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**Ernest Carle Elected to Downeast Lakes Land Trust Board**

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust today announced the election of Ernest Carle to its Board of Directors.

Ernest is a resident of Princeton whose family has been in the area for 7 generations. He received a degree in Forest Engineering from the University of Maine, and is currently a Procurement Forester for Domtar in Woodland. He has experience with many aspects of forestry, from timber marking and road layout to sustainable forestry certification, and is directly familiar with the land trust's Farm Cove Community Forest.

"We are very pleased to welcome Ernest Carle as a member of the Board of Directors," noted Lindsay Wheaton, Board President. "His formidable experience and knowledge of the timber industry as well as his strong ties to the community will be a tremendous asset to the Land Trust."

Over the last year, Ernest has directly contributed to the work of the land trust by planting chestnut seedlings with students at Princeton elementary school and bringing a youth group to hike the trust's new Little Mayberry Cove Trail in Grand Lake Stream.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust's mission is to contribute to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through the conservation and exemplary management of its forests and waters. The trust was incorporated in 2001 and acquired the 27,000-acre Farm Cove Community Forest west of Grand Lake Stream in 2005. The trust also helped protect 312,000 acres with a working-forest conservation easement held by the New England Forestry Foundation.

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