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Lake George Land Conservancy Welcomes New Land Protection Staff

Bolton Landing, New York – The Lake George Land Conservancy is pleased to announce the hiring of Chad Knisely as its new Land Protection and Stewardship Specialist.

Prior to joining the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC), Chad worked as acting director for Grand River Partners in Painesville, Ohio, where he managed land protection projects, watershed planning, community outreach and organizational fundraising.

As LGLC's Land Protection and Stewardship Specialist, Chad is responsible for the creation of a Five-Year Conservation Priority Plan as well as an annual land management strategy for existing protected properties. He also oversees all stewardship needs for LGLC's seven preserves and nearly 20 miles of hiking trails, as well as manage the organization's seven conservation easements and lead public hikes and educational programs.



Chad and his wife, Amy, expect to reside in the Glens Falls area with their two young sons.

Funding for this new position has been provided in part by the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Conservation Partnership Program. The LTA awards were announced in March, when the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the LTA joined members of the state Legislature and land trust representatives to announce \$1.4 million in Conservation Partnership Program grants. The grants, funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund, enable local nonprofit land trusts to increase the pace, improve the quality, and ensure the permanence of voluntary conservation of private lands, resulting in significant environmental and economic benefits for communities across the state.

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The **Lake George Land Conservancy** is a non-profit land trust dedicated to working with willing landowners to protect the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and to permanently preserve the natural, scenic, historic and recreational resources of the Lake George region. Since its inception in 1988, LGLC has preserved more than 12,500 acres around the Lake George watershed and 9.2 miles of lake shoreline. www.lglc.org