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PRESERVE TRANSFER TO STATE COMPLETE

(Bolton, NY)—Five years after its purchase in 2000 by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC), the 1,307-acre property known as the Northwest Bay Preserve has officially been turned over to New York State to become part of the Adirondack Park's "forever wild" lands.

The LGLC first contracted to buy and protect the property 1999, and used borrowed funds to complete the purchase in 2000, settling the largest land acquisition project in the history of the conservancy. In December of 2003, the state announced its intentions of purchasing the parcel from the LGLC. Funds from the transfer were received earlier this month, making the deal complete.

Located in the Adirondack Park's southeastern corner of the Town of Bolton, the forested upland is adjacent to thousands of acres of Adirondack Forest Preserve lands and includes Pole Hill Pond, a pristine, spring-fed pond that drains into the Northwest Bay of Lake George. Maintaining the intact woodland is important to preserving Lake George's high water quality; the woodlands and wetlands of the lake act as natural filters to catch impure nutrients before they reach the lake's water.

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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