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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY

Bolton Landing, NY – The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has named Nancy Williams, formerly of Burlington, Vermont, to the position of executive director. Williams assumes responsibility for the administration, leadership and implementation of a comprehensive program to advance the conservancy's mission to preserve the world-renowned water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals living within the 150,000-acre watershed by permanently protecting natural lands.

Most recently, Williams has been the executive director of organizations focused on historic preservation and small business development in her Vermont community. Prior to moving to Vermont in 2005, she completed eight years of land protection and acquisition work with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Bolton Conservation Trust of Bolton, Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Williams, who holds a BS degree in chemical engineering from Northeastern University, has been a practicing engineer and real and personal property appraiser. She received the 2002 Greenway Award from the Nashua River Watershed Association as a result of her volunteer work as project manager for the Oxbow-Intervale Corridor Project, negotiating for the protection of lands along the Nashua River.

Williams said, "Protecting important lands and increasing citizen awareness of our natural resources are the most fulfilling experiences of my career. I enjoy working with many personalities, forming good relationships with all, and helping others discover paths to protect our most treasured lands. I am pleased to meld my knowledge and love of land protection with the impressive track record of the LGLC to create a promising future for the remarkable lands and waters of Lake George."

LGLC Board President, John Macionis said, "This appointment is the result of a rigorous hiring process, involving dozens of resumes and numerous on-site interviews with prospective candidates. The LGLC board enthusiastically supports Nancy joining our organization, and we look forward to the benefits of her knowledge and leadership in organizational management, fundraising, and, above all, land protection. Our expectation is that Nancy Williams will lead the LGLC to an unprecedented level of effectiveness."

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Macionis continued, "Nancy's work here follows a long and impressive record of land protection for the LGLC and comes at a time of ever-increasing development pressures and soaring acquisition costs. We are confident that, under her leadership, the Lake George Land Conservancy will rise to these challenges and advance the pace of land conservation around Lake George."

Founded in 1988, the Lake George Land Conservancy works to permanently protect natural lands through conservation easement, land acquisition, and sound science and stewardship. To date, hundreds of concerned individuals have helped the conservancy to protect more than \$16 million of land around Lake George including over 45,000 feet of shoreline and 10,500 acres. With an office in Bolton Landing, New York, at the mid-point of the 32-mile-long "Queen of American Lakes," the conservancy is focused on protecting key properties in the Lake George watershed, including pristine shoreline, wetlands, and upland forest communities.

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