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LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

(Bolton Landing, NY)—The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) announces the appointment of John J. Macionis, Ph.D., as the new president of its Board of Directors.

John Macionis has been a volunteer on the Board of Directors of the Lake George Land Conservancy since January of 2005. Macionis is Professor of Sociology and Prentice Hall Distinguished Scholar at Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio, where he has taught for twenty-seven years. At Kenyon, he has served as chair of the Sociology Department and he has presided over the social science division, the campus senate, and the college's faculty. On campus, Macionis is known as a popular teacher; elsewhere, he is recognized as the author of the most popular textbooks in his discipline, which are widely used across the United States and around the world. Macionis' family ties to Lake George, dating back 100 years to when his grandfather first visited, have created in him a deep attachment to the lake and a commitment to do what he can to protect it. He and his wife, Amy, spend several months each year with their children at their home in Hague.

Macionis' appointment to the position came after the resignation of then-president, David Darrin. Darrin will continue to serve as an active member of the Board.

"David and other members of his family have made a huge difference in the protection of Lake George," said Macionis. "He has my admiration and deepest respect and I look forward to working with David and other members of the board as we move forward with the important business of preserving the lake. The Lake George Land Conservancy is a vital part of this effort because our organization preserves land that if otherwise disturbed, would have a negative impact on the water quality and scenic beauty of the lake. When we protect a tract of land, we are protecting it forever. Working with the other lake protection organizations, and with the support of the people of the Lake George Basin, our goal is to ensure that our children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to enjoy the same magical lake that we know and love."

"I have worked very well in the past with John at the helm – literally," said David Darrin. "I handled his Thistle's spinnaker lines during a few NLGYC races. I look forward to working with John again with the future of Lake George as the beneficiary. We are already off to a great start with a dedicated Board of Directors behind him. It is a privilege to be counted amongst them and we are honored to have John as our President."

The LGLC looks forward to prosperous years under Macionis' leadership and enthusiasm for the organization.

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 45,500 feet of shoreline and more than 10,600 acres of land.

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