

# Winter Update

 WEST BROOK CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

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## Margaret and Harvey Schadler Pledge \$200,000

Harvey and Margaret Schadler have generously pledged a gift of \$200,000 towards the West Brook Conservation Initiative. Margaret and Harvey have been strong supporters of the protection of Lake George and protection of open space within the watershed for decades. Margaret and Harvey split their time between Schenectady, New York and Northwest Bay in Bolton. Margaret currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the FUND for Lake George and has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Lake George Association. Harvey is a current member of the Board of the Lake George Land Conservancy.

“The West Brook Conservation Initiative has advanced the frontiers of environmental protection to a new level. The joining of the three environmental groups and the three municipalities to purchase and maintain lands of the old Gaslight Village for lake preservation with help from the US Army Corps of Engineers, New York State’s Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation and many volunteers, sets a new world standard for cooperation between citizens and government in a common cause. We support and applaud this project” said Margaret and Harvey Schadler.

## Killeen Family Pledges \$100,000

Jeff and Judy Killeen have pledged \$100,000 towards the West Brook Conservation Initiative. For over 100 years, five generations of the Killeen family has enjoyed their camp on Diamond Point.

Jeff is a Trustee with the FUND for Lake George, and currently serves as CEO of GlobalSpec in Troy, NY. Jeff’s career has touched all facets of the media and information world, and he has previously held President or CEO posts with Forbes, Barnes & Noble and the Los Angeles Times. Jeff currently serves on several local civic boards, including the FUND, the Lake George Opera Company and the Center for Disability Services, in addition to two public company boards.

Says Jeff: “Our true love is Lake George—its home. Via this project, we all have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to clean up the lake and save it as

The West Brook Conservation Initiative is working to raise \$15 million. This effort is focused on raising \$7 million from private and corporate sources to leverage \$8 million in local, state and federal support. To date, over \$1.7 million has been contributed or pledged by families, businesses, and private foundations and over \$7 million has been pledged from public sources.

we know it for future generations. We are making ‘West Brook’ our biggest and most important act of giving—please join us!”



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Phase 2: The schedule is for construction of the new settling pond and road realignment in 2010. This also includes an area north of road where a children's environmental park is being designed.

Phase 3: The three municipalities are developing a plan for the 2.5-acre "festival space." This area is not a vital part of the environmental park and is on a different planning schedule.

Phase 1: The schedule is for construction in 2010 to build the stormwater control and restored wetlands in this area.

Phase 4: This area is part of the state Forest Preserve and a wetland restoration must be authorized by Constitutional Amendment. This area will provide a "finishing" treatment for nutrient control and uptake and could be added in 2010.

## Environmental Park Planning Update

Design work continues among the many stakeholders for this unique and complicated project. Final design plans will be completed in 2009 and construction permits will be attained. We're on schedule to begin construction of Phases 1 and 2 in 2010. From an environmental standpoint, these are the two most important aspects of the project as these areas are vital for stormwater collection and treatment.

Because West Brook receives polluted stormwater from roads and other impervious surfaces, it has been

allowed to degrade for decades and is now the largest single source of pollution to Lake George.

This project will capture and treat thousands of cubic tons of sediment and will remove more than half of the nutrients and pollutants that are delivered to Lake George each year from West Brook. This project will also create a new public park with education kiosks and interpretive trails on paths and boardwalks. There will be gazebos, a children's play area, a small amphitheater, and an extensive reforested area. This area will become a new, popular lakeside attraction for residents and visitors.



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