Independent Auditor's Report

**Financial Statements** 

June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Totals for 2018)



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of support, revenues and expenses and changes in net assets – modified cash basis and functional expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in the notes to the financial statements; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net assets of Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. as of June 30, 2019, and its support, revenues and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to the notes to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

# **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc.'s 2018 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated February 7, 2019. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Whittemore, Dowen & Reciardelli, LLP

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February 24, 2020

# Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

# June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS	2019	2018		
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 720,695	\$ 736,793		
Cash and cash equivalents - purpose restricted	83,894	163,923		
Total Current Assets	804,589	900,716		
Property and Equipment:				
Land	46,000	46,000		
Land improvements	30,405	30,405		
Building and improvements	1,318,354	1,318,354		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	72,163	66,616		
Vehicles	33,371	16,977		
Total Property and Equipment	1,500,293	1,478,352		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(464,336)	(436,115)		
Net Property and Equipment	1,035,957	1,042,237		
Other Assets:				
Land held for conservation	15,550,026	15,013,292		
Investments held for resale	149,833	149,833		
Cash and investments for land preservation	402,034	522,769		
Cash - purpose restricted	4,661	4,661		
Endowments:				
Stewardship cash - restricted in perpetuity	1,632	1,632		
Investment portfolio cash	121,193	112,803		
Investment portfolio securities	3,707,675	3,226,710		
Security deposit	346	346		
Total Other Assets	19,937,400	19,032,046		
Total Assets	\$ 21,777,946	\$ 20,974,999		

# Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

# June 30, 2019 and 2018

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2019	2018		
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Current Liabilities:	\$ 192,022	\$ 495,230		
Current portion of long-term debt Other	. ,	. ,		
Other	1,262	4,743		
Total Current Liabilities	193,284	499,973		
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Long-term debt, net of current portion	-	19,980		
Security deposit	800	800		
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Total Long-Term Liabilities	800	20,780		
Total Liabilities	194,084	520,753		
Not Assets				
Net Assets:				
Without Donor Restrictions:	47.704.740	40 770 004		
Undesignated	17,791,740	16,773,684		
Designated by board of directors	683,984	792,395		
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	18,475,724	17,566,079		
With Donor Restrictions:				
Restricted for a specific purpose	88,555	168,584		
Restricted in perpetuity	3,019,583	2,719,583		
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	3,108,138	2,888,167		
Total Net Assets	21,583,862	20,454,246		
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 21,777,946	\$ 20,974,999		

# Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

# Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Totals for 2018)

	hout Donor estrictions	With Donor Restrictions				2018 Total	
Support and Other Revenues:							
Contributions and grants	\$ 976,853	\$	765,439	\$	1,742,292	\$	2,396,618
In-Kind Contributions:							
Land and easements	24,800		-		24,800		245,000
Services and tangible support	23,975		-		23,975		28,005
Special event/program fees, net	(18,172)		-		(18,172)		(34,384)
Rental income	12,100		-		12,100		12,200
Investment return, net	278,327		-		278,327		333,880
Loss on sale of property and equipment	-		-		-		(5,504)
Net assets released from restriction	 545,468		(545,468)				-,
Total Support and Other Revenues	 1,843,351		219,971		2,063,322		2,975,815
Expenses:							
Program Services	 619,074		-		619,074		463,866
Support Services:							
Management and general	182,531		-		182,531		204,112
Fundraising	 132,101				132,101		115,839
Total Support Services	 314,632		<u>-</u>	-	314,632		319,951
Total Expenses	 933,706		<u> </u>		933,706		783,817
Excess of Support and Other							
Revenues Over Expenses	909,645		219,971		1,129,616		2,191,998
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 17,566,079		2,888,167		20,454,246		18,262,248
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 18,475,724	\$	3,108,138	\$	21,583,862	\$	20,454,246

