

Connemara Conservancy Receives \$50,000 Gift from land/water/sky

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DALLAS, Texas (July 12, 2007) — Connemara Conservancy Foundation has received a gift of \$50,000 from land/water/sky to be used to further the conservancy's work in preserving open space in north central Texas.

"We have made a commitment to support nongovernmental conservation organizations in the communities where we work," said Michael Luigs, land/water/sky's Founder and Chief Conservation Officer. "We are impressed with Connemara Conservancy's balanced approach and leadership. Our donation is intended to help the conservancy amplify their efforts. We hope others will join us in this support."

Connemara Conservancy works with private land owners in north central Texas to find financially viable methods for preserving their land. More than 90 percent of the 176 million acres of land in Texas is held in private hands and landowners are increasingly turning to organizations like Connemara to help them preserve all or part of their lands for generations to come.

"We find that landowners are interested in conservation for a variety of reasons," said Susan Armstrong, Executive Director of Connemara Conservancy. "Many want to preserve their family heritage while also supporting conservation values of open space, wildlife habitat corridors, outdoor education opportunities, or natural controls for water filtration, flood control, and carbon dioxide sinks."

In many cases, a landowner grants a conservation easement to Connemara Conservancy. This easement is placed on the land in perpetuity – kept in place as the land passes from owner to owner. Each easement is unique and the conservancy is responsible for the monitoring and stewardship of that easement across generations.

"Holding these easements in perpetuity demands that we are a viable entity for years to come," explained Gailon Brehm, President of the Connemara Conservancy Board of Trustees. "This

donation from land/water/sky will help to ensure the continuation of our organization and our ability to help more landowners throughout north Texas.”

“Conservation is a complex issue that demands a combination of voices and approaches,” added Armstrong. “With open space increasingly being replaced by urban expansion and suburban sprawl, Connemara Conservancy and land/water/sky provide a conduit for private landowners seeking alternatives.”

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About Connemara Conservancy

Connemara Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to preserving and protecting open space and the remaining natural beauty in north central Texas for both present and future generations. Founded in 1981, with an initial gift of 72 acres by Frances Williams on the border of Allen and Plano, Connemara Conservancy now preserves over 1,200 acres through a combination of conservation tools including conservation easements and conservation development partnerships. Connemara Conservancy is the only registered land trust preserving land in North Central Texas. Contact Connemara Conservancy via the web, www.connemaraconservancy.org, or by telephone, 214-341-0990.

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