

LCHIP Land & Community Heritage Investment Program



Agency Budget Hearing

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Scruton's Dairy, Farmington
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Kimball Jenkins Estate, Concord
Summer 2020 LCHIP-assisted restoration work



LCHIP Summary

- Matching grants program created by legislature in 2000
- Legislated Purpose: To conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historical resources through matching grants and public-private partnerships
- **Uses NO General Funds**
- Grant funding provided by \$25 fees on certain documents (mortgages, mortgage discharges, plans and deeds) recorded at county registry of deeds offices
- Proposed income of \$3,500,000 from those fees is included in Department of Treasury budget, pages 60—66
- Currently receives up to \$200,000 per year from the Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program (Moose Plate) for administrative costs

LCHIP saves
what people love
about
New Hampshire

LCHIP Successes

- 499 grants awarded in 176 of the state's 234 towns
- 302 grants to preserve 286 historic structures
- 294,000 acres permanently protected for forestry, farming, recreation, water quality, habitat and ecosystem services
- \$50 million in state funding through LCHIP has a total project value of more than \$289 million in funds from other sources benefiting towns and cities across the state
- 66 applicants sought \$8.9 million in 2020 grant round



Twigg Property—Gilmanton
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Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem

after and before LCHIP-assisted
rehabilitation



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