#### Statement of Functional Expenses Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Totals for 2018)

			Support Services							
		Program Services		nagement d General	Fu	ndraising		2019 Totals		2018 Totals
Salaries	\$	215,664	\$	90.224	\$	89,709	\$	394,597	¢	386,264
Payroll taxes	Ф	16,179	Ф	89,224 7,682	Ф	6,584	Ф	394,597	\$	29,703
Employee benefits		40,468		19,212		16,466		76,146		80,982
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Total Salaries and Related Expenses		272,311		116,118		112,759		501,188		496,949
Depreciation		31,129		9,770		4,299		45,198		38,093
Donations		2,900		-		-		2,900		6,000
Dues		5,120		1,023		450		6,593		2,728
Insurance		12,460		4,867		2,142		19,469		25,382
Interest		3,042		-		-		3,042		-
Merchandise		6,453		1,914		-		8,367		7,714
Miscellaneous		3,595		-		-		3,595		505
Office supplies		542		2,019		193		2,754		2,690
Operating supplies		19,583		3,935		1,731		25,249		29,951
Permits, fees and licenses		10,295		4,022		1,770		16,087		8,513
Postage and shipping		5,126		2,003		881		8,010		5,270
Printing, advertising and newsletters		31,159		3,894		3,894		38,947		37,047
Professional fees		164,178		25,356		-		189,534		90,035
Real estate taxes		20,389		666		-		21,055		7,918
Recruitment		-		-		-		-		441
Rent		526		-		-		526		491
Repairs and maintenance		8,917		3,216		1,415		13,548		9,630
Special events		27,970		-		18,647		46,617		53,667
Telephone and utilities		11,777		4,473		1,968		18,218		12,747
Training and meetings		5,814		-		-		5,814		3,975
Travel and entertainment		9,689		1,140		570		11,399		5,406
Website maintenance		522		29		29		580		46
Total Functional Expenses		653,497		184,445		150,748		988,690		845,198
Less: expenses included with revenues										
on the statement of support, revenues and expenses										
and changes in net assets - modified cash basis										
Gift shop cost of goods sold		(6,453)		(1,914)		-		(8,367)		(7,714)
Special events		(27,970)		-		(18,647)		(46,617)		(53,667)
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section										
on the Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis	\$	619,074	\$	182,531	\$	132,101	\$	933,706	\$	783,817
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#### Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Information for 2018)

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

This summary of significant accounting policies of Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. (the Conservancy) is presented to assist in understanding the Conservancy's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Conservancy's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles except for the method of accounting (see note below) and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements. Prior to October 30, 2001, the Conservancy was known as Lake George Basin Land Conservancy, Inc.

#### Organization

The Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. is an exempt organization under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Conservancy's purpose is to promote the preservation and protection of the land surrounding Lake George, New York.

#### Method of Accounting

The Conservancy's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. As such, certain expenses may fluctuate from year to year depending upon the date on which payments are made. The primary modifications to the cash basis of accounting consists of recording marketable securities at fair value and the capitalization and depreciation of long-lived assets, with corresponding debt incurred for the purchase of long-lived assets.

#### Financial Statement Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows FASB ASC 958-205 as amended by the implementation of FASB ASU 2016-14. Under FASB ASC 958-205, as amended, an organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions.

The following classes of net assets are maintained:

#### Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

The net assets without donor restrictions class includes assets available for use in general operations of the Conservancy as well as board designated assets and liabilities. The net assets without donor restrictions of the Conservancy may be used at the discretion of management to support the Conservancy's purposes and operations.

### Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors and include donations for a particular asset or program. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Conservancy or by the passage of time. When the contribution is used for the purpose intended or the passage of time has expired, the amount is released to net assets without donor restrictions. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

The amounts for June 30, 2018, in the accompanying statements are included to provide a basis for comparison with June 30, 2019, and present summarized totals only. Accordingly, the June 30, 2018 amounts are not intended to present all information necessary for a fair presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

#### Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

#### Fair Value Measures

The Conservancy has adopted ASC 820-10. ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10 are:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities:
- Level 2 Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;
- Level 3 Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. All investments held by Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. are Level 1.

#### **Uncertain Tax Positions**

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Conservancy accounts for uncertainty in income taxes by recognizing tax positions in the financial statements when it is more-likely-than-not the positions will be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. As of June 30, 2019, the Conservancy believes that it has appropriate support for the income tax positions taken on its tax returns and, therefore, believes that it has no uncertain tax positions that would have a material impact on the financial statements. As of June 30, 2019, the tax years that remain subject to examination by taxing authorities begin with 2016.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Conservancy considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Conservancy to concentrations of credit risk include cash on deposit with financial institutions, which are insured for up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or cash and securities at brokerage firms, which are insured for up to \$500,000, with a limit of \$250,000 for cash, by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). The risk is managed by maintaining deposits in high quality financial institutions. The Conservancy's cash accounts exceeded these limits at various times throughout the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018. Cash at risk at June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$520,772 and \$458,092, respectively. One of the two investment brokerage houses used by the Conservancy is covered by the SIPC. The brokerage securities at risk at June 30, 2019 and 2018 were \$3,436,986 and \$3,362,238, respectively.

