



## June 2020

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## Welcome!

LCHIP was created on **JUNE 8, 2000!** Happy twentieth anniversary, hooray and huzzah! With strong support from elected officials and extraordinary engagement from grant recipients, an impressive amount of work has been accomplished:

- 498 grants have been awarded to assist projects in 176 towns and cities;
- 294,000 acres have been permanently conserved;
- 301 projects have helped rehabilitate historic structures and sites;
- \$50 million dollars of state money has led to a total project value of more than \$291 million.



*Governor Jeanne Shaheen and (l - r) Senators Arthur Klemm, Rick Russman, prime sponsor of the bill, and Cliff Below at the signing of the LCHIP bill, spring 2000. Photo: Forest Society*

Proposals for this year's funding are due at LCHIP no later than 5 p.m. Friday, June 26. This year, all proposals must be submitted electronically, preferably via Filemail. Detailed instructions are included in the grant proposal instructions. Seventy-five projects have submitted Intent to Apply forms, a clear indication that the need for the program continues and that competition for funding will once again be intense.

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## New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund

The New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund was established by Governor Chris Sununu through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). The

State of New Hampshire will award grants from the allocated \$60 million to help nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Details can be found at <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/nh-nonprofit-grants>.

## State Senator Martha Fuller Clark to Retire

### LCHIP thanks Senator Fuller Clark for her roles in creating and sustaining LCHIP since 1998

State Senator Martha Fuller Clark of Portsmouth is retiring after more than 25 years of legislative service. Martha was a leader of efforts in the late 1990s to create the program that came to be known as the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. After the establishment of LCHIP in 2000, she continued her staunch support of the program in the Legislature and served as a legislative member of the LCHIP board of directors for three different terms over the years, including from 2013 to the present. She brought to the board an invaluable background in historic preservation, a strong commitment to protection of natural resources, and a thoughtful and creative approach to board discussions and decision-making that was much appreciated. LCHIP Board and staff will miss Martha, but wish her happy new adventures!



*Martha Fuller Clark at the 2019 LCHIP grant award announcement event.  
Photo: Perry Smith*

## Spotlight on LCHIP Projects

### Open Space soon to be Protected in Grantham

#### Sawyer Brook offers opportunities to enjoy nature and improve our well-being

Under the epidemic-inspired stay-at-home order, being able to get out into nature has become more important than ever. New Hampshire people have been thronging to protected open space, from the White Mountain National Forest to Mt. Monadnock, Mt. Major and local conservation gems. A 2019 LCHIP grant will soon help the Town of Grantham acquire the 385-acre Sawyer Brook conservation area along Walker Road. The extensive trail network will be open to the public for low impact recreation and respite forever, under a conservation easement held by project partner the [Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust](#).



*Sawyer Brook Headwaters beaver pond and forest Photo: Earth Aerial Productions*

To learn more about the important role nature plays in our physical, emotional and mental well-being check out this talk, "[Your Brain on Nature](#)" given by Florence Williams, author of "[The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative.](#)"

### Colonial Theater helping to Revitalize Downtown Laconia

### Theater's Rehabilitation Project Nears Halfway Point

A big project to rehabilitate a notable building in downtown Laconia is transforming the formerly vacant Colonial Theater into a vibrant and beautiful landmark once again. Originally built in 1914 as a vaudeville theater by Benjamin Piscopo, it was later divided into a five-screen multiplex movie theater. Now, an ambitious plan to revitalize the property - which includes commercial and residential space - promises to help revitalize downtown Laconia. The Belknap Economic Development Council is spearheading the project, with the assistance of LCHIP, the Community Development Finance Authority, the City of Laconia, and investment incentives, such as Historic Tax Credits, along with private donors and investors.



*Colonial Theater rehabilitation is underway this spring.  
Photo: Karen Bobotas.*

### 2019 LCHIP Grant Recipients

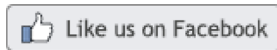
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<a href="#">Bow - Crossroads Community Church</a>	<a href="#">Portsmouth - Moffatt-Ladd House</a>
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<a href="#">Grantham - Sawyer Brook Headwaters</a>	<a href="#">Sutton - South Sutton Meetinghouse</a>
<a href="#">Hinsdale - Hinsdale House</a>	<a href="#">Tilton - Tilton Town Hall Planning Study</a>
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<a href="#">Moultonborough - Castle North Tower</a>	



**NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program**

The **NH Conservation License Plate (Moose Plate) Program** supports the protection of critical resources in our state. You can purchase a Moose Plate at any time - for your new car, for a car that's already registered, or even for a friend! Find out more at [mooseplate.com](http://mooseplate.com). Income from the Moose Plate Program pays for much of LCHIP's administrative expenses. LCHIP thanks Moose Plate holders for their support!

**Headline Photo:** *The "Continue Investing in NH - Fully Fund LCHIP" pin is a successor to the similar ones seen on Governor Shaheen and senators in the signing photo.*



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