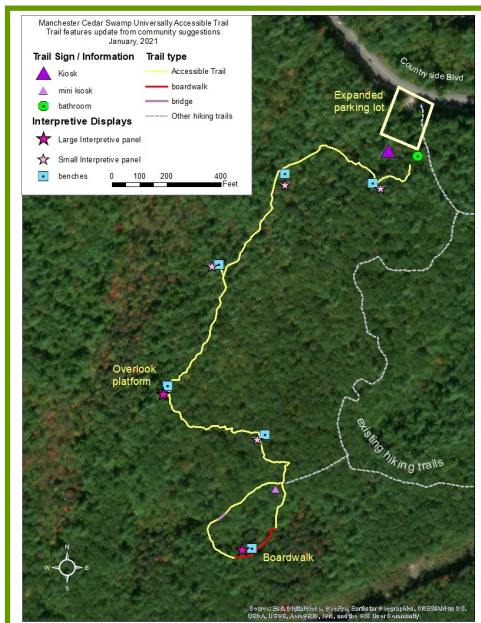


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LCHIP Summary

- 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 \$5,000,000 on page 192 of budget House - Governor comparison
- Currently receives up to \$200,000 per year from the Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program (Moose Plate) for administrative costs



Manchester Cedar Swamp - Accessible trail planned for 2021, public bus stop under discussion

Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library

LCHIP Successes

- 530 grants awarded impacting 179 of the state's 234 towns
- 323 grants to preserve historic structures
- 298,000 acres permanently protected for forestry, farming, recreation, water quality, habitat and ecosystem services
- \$54 million in state funding through LCHIP has led to a total project value of more than \$312 million in funds from other sources benefiting towns and cities across the state
- A popular and highly competitive program: 66 applicants sought \$8.9 million in 2020 grant round; \$4.1 million was awarded to 32 projects



Salem Town Forest



Ammonoosuc River Forest, Bethlehem



Willing Workers Hall, Warren



Marston Family Forest, Deerfield



Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
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