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## **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

#### Investments

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis. Gains and losses are recognized when the securities are sold. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the changes in net assets.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Generally, assets costing \$500 or more are capitalized. Donated property and equipment are recorded at the fair market value on the date of the donation. Depreciation of property and equipment is computed using the straight-line method based upon estimated useful lives, as follows:

	E	preciation Expense e 30, 2019	E	preciation Expense e 30, 2018	Estimated Useful Life in Years	
Building and improvements Transportation equipment Furniture and equipment	\$	34,169 6,118 4,911	\$	34,111 - 3,982	15-39 5 3-10	
Total	\$	45,198	\$	38,093		

Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are disposed of, their costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the resulting gains or losses are credited or charged to operations.

#### Contributions

The Conservancy also elected to adopt FASB ASC 958-310 in so far as it relates to donations actually received (the modified cash basis of accounting). In accordance with FASB ASC 958-310, contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. The administrative costs necessary to operate the related program are not capitalized as land acquisition costs but are recorded as program administration.

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as support without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as donor restricted support.

Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Conservancy reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Conservancy reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions at that time.

Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

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#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued**

#### Printing, Advertising and Newsletters

Printing, advertising and newsletters are generally charged to operations in the year incurred and totaled \$38,947 and \$37,047 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### **Expense Allocation**

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of support, revenues and expenses and changes in net assets – modified cash basis. The statement of functional expenses – modified cash basis presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs that benefit more than one function have been allocated among the programs and supporting services based on estimates of time and effort.

Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits have been allocated to each function based on a percentage estimate of time and effort spent working within each function of the Conservancy. Printing, advertising and newsletters, insurance, and telephone and utilities are allocated based on estimates of usage amongst each function. All other natural expense categories have been allocated based on direct expenditures incurred.

#### Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncement

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Conservancy adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958):* Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. This standard requires financial statements to be presented in such a way as to provide more useful information to donors, grantors, creditors, and other users of the financial statements.

#### Reclassification

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the current year presentation.

#### **Liquidity and Availability**

The Conservancy regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis date, comprise the following:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	804,589
Endowment spending-rate distributions and appropriations		165,119
Total financial assets available within one year		969,708
Less:		
Amounts unavailable for general expenditure within one year:		
Restricted by donors with purpose restrictions		(83,894)
Amounts unavailable to management without board approval:		
Board designated for stewardship defense reserves		(93,700)
Board designated for operations reserves		(188,250)
Total financial assets available to management for		
general expenditure within one year	\$_	603,864

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## **Liquidity and Availability - Continued**

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Conservancy operates based on a formal budget and regularly monitors the collection of sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures.

Additionally, the Conservancy has board designated net assets without donor restrictions that, while the Conservancy does not intend to spend these for purposes other than those identified, the amounts could be made available for current operations, if necessary.

The Conservancy's endowment funds consist of donor restricted endowments. Income from donor restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes, with the exception of the amounts available for general use. The principal of donor restricted endowment funds is not available for general expenditure. The Conservancy's investment policy allows for an annual spending rate of 5% from endowment funds not subject to donor restrictions as described in the "Endowment Funds" note.

