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21,870-Acre Community Forest Effort Reaches Milestone

Maine Acquires Conservation Easement in Partnership; Land Trust Pursuing Community Forest Purchase

Today the Downeast Lakes Land Trust and Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry announced the Department's purchase of a conservation easement on 21,870 acres in Grand Lake Stream from The Lyme Timber Company.

The West Grand Lake Forest property wraps around the village of Grand Lake Stream, and is adjacent to other conservation lands, including the Downeast Lakes Land Trust's 33,708-acre Farm Cove Community Forest. These lands are in a broader landscape of nearly 1.4 million contiguous acres of public and private conservation lands extending across the border into New Brunswick, Canada.

The West Grand Lake Forest conservation easement includes 17 miles of shoreline on West Grand, Big, and Lower Oxbrook lakes, along with frontage on Big Musquash Stream. It also conserves ¼ mile on the west side of Grand Lake Stream above Big Falls.

This conservation easement purchase extends the option agreement between the land trust and Lyme Timber through 2015, providing opportunity to raise the additional funds required to purchase the property outright. Downeast Lakes Land Trust seeks to acquire the forest and manage it with the adjacent Farm Cove Community Forest with a focus on wildlife habitat, public recreation, and a sustainable timber economy. "Our approach provides local people the opportunity to become stewards of the natural resources that support their economy," said Executive Director Mark Berry.

It is your support of Downeast Lakes Land Trust that has made this result possible, along with the help of many individuals, corporations, foundations, and public funding agencies. Thank you!

Read more at www.downeastlakes.org!

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

From all of us at Downeast Lakes Land Trust, please accept our deepest appreciation for your support and our best wishes for the holiday season.

Please consider supporting our vision for **Forests and Lakes - For People - Forever** with a year-end tax-deductible charitable contribution at **www.downeastlakes.org**. Your gift can be made in honor of a family member, friend, or favorite Guide to share the joy of helping. Thank you. Have a wonderful New Year!

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