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Wildlands Conservancy Announces Amanda Stein as New Director of Land

Conservation and Planning

Emmaus, Pa. (July 16, 2008) - Wildlands Conservancy announces Amanda Stein as the new director of land conservation and planning. Stein joined the Conservancy's team with an extensive background in the environmental conservation field. Stein has previously worked at New York State (NYS) Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; the Department of Environmental Conservation as a Hudson River Estuary Biodiversity Outreach Coordinator; and Parks and Recreation Activity Specialist at the New York State Office of Parks.

“We are very fortunate to have Mandi as part of our management team and look forward to the land conservation and planning department growing to new levels,” says Scott J. Cope, chief program officer. “In her relatively short tenure with us she continues

to work strategically, demonstrate her passion for conservation, and easily recognizes the critical issues we face on a daily basis and offers keen responses.”

In her new role, Stein will manage the land conservation program by working collaboratively with local organizations, landowners, corporations, donors, and government agencies to generate interest in securing public and private support for conservation priorities. She will develop and implement conservation strategies to raise legal interest in land protection and be responsible for obtaining funding through grants and contracts.

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About Wildlands Conservancy

Wildlands Conservancy is dedicated to saving the natural treasures of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley for current residents and future generations. Its mission is to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the land, water, ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley. Established in 1973, the Conservancy collaborates with partners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to achieve its goals. As a non-profit, member-supported organization, the Conservancy has protected more than 46,000 acres of critical farmland and wildlands in 18 counties of eastern Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit www.wildlandspa.org.

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