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CONSERVANCY PROTECTS HISTORIC PROPERTY ADJOINING ROGER'S ROCK

(Bolton Landing, NY)— The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has been gifted a donation of a 62-acre property with nearly 300 feet of shoreline in the Town of Ticonderoga, by Thomas Adams and Judith Lavin and their families. The property is adjacent to the 41-acre Roger's Rock property previously donated to the LGLC by the Adams' and Lavins and subsequently transferred to New York State in 2003. The parcel includes the Little Slide, and was formerly part of the Roger's Rock Hotel (the property lies to the north and west of the actual building sites, and consists primarily of contiguous forest). In addition, the land contains an old graphite mine and important wildlife habitat.

"The Lavin and Adams families have a great love for Lake George," said Adams, "and a strong desire to see its shoreline and environs preserved. Judith Lavin and I decided that 2004 would be an appropriate year in which to give the Conservancy the tract adjoining Roger's Slide. This constitutes all the property the two families jointly own in Essex County and gives the State and the Conservancy the bulk of the mountain known as Roger's Rock. Our families hope this second donation will, like the first, encourage gifts to the Conservancy of other shoreline and adjacent property in the great north basin of Lake George."

Though the adjoining Roger's Rock property is perhaps better known for its connection to the famous colonial figure, Robert Rogers, this 62-acre parcel has its own historical claim to fame. The land once held a magnificent and luxurious hotel. Roger's Rock Hotel, so named by its builders, the Treadway brothers, was constructed in 1874. The hotel catered to the wealthy, with bathrooms on the second floor, fresh spring water in each room, and ample seating throughout the property for each guest to find their ideal resting spot. The hotel also boasted five acres of vegetable gardens. The hotel remained standing until 1948, when it was torn down to make room for individual summer homes.

Access to the property can be gained through the Roger's Rock State Campground. The LGLC plans to install hiking trails in the summer of 2005.

Founded in 1988, the Lake George Land Conservancy works to preserve the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals within the lake's 150,000-acre watershed by permanently protecting natural lands through conservation easement and fee acquisition. To date, more than a thousand concerned individuals have helped the Lake George Land Conservancy and partners protect over 40,000 feet of shoreline and more than 10,000 acres of land.

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