

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Important Wetland Easement Established in Rhinebeck**

Rhinebeck, NY—The Winnakee Land Trust is pleased to announce that it has established a 78-acre wetland conservation easement just outside the Village of Rhinebeck. This conservation easement permanently protects a vital local resource and natural habitat.

The easement, held by Winnakee Land Trust and placed on a portion of the 125-acre Knollwood Properties development, is an example of environmentally responsible planning. Frank Stortini, one of the principals of Knollwood Properties, dedicated many hours to negotiating the wetlands conservation easement, which also protects some wetland buffers and upland forest.

“We are very grateful to Mr. Stortini for his foresight in protecting this important natural resource,” says Mike Hagerty, Winnakee Land Trust’s executive director.

This conservation easement recognizes the importance of balanced planning and the intrinsic value of wetland areas. This targeted approach to conservation can significantly support local environmental health while protecting open space.

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