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Chris Kenyon Named Conservation and Stewardship Director at Orange County Land Trust

Middletown, NY: (OCLT) – The Orange County Land Trust Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Christopher Kenyon has joined the staff of the Orange County Land Trust as Director of Conservation and Stewardship.

Mr. Kenyon, of Highland, has extensive experience in the management and stewardship of conserved lands. Prior to joining Orange County Land Trust, he was Parks and Stewardship Manager at Scenic Hudson where he was responsible for the management of over 40 conserved properties, over half of which were open to the public as parks. He has also previously worked as a seasonal Park Ranger for the National Park Service on the Upper Delaware River, and interned for the Nature Conservancy and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, receiving a Bachelor of Arts.

In his new position with Orange County Land Trust, Chris will be responsible for the stewardship of 35 protected lands, as well as working to conserve additional land in Orange County. With the help of volunteers, he will work to improve trails and public access on Land Trust preserves. He will collaborate with a variety of other nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies in accomplishing this work.

“We are delighted to have Chris on staff at Orange County Land Trust,” said Mary Yrizarry, president of the Board of Directors. “Chris has a great deal of experience in the management of conserved lands and is enthusiastic about land preservation and the protection of our working farms. We are confident in his abilities and look forward to working with him,” she added.

The Orange County Land Trust has helped protect nearly 4,000 acres of land, including ten working farms. Working with landowners, the Land Trust’s area of expertise is preserving land through the placement of conservation easements, working with individual property owners and municipalities to secure funding for the purchase of development rights (PDR’s), accepting donations of land, and purchasing land for public access. The Land Trust owns and manages ten nature preserves in Orange County, seven which are open to the public, free of charge, for hiking birding and other forms of passive recreation.

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