

PECONIC LAND TRUST



For immediate release

Contact: Yvette DeBow-Salsedo
631.283.3195; 646.284.8028 (cell)
ydebow@peconiclandtrust.org

SEYMOUR FAMILY PROTECTS ADDITIONAL LAND ON WEST NECK ROAD IN SHELTER ISLAND WITH PECONIC LAND TRUST

Additional gift increases land protected by conservation easement to 18.6 acres and extinguishes a residential building right.

FEBRUARY 4, 2014. SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK. John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, announced the donation of a conservation easement on a 2-acre meadow adding to land previously protected by Samuel W. Seymour and Karen Patton Seymour with the Trust in 2007. As a consequence, the acreage under easement has increased to 18.6 acres that includes a significant natural area with scenic views from West Neck Road on Shelter Island.

“Sam and Karen continue to show their appreciation for the natural beauty of Shelter Island through the permanent protection of this meadow – which they acquired in June 2013 with the intent to conserve it, thereby precluding the construction of another primary residence on West Neck Bay,” said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust. “We thank them for their commitment to conservation and look forward to

--next--

working with Sam, Karen and their family for many years to come. We hope this latest gift inspires others to conserve the land around them.”

“We are pleased to partner with the Peconic Land Trust in preserving this land in its natural state in perpetuity,” said Karen Patton Seymour. “There is no greater gift.”

The property on West Neck Road offers many conservation values in addition to its scenic value, including its function as wildlife habitat and a migratory bird sanctuary as well as the protection of the sole-source aquifer and the integrity of the watershed and nearby surface waters.

In December 2007, the Seymours donated an easement on their property, located between Stearns Point Road and West Neck Road overlooking West Neck Bay, adjacent to the Trust’s Cackle Hill easement. The original easement protected a 12.1-acre open area containing woodlands and wetlands. Then, in 2010, the Seymours conserved more after they purchased a couple of adjacent lots and removed the houses from them (one of which they donated and moved to nearby Camp Quinipet). The total property size increased to 16.6 acres and the amount of conserved land grew to 13.9 acres. The most recent acquisition added another 2 acres to their assemblage, now 18.6 acres, and extinguished a residential building right. The Seymours have reserved the right to construct a boathouse for storage of kayaks and the like in a designated location.

About the Peconic Land Trust

August 1, 2013 was the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Peconic Land Trust, which was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms,

natural lands, and heritage. Since its inception, the nonprofit Trust has worked conscientiously with landowners, communities, municipalities, partner organizations, and donors, to conserve approximately 11,000 acres of land on Long Island. The Trust's professional staff carries out the necessary research and planning to identify and implement alternatives to outright development. While working to conserve the productive farms, watersheds, woodlands, and beachfront of Long Island, the Trust is also protecting the unique rural heritage and natural resources of the region.

The Trust has Stewardship Centers in Cutchogue, Bridgehampton (Bridge Gardens), Southold (Agricultural Center at Charnews Farm and Shellfisher Preserve) and Amagansett (Quail Hill Farm) and its Main Office is in Southampton. *A common misperception, however, is that the Peconic Land Trust is the recipient of the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF tax is collected by Suffolk County and then redistributed to the five East End towns, the distribution of which is based on the location of the property from which the tax is acquired.* For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit www.peconiclandtrust.org or call 631.283.3195.

###