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Greenwich Land Trust Announces New Executive Director

Greenwich, CT, November 1, 2016 - The Board of Directors of Greenwich Land Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Will Kies as Executive Director, effective November 28th. The selection was made after an extensive regional search process.

A Greenwich native, Mr. Kies has most recently served as Director of Education and Heckscher Farm at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center, where he has been in senior leadership for the past 10 years. Mr. Kies brings extensive management experience, program expertise, and knowledge of non-profit administration to the Greenwich Land Trust. Prior to his employment at the Center, he has held positions at the University of Vermont, U.S. Geological Survey (Department of Interior), and Outdoor Explorations, as part of the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

Mr. Kies notes, "I look forward to advancing the mission of the Greenwich Land Trust, working with its impressive team of leadership, staff and volunteers, and to strengthening ties to members and community partners. I believe protecting land is more than just preserving picturesque landscapes. It is vital to healthy communities and requires that we all participate in its wonders and preservation."

Mr. Kies is well-qualified to lead Greenwich Land Trust's efforts to steward its 745 acres of land, protect remaining open space and engage the community around conservation values. His graduate research and thesis was on conservation easements, a form of land protection. He co-authored an article for the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies entitled "The Influence of Conservation Easements on the Recreation in the Northern Forest." Mr. Kies holds a Bachelor's degree in History from St. Lawrence University and a Master's degree in Geography from University of Vermont.

"Will Kies has demonstrated the strong leadership and vision Greenwich Land Trust seeks to expand our land conservation work and our community of support. His knowledge of conservation and his breadth of experience in education programming will help us launch a new era of direct engagement with the community around our mission," says Janice Trebbi Richards, President.

About Greenwich Land Trust: Founded in 1976, Greenwich Land Trust is a member-based, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting local natural resources through open space preservation and environmental education. GLT currently protects and cares for more than 745 acres of diverse woodlands, meadows, orchards, and tidal marshes. To become a member or for more information, please visit our website at gltrust.org.

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