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Tall Pines Conservancy Announces Permanent Protection Of Lake Five Property

Nashotah, WI - Tall Pines Conservancy (TPC) is pleased to announce the permanent protection of approximately 82-acres situated on the northern shore of Lake Five, located in the town of Richfield in Washington County. This conservation easement was generously donated by the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Once the summer home of the Pfister-Vogel family, in 1959 this secluded lakeside property was donated to and continues to be carefully stewarded by the Midwest Jesuits. The main house and a series of cottages and other historical structures serve as a spiritual retreat center for the Jesuit community. Due to its ongoing care, the surrounding land remains an extremely valuable, high-quality ecosystem, and serves as an important buffer to protect the water quality and wildlife habitat associated with Lake Five.

According to James Erler, Provincial Assistant for Justice, Ecology, and Reconciliation of the USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus, "The Midwest Province of the Jesuits has decided to permanently protect the Lake Five property in keeping with our desire to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We hope to honor the call of the late Pope Francis who encouraged us to Care for God's Creation, and his successor Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo has said, "Care for creation is truly a vocation for every human being. We are creatures among creatures, entrusted with the responsibility to care for all that the Creator has made." In that spirit, we hope to lift up the property at Lake Five and let it remind us of the harmony meant for in God's plan," he concluded.

About Tall Pines Conservancy

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 3500 acres of land by conservation easements and fee acquisition.

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