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State Assembly Passes Township 40 Implementation Bill, Completes Article XIV Amendment

Amendment resolves longstanding controversy over land titles

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Albany, NY – Protect the Adirondacks applauds the State Assembly for passage this evening of the “Township 40 Implementation Legislation” that completes the Article XIV Constitutional Amendment passed by a wide margin of voters in November 2013. This legislation ratifies an agreement for resolution of longstanding title disputes for dozens of landowners around Raquette Lake, in Hamilton County, between private landowners and the State of New York.

“This is the final major step to resolve this longstanding controversy,” said Peter Bauer, Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks. “This has been a long process and we congratulate the local landowners, state officials, the Department of Environmental Conservation, Senator Little and Assembly Conservation Committee Chairman Steve Englebright. Protect the Adirondack supported the Township 40 Amendment, passed as Proposal 4 in November 2013, because we believed that this Constitutional Amendment was the best way to resolve a century-old land title dispute that plagued many properties around Raquette Lake.”

Monies raised by the settlement of this dispute will go toward purchase of the Marion River Carry property between the Marion River and Utowana Lake, a famous and popular canoe route and carry.

Protect the Adirondacks

Protect the Adirondacks is a privately funded, IRS-approved not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park in northern New York. PROTECT was formed through the merger of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks and the Residents’ Committee to Protect the Adirondacks in 2009. PROTECT pursues its mission to protect the Adirondack Park and defend the public

“forever wild” Forest Preserve through citizen advocacy, grassroots organizing, education, research, and legal action. PROTECT is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. PROTECT maintains an office in Lake George. For more information see www.protectadks.org.

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