#### Investments

Fair values and unrealized gains (losses) at June 30 are summarized as follows:

<u>2019</u>	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains (Losses)
Fixed income securities Equity securities	\$ 528,223 2,666,011	\$ 529,028 3,286,852	\$ 805 620,841
Total	\$ 3,194,234	\$ 3,815,880	\$ 621,646
<u>2018</u>	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains
		rali value	(Losses)
Fixed income securities Equity securities	\$ 516,884 2,460,883	\$ 504,946 2,955,082	\$ (11,938) 494,199

The fair value measurement of investments at June 30, 2019 was as follows:

		Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using:						
		Quoted Prices	Significant	_				
		in Active	Other	Significant				
		Markets for	Observable	Unobservable				
		Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs				
Description	June 30, 2019	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)				
Investments	\$ 3,815,880	\$ 3,815,880	\$ -	\$ -				

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## **Investments - Continued**

The fair value measurement of investments at June 30, 2018 was as follows:

			Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using					
			Qu	Quoted Prices Significant				
				in Active	Ot	her	Sign	ificant
			M	larkets for	Obse	rvable	Unobs	ervable
			Identical Assets		Inp	uts	Inp	outs
Description	Ju	ne 30, 2018		(Level 1)		(Level 2)		vel 3)
Investments	\$	3,460,028	\$	3,460,028	\$	-	\$	-

#### **Investments Held for Resale**

At June 30, 2019 and 2018, assets held for resale were comprised of the following:

	2019			2018
Land: Dodge	\$	149,833	\$	149,833
Total	\$	149,833	\$	149,833

The Dodge land was purchased by the Conservancy during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The basis of the Dodge land was increased by \$14,205 for professional fees incurred to acquire and sell the property.

## **Land Held for Conservation**

Land held for conservation as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 consisted of parcels of property owned by the Conservancy for conservation purposes as follows:

	2019	2018
Land – Amy's Park (Padanarum Park)	\$ 555,433	\$ 555,433
Land – Anthony's Nose (Eliopolis)	1,353,347	1,353,347
Land – Anthony's Nose (Access)	240,536	240,536
Land – Bain	38,845	38,845
Land – Beaver Pond	162,303	162,303
Land – Butternut Brook Preserve	10,000	10,000
Land – Cook Mountain (174 acres)	70,499	70,499
Land – Cook Mountain (18 acres)	26,800	26,800
Land – Eagle's Mare	544,630	544,630
Land – East Brook Preserve	209,000	209,000
Land – Freihofer/Prol	1,424,786	1,424,786
Land – Gull Bay Estates, Inc.	293,769	293,769
Land – Haigh-Knoblock	81,000	81,000
Land – Hunt Lake Tract	27,518	27,518
Land – Kraft	12,091	12,091
Land – Last Great Shoreline (Sucker Brook/Gabriel)	4,299,866	4,299,866
Land – Liss	30,000	30,000
Land – Little Roger's Slide (Adams/Lavin)	89,714	89,714

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#### Land Held for Conservation - Continued

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Lond Laines Desagne	000.000	000 000
Land – Loines Preserve	230,600	230,600
Land – Lynn Schumann Preserve at Pilot Knob Ridge	668,286	668,286
Land – Matty's Mountain	122,535	122,535
Land – Moody	21,314	21,314
Land – Peacock	133,481	133,481
Land – Peggy's Point (Hague Adirondack Charitable		
Foundation)	843,366	843,366
Land – Reed	140,764	140,764
Land – Sadlon	116,737	-
Land – Saralib	83,411	83,411
Land – SUNY Albany	86,145	86,145
Land – Terzian	77,482	77,482
Land – Van Hart	77,464	77,464
Land – Warner Bay	24,800	-
Land – Whalen	39,594	39,594
Land – Wilkening	640,000	640,000
Land – Wing Pond	626,710	626,710
French Mountain Easement	395,197	-
Guest Easement	53,958	53,958
Haigh Easement	77,548	77,548
Miller/Smith Easement	113,661	113,661
Pinnacle Easement	245,200	245,200
Wallace/Porter Easement	98,190	98,190
West Brook Easement	703,446	703,446
Wilkening Easement	460,000	460,000
Total land held for conservation	\$ 15,550,026	\$ 15,013,292

The land balances include all costs associated with the property including interest on any related debt. Certain properties and easements were donated. Donated parcels are valued at fair market value on the date of the donation where a fair market value is determinable. The Conservancy holds four easements obtained before 2003, two easements obtained in 2015 and one easement obtained in 2017 that have no value assigned to them. The easements include the following:

Federal Hill acquired in August 1990 Silver Bay Upland acquired in December 1997 Dark Bay Shoreline acquired in January 1998 IHH Properties acquired in December 2002 Hague Brook 1 & 2 acquired in March 2015 Vito Property acquired in December 2017

#### Notes to Financial Statements

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### **Endowment Funds**

The Board of Directors has determined that the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA), an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), applies to the Conservancy's endowment funds. UPMIFA provides guidance and authority to charitable organizations concerning the management and investment of funds held by those organizations, and UPMIFA imposes additional duties on those who manage and invest charitable funds. These duties provide additional protections for charities and also protect the interests of donors who want to see their contributions used wisely.

