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Conservancy Receives Land Donation in Hague

(Bolton Landing, NY)— The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has received a 60-acre land donation from John Barber, resident of Hadley and owner of Evergreen Timber and the Hunt Lake Land Holding Company. Located in the Town of Hague, the donated parcel is mostly surrounded by New York State Forest Preserve. The LGLC expects to transfer the parcel to the state to be included in the Forest Preserve.

As a 9th generation Adirondacker, Barber has an appreciation for the natural beauty of Lake George and the surrounding Adirondack Park. Years ago, Barber had been asked if he'd consider donating the land to the LGLC. At the time, he planned on logging the Hague parcel by helicopter, but then decided against it. "I knew that by logging the area I'd leave a scar on the landscape," said Barber during a phone interview. "I'd rather give it to the people of the Lake George basin and leave it as open space."

Barber has been buying land in the Adirondacks and neighboring towns since he was 16 years old. Though much of the thousands of acres of land that he has acquired is used for timbering, Barber tries to keep larger, intact parcels as wild forest, especially if they contain wetlands. He also tries to give back to area communities, financially and through land donations. "It makes me feel good to give back. If more people did it, it'd be better for the protection of the basin," Barber said.

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 45,000 feet of shoreline and more than 10,500 acres of land.

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