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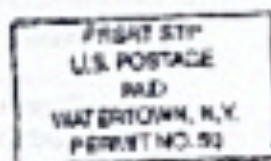
Renewal Membership [\$20.00] New Member Supporter [\$35.00] Additional Donation

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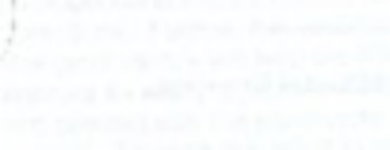
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ENDOWMENT FUND

This summer the IRLC established an endowment fund to help secure its financial stability. Inspired by an initial pledge of \$5,000.00, an additional \$8,000.00 was pledged. Our goal of \$30,000.00 has been nearly half met.

This endowment principal is conservatively invested and the interest earned is to be used to help with annual operating costs, such as our newsletters and the signs that are placed to identify IRLC property. If an exceptional opportunity arises for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive property, consideration may be given to using the endowment principal to obtain such property.

If you are interested in contributing to the financial stability of the IRLC, please consider a donation to the endowment fund.

IRLC SEEKS GRANT

The IRLC is applying for a \$10,000.00 grant this month, administered by the Land Trust Alliance, to fund a survey and inventory of the natural resources important to our area. If successful in our grant application, we will also use this funding to innovate membership drives and member participation in IRLC activities and operations. Further, it is envisioned that grant money will help the IRLC improve its ability to communicate and connect with the community in general. Through this effort to inform and educate our neighbors about our goals and activities, the IRLC also hopes to obtain more participation and ideas and feedback about what direction and tasks the IRLC should pursue.

This grant program is made possible by a \$250,000.00 appropriation from the State of New York for the exclusive benefit of New

York land trusts. It is a matching grant program, meaning that if fully successful the IRLC will have up to \$20,000.00 for these described projects. The matching funds must consist of at least 50% cash while the remaining matching 50% can be "in-kind" contributions. The IRLC intends to seek \$5,000.00 from the Northern New York Community Foundation to satisfy the 50% cash matching fund contribution. It is anticipated that the remaining 50% in-kind contribution can be principally satisfied through the donation of services from several nature professionals. These individuals have indicated a willingness to contribute their professional expertise to survey and chronicle the natural resources – both plant and wildlife – indigenous to our area.

If you would like more information about this undertaking or may be willing next Spring or Summer to transport one of the nature experts around your lake, please contact any IRLC board member.

OUR LOCATION IS IMPORTANT

The Indian River Lakes Region lies in the heart of the Frontenac Axis, an area of focus of the New York State Open Space Plan. The Frontenac Axis is an international flora and fauna species migration corridor, linking Canada's Algonquin and New York's Adirondack Parks. It is considered by many wildlife resource managers as critically important in providing continuity for wildlife populations between the two great parks. The Axis sweeps from Algonquin Park southeast across the St. Lawrence River's Thousand Islands area, through the Indian River Lakes Region and on to the Adirondacks. The Northern edge of the Axis runs

roughly through the South end of Deer Lake and the Southern boundary is just North of Pouch Lake. It is easily seen on a topographical map or satellite photo. The Axis stands out as a green area with veins and splashes of blue.

We live in a place of spectacular beauty with the rugged topography outlining multiple wetlands, the Oswegatchie and Indian Rivers and 15 sparkling lakes.

Our challenge is to practice environmental conservation while promoting economic vitality.

MEMBERSHIPS

This month kicks off our 2003 membership drive. You will find the new membership sheet attached to this newsletter. We hope that you will join us and participate with us in our endeavors.

We would like to recognize and thank those that have so generously supported the efforts of the IRLC this year. Your continued support enables the Conservancy to continue its mission.

Butterfield Lake Association,
Thousand Islands Land Trust,
Redwood Rental Center, Lake of the
Woods Owner's Assoc., Judith
Adams, Karen Bald & Nadine
Gardner, David & Dobra Bearup,
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Gibbs, James & Elizabeth
Golombeski, Don

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