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## **LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY RECEIVES OPEN SPACE GRANT**

(Bolton Landing, NY)—The Lake George Land Conservancy recently received a Conservation Capacity and Excellence grant award of \$9,600 from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP).

The grant will be used by the Conservancy for strategic planning, fundraising, and related organizational development.

The Conservation Partnership Program is jointly administered by the Land Trust Alliance and the Department of Environmental Conservation and is funded by the Environmental Protection Fund. Grants are provided to individual land trust organizations to enhance conservation programs, complete land protection projects, and build organizational capacity.

“New York is leading the nation in efforts to conserve open space, and land trusts can play a vital role in protecting the important resources of communities across the State,” Governor George E. Pataki said, at the announcement of the grants. “This grant program, unique in the country, underscores our commitment to working in partnership with non-profit conservation groups and local governments to preserve our natural resources, from farm and forest land, to wetlands, critical environmental areas and outdoor recreational facilities.”

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.

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