Closing the Missing Link on the Island Line

Project Summary
Local Motion received a 2008 Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Implementation Grant to operate the Colchester Causeway bike ferry during the Quadricentennial commemorations. The 3-mile railroad causeway is a recreational resource for walkers, anglers and cyclists. A 200-foot “cut” in the causeway is an obstruction to reaching Grand Isle.

Utilizing the grant funding, Local Motion was able to research and identify the proper type of vessel for the crossing, provide 13 days of service, and conduct outreach to neighboring communities and adjacent landowners. The ferry logged 6,996 boardings—50 percent more than projected in the grant application.