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LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY RECEIVES GRANT

(Bolton Landing, NY)—The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently received a grant award of \$1,097 from the International Paper Company Foundation.

The grant has enabled the LGLC to construct a new kiosk at the trailhead of the Cook Mountain Preserve, on Baldwin Road in the Town of Ticonderoga. The recently completed kiosk provides a welcoming entrance to preserve visitors, with an enclosed case to display natural history information, notices of the LGLC's scheduled events and excursions, and seasonal updates about the preserve and the Lake George Land Conservancy.

With its variety of natural habitats and magnificent views of Lake George and the Champlain Valley, it's no wonder the Cook Mountain Preserve has seen thousands of visitors since its opening to the public. Since 1995, more than 4,800 have visited the preserve, including youth groups such as the Ticonderoga Summer Program, Adirondack Camp, and cub scouts, as well as individuals from Australia, Canada, France, and Israel. (Visitor information is gathered from log-in sheets at the preserve and are only as accurate as those who use them. It is expected that many more people have visited the preserve without having logged in.) In addition to individual visitors, the preserve has hosted several LGLC environmental education programs for local schools, including maple syrup demonstrations, and is just a few miles from Ticonderoga schools.

The International Paper Company Foundation is a valuable and regular supporter of the Lake George Land Conservancy. Since 2003, the Foundation has granted the LGLC more than \$7,000 in support for our outreach and education efforts within the Lake George basin.

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 192,000-acre watershed by permanently protecting natural lands through conservation easement and fee acquisition.

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