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## **GRAND OPENING AND COMMUNITY DAY AT THE MACIONIS FAMILY CENTER FOR CONSERVATION**

**Bolton Town Board Proclaims July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as  
Bolton Land and Water Festival Day**

Bolton Landing, New York – On Saturday, July 28th, 2007, the Lake George Land Conservancy will hold an open house and community day to celebrate the Grand Opening of its new Macionis Family Center for Conservation located at 4905 Lake Shore Drive in Bolton Landing, named in honor of the Macionis family's outstanding contributions.

Throughout the day there will be tours of the facility, educational programs and festive activities for all ages and open to the public. As a show of collaboration between the Town of Bolton and the Bolton business community, the Bolton Town Board has passed a Resolution proclaiming the day as the Bolton Land and Water Festival. The goal of the Festival is to encourage visitors and residents to visit the new Center for Conservation and the Bolton Landing community and to participate in fun activities that highlight and celebrate the beautiful lands and waters that make the area so special.

Events at the Grand Opening of the Macionis Family Center for Conservation will begin at 9 a.m. with the Conservancy's annual meeting (new members are welcome). At 10 a.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place with speakers New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 5 Director Elizabeth Lowe and Bolton Town Supervisor Alexander Gabriels. The ceremony will include the dedication of Preservation Patio, paved with bricks engraved with the special tributes of many donors. At noon, U.S. Representative Kirsten Gillibrand will be on hand to celebrate the grand opening. Congresswoman Gillibrand will share her commitment to conservation and will be available to answer questions.

Under the tent from noon to 3 p.m. at the Center for Conservation the Lake George Land Conservancy will host a "Taste of Bolton" at which Festival participants can sample the food specialties of Bolton Landing restaurants and receive discounts and special offers available all around the Bolton community. Participating restaurants include: Boathouse Bed & Breakfast, Bolton Beans, Cate's Italian Garden, Fins-n-Claws, Frank's Snack Bar, Lakeside Lodge & Grille, Market Place, Neuffer's Deli, The Ryefield, and The Sagamore. Also beginning at noon, a series of 1-hour conservation and educational programs will be held as follows:

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Noon: Drawing Wildlife Workshop for Children with illustrator/author Bruce Hiscock. Learn how to draw wild creatures from mice to moose, fish to birds and everything in between.

1 p.m.: “Ask the Experts” forum with the Lake George Land Conservancy and other Lake George conservation organizations: Darrin Fresh Water Institute, The Fund for Lake George and Lake George Association

2 p.m.: Kick-off of the ‘Round the Lake Challenge – a program of hikes and places to visit around Lake George highlighting areas of conservation, historic, and scenic value. Learn how you can meet the challenge and become an official Round the Laker!

3 p.m.: Lake George Inspirations with Carl Heilman II - photographing the special wonder and drama of Lake George.

At 4 p.m. there will be a raffle drawing for a Coleman Trek 100 Touring Kayak, including paddle and flotation device. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance at the Macionis Family Center for Conservation, Black Bass Antiques, or Neuffer’s Deli.

Pre-registration is not necessary for any of the programs. However, space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the Lake George Land Conservancy office, 518-644-9673.

The Conservancy recently completed the reconstruction of its new facility. The Center for Conservation will provide the organization much-needed work, meeting and event space to carry out its ambitious conservation, education and outreach goals.

The Lake George Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization working 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.

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