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LGLC Receives \$223,066 Grant for Land Protection

Bolton Landing, New York – The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently received \$223,066 from the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation, including \$100,000 towards the West Brook Conservation Initiative and \$23,066 towards continued support of the LGLC’s collaborative water quality research project with the Darrin Fresh Water Institute.

“The Helen V. Froehlich Foundation gifts of the last two years have provided us with financial resources for land protection that we did not have for many years,” said Nancy Williams, LGLC executive director. “As a small land trust with big visions, we could not begin to achieve our mission without cash available for appraisals, deposits, closing costs and interest payments. The Froehlich Foundation has made an enormous difference in our operations, allowing us to do more this past year than we could ever have thought possible.”

The Foundation’s gift will go towards specific land protection projects, including the West Brook Conservation Initiative. In January of 2008, LGLC purchased over 1,400 acres of uplands (the “Berry Pond tract”) in the south basin of Lake George, including the headwaters of West Brook, a tributary that has a significant impact on the water quality of Lake George. The Foundation’s grant will go towards payment of the loan from the Open Space Conservancy (OSC) used for the acquisition of the Berry Pond tract. The West Brook Conservation Initiative is a partnership of LGLC, the Lake George Association and the Fund for Lake George, working to dramatically reduce the sediments and pollutants that currently run freely into West Brook and subsequently into Lake George near “Million Dollar” beach.

The Froehlich Foundation’s support also will go towards LGLC’s continuing work with the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Darrin Fresh Water Institute to conduct a study demonstrating the effects of residential and road construction on lakes, ponds and streams. Now in its fourth year, the study involves sampling water from three shoreline sites around the lake, each in varying states of disturbance, to show water quality trends in those areas.

The Froehlich Foundation was created in 1993 with funds provided by the late Helen V. Froehlich. The foundation’s mission is to assist with the conservation and preservation of the environment related to Lake George, including, but not limited to, matters involving the lake, land and water immediately surrounding the lake.

The Lake George Land Conservancy is a non-profit land trust that has preserved more than 12,000 acres around the Lake George watershed and 45,500 feet of lake shoreline.

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