LRCT Announces Two Challenge Grants to Help Complete the Weeks Conservation Project in Belknap Mountains



We have some good news! The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) is excited to announce that the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation and another anonymous donor have each approved \$5,000 challenge grants to help LRCT raise the remaining funds needed to permanently protect a key 65-acre parcel of land located on the western slopes of Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, NH, adjacent to the Muehlke Family Christmas Tree Farm.

> "We are heartened to know that, even during these uncertain times, support for conserving key natural places around us remains strong." --Don Berry, LRCT President

Help us cross the finish line! LRCT and the Gilford Conservation Commission are working together to conserve the John M. and Eileen R. Weeks property, which has long been a conservation priority in Gilford. **\$104,415 is still needed** to purchase this property and complete this project by early this fall. Can we count on your support?

Contribute to the John M. and Eileen R. Weeks Conservation Project Here

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate securely <u>online now.</u>
- **Donate by check**, payable to "LRCT" with "Weeks" in the memo field. Please mail checks to LRCT PO Box 766 Center Harbor, NH 03226.
- **Donate by phone**: Please call us at **(603) 253-3301** to leave your name and phone number and we'll call you back to process your credit card over the phone. We are working remotely and will do our best to call you back in less than 48 hours.
- Email us at Irct@Irct.org with "Weeks" in the subject line and include your name and phone number so we can call you to process your credit card over the phone.
- Spread the word: Please share this message with your family and friends! Learn more about the <u>Weeks Conservation Project here</u>.

We are grateful to those of you who have *already contributed* to this outstanding project! No gift is too small as each and every donation will help LRCT reach our matching funds challenge and help conserve this land. **THANK YOU!**

Anyone who has hiked on Piper Mountain or elsewhere in the Belknaps, or who enjoys the views of the Belknaps from Gilford or other places in the region, can attest to the beauty of this landscape. LRCT and the Town of Gilford have already raised approximately 70% of the funds needed to complete the project. The anonymous donor and the Pardoe Foundation challenge grants will each match—dollar for dollar—up to \$5,000 of additional project donations received by LRCT so now is the time to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity. **Please make a gift today**!

For further information about Lakes Region Conservation Trust or the <u>Weeks Conservation Project</u>, please contact LRCT by phone at 603-253-3301, by email at <u>Irct@Irct.org</u> or visit the LRCT website at <u>www.LRCT.org</u>.

Join us today to <u>help conserve</u> this unique property! THANK YOU.