and should show a narrower view than the Locus Map.
- Map uploads appear in the Property to be Conserved, Conservation Planning, and Conservation Priorities sections of the application. Additional upload spots are available in the Additional Resource Information section.
- Maps that are consistent greatly aid in review.
- As a reminder, all layers needed to create the following maps can be found in [GRANITView](#).