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A 15 hectares property protected in North Hatley near Lake Massawippi

Eastman, January 27, 2016 – Massawippi Conservation Trust and Appalachian Corridor announce the protection in perpetuity of a new 15-hectare (37-acre) property near Lake Massawippi. With this property, 12,291 ha (30,372 acres) of private land are now protected in perpetuity on Appalachian Corridor's territory of action, including 307 ha (758 acres) protected directly by Massawippi Conservation Trust.

Former owners Conor and Jacquie Boyd are delighted with this transaction: "It is heartwarming for us to know that the woods behind our old family home are in such good hands. The outcome could not have been better and we are indebted to the Trust for all its efforts to protect this property." Margot Heyerhoff, president of the Massawippi Foundation, stated "Massawippi Conservation Trust is thrilled and honoured to have this historic and ecologically rich property, owned by the Christie Family for over 80 years, come under the Trust's protection forever."

Martine Ruel, Acting Executive Director at Appalachian Corridor, emphasizes that it is critical to protect this property, both at the local and regional levels. "Safeguarding this property helps support biodiversity as well as our natural heritage. It also strengthens a network of protected areas on Massawippi Conservation Trust's territory, while being part of Appalachian Corridor's larger conservation strategy to protect the few conservation cores of 10,000 hectares or more with low or no fragmentation in Southern Québec. The public will have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful forest with a Red Oak stand and a clear-water brook since Massawippi Conservation Trust plans to open a hiking trail accessible to all on this land.

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