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Geddes donates property to Conservancy

KEENE, N.H. — Paul Geddes recently donated eight acres outright to the Monadnock Conservancy. The Sullivan, N.H., land abuts the Conservancy-owned John and Rosemarie Calhoun Family Forest and the Van de Poll conservation easement held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The Geddes parcel will be added to the Calhoun Family Forest.

Although small in acreage, the Geddes property is a key parcel as it expands a greenway of protected land in the area. This corridor connects land owned or protected by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in the east to the State of New Hampshire's Bear Den Natural Area along Route 10.

“We are grateful for Paul's generosity, and we are glad this donation helped him achieve his estate planning goals while ensuring that the property will be cared for in the future,” said Ryan Owens, executive director for the Monadnock Conservancy.

The Conservancy now owns the Geddes property in fee (a legal term meaning complete ownership) and will preserve it as open space. The land is forested with mixed hardwoods and hemlock and provides protection for 250 feet of an unnamed tributary of White Brook, which drains into the Ashuelot River; wildlife habitat; recreational trails; and scenic views from Route 10 and other public vantage points.

Throughout the Monadnock Region, the Conservancy owns a total 975.1 acres in fee and currently allows pedestrian access on these lands.

The Monadnock Conservancy, founded in 1989, 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 is an accredited land trust and has protected more than 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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