As a result of the Board of Director's interpretation of NYPMIFA, the Conservancy classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (time restricted in perpetuity) the original value of gifts donated to the donor restricted endowment, the original value of subsequent gifts to the donor restricted endowment, and accumulations to the donor restricted endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The investment objectives of the Conservancy endowment funds are designed to provide long-term growth of principal and a stream of earnings to further the mission of the Conservancy.

Each endowment will be monitored by the Board of Directors of the Conservancy to generate a return of 5% or more, plus inflation over the long term, with a heavy weighting toward equities.

The Conservancy honors the donors' specific, written restrictions or directives. The endowment distribution policy denies withdrawal of the initial gift, as well as any withdrawals of earnings for the first eighteen months from the date of initial funding. After the initial eighteen-month period, and subject to asset growth, up to 5% of the three-year rolling fund average ending value as of June 30 may be withdrawn in a given year.

Any allowable amount not spent in one year may be carried over and spent in subsequent years. Funds withdrawn may be used for purposes of continuing the mission of the Conservancy with board approval.

From time to time, certain donor restricted endowment funds may have fair values less than the amount required to be maintained by donors or by law (underwater endowments). The Conservancy complies with the NYPMIFA, an enacted version of UPMIFA, and has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater funds in accordance with the prudent measures required under the law. The Conservancy has no underwater endowment funds as of June 30, 2019 and 2018.

Endowment net asset composition by type of funds as of June 30, 2019, is as follows:

	Without Donor estrictions	Vith Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor restricted endowment funds: Required to be maintained in perpetuity Accumulated investment gains	\$ - 810,917	\$ 3,019,583	\$ 3,019,583 810,917
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 810,917	\$ 3,019,583	\$ 3,830,500

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# **Endowment Funds – Continued**

Endowment net asset composition by type of funds as of June 30, 2018, is as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor restricted endowment funds: Required to be maintained in perpetuity Accumulated investment gains	\$ - 621,562	\$ 2,719,583	\$ 2,719,583 621,562
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 621,562	\$ 2,719,583	\$ 3,341,145

The changes in, and composition of, endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2019, are as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment Net Assets – Beginning of Year Contributions Investment return, net Appropriations	\$ 621,562 - 254,499 (65,144)	\$ 2,719,583 300,000 - -	\$ 3,341,145 300,000 254,499 (65,144)
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 810,917	\$ 3,019,583	\$ 3,830,500

The changes in, and composition of, endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2018, are as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment Net Assets – Beginning of Year Contributions Investment return, net Appropriations	\$ 320,786 - 300,776 -	\$ 2,419,583 300,000 - -	\$ 2,740,369 300,000 300,776
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 621,562	\$ 2,719,583	\$ 3,341,145

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# **Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consisted of the following:	2019	2018
Due for a parcel of property that was acquired on behalf of New York State using funds borrowed from The Nature Conservancy. Interest accrued at 4% until January 31, 2005. Thereafter, this was a 0% interest loan until the loan was renegotiated on January 2, 2008. Under an agreement dated January 2, 2008, interest accrued at 5% per annum until January 2, 2010, at which time the entire balance was due. A new agreement was signed extending repayment until January 2, 2014 with 0% interest. Under a new, 0% interest, agreement dated January 28, 2015, prior accrued interest is payable annually, on July 1, over the next five years beginning with 2015 with outstanding principal due in full on June 30, 2019. A new agreement, dated June 18, 2019, extended the date of all amounts due in full to August 1, 2019.	\$ 172,380	\$ 175,760
Mortgage note payable for the purchase of the SUNY Albany property using funds borrowed from The University at Albany Foundation. Payments in the amount of \$16,600, without interest, are due January 31 annually over the next four years beginning in 2017, secured by the property.	16,600	33,200
Mortgage note payable for the purchase of the Peacock property using funds borrowed from Ronald Peacock and Mary Volz-Peacock. Payments in the amount of \$31,250, without interest, are due January 31 annually over the next three years beginning in 2017, secured by the property.	-	31,250
Mortgage note payable for the purchase of the Wing Pond property using funds borrowed from I. Robert Wolgin. Interest will accrue at 0.5% annually with increasing principal payments due July 1 and December 15 through 2017 and 2018 with the total outstanding principal and accrued interest due December 15, 2018, secured by the property.	3,042	275,000
Total long-term debt	192,022	515,210
Less: current portion	 (192,022)	 (495,230)
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 	\$ 19,980
Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:		
Years ending June 30, 2020	\$ 192,022	
Total	\$ 192,022	

