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**Monadnock Conservancy protects more land in Marlborough,
expands area around Mount Monadnock**



Photo caption: View of Mount Monadnock from north side of wetland on the Kensan Devan conservation easement in Marlborough, N.H. Photo courtesy of the Monadnock Conservancy

KEENE, N.H. — The Monadnock Conservancy is pleased to announce the acceptance of a conservation easement on 123 acres in Marlborough.

Cia Devan, formerly of Marlborough, voluntarily made the conservation agreement with the Conservancy. The easement substantially increases the number of protected acres that surround Mount Monadnock.

The Kensan Devan easement (123-acres) is located in the Meetinghouse Pond area and abuts a 758.8-acre New Hampshire Audubon sanctuary, which was also established in part by Devan. The new easement connects to the New England Forestry Foundation's 50-acre Hollingsworth conservation easement and the Town of Dublin's 150-acre Old Troy Road Property, as well as being within two miles of the summit of Grand Monadnock.

The newly protected property is along Old Dublin Road and is mostly forested. A highlight of the parcel is a large beaver pond, a feature of the wetlands in the northeastern corner. The protection of this habitat meets goals outlined by the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan and of the Town of Marlborough, which identified it as an area of highest priority.

Public benefits include the protection of wildlife by expanding the amount of continuous, undeveloped habitat and the conservation of water resources.

About the Monadnock Conservancy

Founded in 1989, the Monadnock Conservancy is the only land trust dedicated exclusively to the 35 towns of the Monadnock Region in southwestern New Hampshire. Its mission is to identify, promote and actively seek protection of significant natural, aesthetic and historic resources in the area; and to monitor and enforce the protection of lands in the trust. Based in Keene, N.H., the Conservancy has protected nearly 15,000 acres of forest, farmland, shoreline, wetlands, wildlife habitat and recreation trails in the region. For more information, visit www.MonadnockConservancy.org.

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