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### **Noteworthy Lake Property Protected Through Conservation Easement With Tall Pines Conservancy**

Nashotah, WI - Tall Pines Conservancy is pleased to announce that Elisabeth Eschweiler Lavery donated a conservation easement on an environmentally significant lake property in the village of Chenequa. It not only adjoins a parcel placed in a conservation easement with Tall Pines Conservancy by the Eschweiler family in 2004, but also offers breathtaking views spanning from Holy Hill to Delafield as well as habitat diversity ranging from swampy wetland to dry upland open oak woodland.

The three-acre property, a unique isthmus between North and Cornell lakes, has been in the owner's family since 1904. Noted American architect Alexander C. Eschweiler established the picturesque property as his summer home at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; he later played a pivotal role in the incorporation of the village of Chenequa. Ms. Lavery is the fourth-generation of the Eschweiler family to own the property.

According to Susan Buchanan, Executive Director of Tall Pines Conservancy, "Ms. Lavery has conducted extensive restoration of the property during the past 15 years. This includes the ongoing removal of buckthorn, controlled burning of the understory, grazing the property with goats, and planting native plants. The result has been the cultivation of a healthy oak ecosystem and vibrant bird life, with Cerulean warblers, Northern flickers, Black-billed Cuckoos and Hooded warblers all present on the site. Her commitment to erosion control on the property also supports local water quality initiatives being undertaken by Tall Pines Conservancy, the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program and Lake Country Clean Waters," she concluded.

Founded in 1999, Tall Pines Conservancy is a 501c3 nationally accredited Land Trust working to preserve our rural heritage by protecting remaining farmland, water resources, natural areas and open spaces adjacent to and impacting Northwestern Waukesha County. Tall Pines has preserved approximately 1500 acres of land by conservation easements and fee acquisition.

Visit [www.tallpinesconservancy.org](http://www.tallpinesconservancy.org) for more information or contact Susan Buchanan at 262-369-0500. Photos courtesy of Elisabeth Eschweiler Lavery.

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