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LCHIP Land & Community Heritage
Investment Program



Welcome!

LCHIP's 2021 grant round schedule has been approved by the LCHIP Board of Directors and can be found [here](#). Three changes for 2021:

Historic Resource projects totaling \$50,000 or more will be required to include a historic structure report or other preservation plan, which may be in draft form, with the Intent to Apply Form.

A Technical Review of Project Proposals that allows applicants to submit proposals ahead of time to be reviewed for eligibility and completeness with time to resolve issues and resubmit by the final proposal deadline.

Grant Orientation Workshops will be held remotely via Zoom. Date and registration information will be published [here](#) as it becomes available.

Stay safe and enjoy winter in New Hampshire.

Dijit Taylor
Executive Director

Protecting New Hampshire's Natural, Historic, and Cultural Resources



In Memoriam - Tom Howe (1957-2021)

LCHIP mourns the untimely death of our friend, colleague, and mentor Tom Howe on January 26, 2021. In Tom's thirty-plus years working in land conservation, most recently as the Senior Director of Land Conservation at the Forest



Honoring Black History Month

The [Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire](#) strives to bring to life the stories of Black people who have been part of New Hampshire communities since the mid-1600s. LCHIP is honored to have provided financial support for a

Society, Tom was involved in the conservation of literally thousands of acres, including many LCHIP-supported projects. Forest Society Trustee and former LCHIP Board member Charlie Bridges [offers this reflection](#) of Tom on an LCHIP site visit in 2020.

Tom was keenly aware of the broad values of land conservation but will be remembered by colleagues for his infinite capacity to dive deep into details. He willingly shared his extensive knowledge, both with colleagues near and far and as a popular and effective workshop leader at the annual Saving Special Places conference and national Land Trust Alliance Rally.

Tom was a man of integrity, compassion and intellectual curiosity. We extend condolences to his family, wife Sarah Thorne, daughter Phoebe and son Peter. Tom's was a life well lived, cut too short.

Rest in peace, good friend.

Dijit Taylor

*Above photo:
Tom Howe casts for trout on 2019 LCHIP site visit at Ammonoosuc River Forest*

*Photo Credit:
Stephen Walker*

number of historic properties in Portsmouth, some listed here, that contribute to these stories. We are grateful to the historians who have worked to expand our understanding of the history of our state.

The Black Heritage Trail website describes the [African Burying Ground](#) as “where the story begins”. This site is in the news for researching the lives of those interred here through genetic testing.

The National Historic Landmark [John Paul Jones House](#), traditionally noted for its association with one of the white heroes of the Revolution, was built by [Hopestill Cheswell](#), a Black master housewright.

[Governor John Langdon](#), famed as a signer of the US Constitution, was also a [slave owner](#) who and eventually freed his slaves.

[The Pearl](#) was New Hampshire's only Black-owned church and one of only two Black churches in northern New England until the mid-twentieth century.

At the charming Georgian [Warner House](#), slaves lived in a shack in the back yard.

A better understanding of the lives of earlier Black residents may allow us to follow the advice of the Sankofa, an African symbol associated with the African Burying Ground: “Learn from the past”

Above photo: The Sankofa symbol within the African Burying Ground Memorial Park



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Header photo: In 1758 Hopestill Cheswell, a free Black master housewright, built what is now known as the John Paul Jones House. LCHIP grants in 2013 and 2016 supported rehabilitation work at the house.

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