Interest expense totaled \$3,042 and \$- for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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### **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions**

The Conservancy's net assets without donor restrictions is comprised of undesignated and board designated amounts for the following purposes as of June 30, 2019 and 2018:

	2019		2018		
Board designated for operations reserves	\$	188,250	\$	180,926	
Board designated for land preservation reserves		402,034		522,769	
Board designated for stewardship defense reserves		93,700		88,700	
Undesignated		17,791,740		16,773,684	
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$	18,475,724	\$	17,566,079	

The Conservancy calculates the amount for operations reserves using a formula representing approximately three months of operating expenses.

#### **Net Assets With Donor Restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods as of June 30, 2019 and 2018:

	2019		 2018
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose or period:  Land acquisition	\$	51,558	\$ 115,455
Stewardship projects Office building renovations		36,997 -	46,508 6,621
Total subject to expenditure for specified purpose or period		88,555	168,584
Endowments subject to the Conservancy's spending policy and appropriations:			
Investment in perpetuity, which once appropriated, is expendable to support general use		3,019,583	2,719,583
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$	3,108,138	\$ 2,888,167

#### **Joint Venture**

In approximately 2009, Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc., The Lake George Association, Inc. (an unrelated not-for-profit organization) and The Fund for Lake George, Inc. (an unrelated not-for-profit organization) entered into an agreement related to the purchase of one property called the "Berry Pond Tract" and a conservation easement ("West Brook") in the Village of Lake George to be purchased in the name of the three organizations.

The Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. was the sole owner of and was responsible for the purchase price and the related debt for the Berry Pond Tract. This tract was sold to New York State on March 28, 2015. The loss on the sale was \$1,341,641. Related debt was repaid at the date of sale.

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#### Joint Venture – Continued

The loss on the sale of the Berry Pond Tract was comprised of the following:

Sale proceeds	\$	1,724,000
Original land cost		(2,654,000)
Costs to maintain property; including sale costs		(411,641)
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Loss on sale	\$	(1,341,641)

The Conservancy still retains an interest in the West Brook Easement. The value of the West Brook Easement, included in Land Held for Conservation, is \$700,000, which represents one-third of the original cost, plus \$3,446 in related professional fees. Even though the Easement is owned by the three unrelated organizations, The Lake George Association, Inc. and The Fund for Lake George, Inc. were responsible for the debt to acquire the Easement. The debt was paid off in full in May 2016.

#### **Lease and Rental Income**

The Conservancy leased office space to an unrelated third party from February 1, 2008 through 2011. The lease was renewed during 2012 and ended in January 2014. As of June 30, 2019, a new rental agreement has not been established, but payments continue at the same rate on a month to month basis. Monthly rent is \$800. In addition, a dock is rented to a third party on an annual basis. Rent for this dock was \$2,500 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018. Total lease and rental income was \$12,100 and \$12,200 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Total cost of the property leased, as well as the cost of property used for program purposes is as follows:

	2019	 2018
Land and building	\$ 1,364,354	\$ 1,364,354
Less: accumulated depreciation	 (397,817)	 (364,014)
Net book value	\$ 966,537	\$ 1,000,340

#### **In-Kind Contributions**

Professional services and tangible support were donated to the Conservancy in the amount of \$23,975 and \$28,005 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Donations of land and easements totaled \$24,800 and \$245,000 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

A board member made a long-term loan to the Conservancy in 2016. The total principal and interest outstanding as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$3,042 and \$275,000, respectively.

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# **Subsequent Events**

The Conservancy has evaluated all events through February 24, 2020, the date which these financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that there are no subsequent events which require disclosure.