

Friends of Eagle Island, Inc.

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It's Official! Friends of Eagle Island is incorporated and tax-exempt!

Since our last publication the steering and advisory committees have been working diligently to become incorporated and tax-exempt. On March 15th, 2011 Friends of Eagle Island was incorporated in the State of New York as a not-for-profit corporation and on May 24th, 2011 the IRS sent us our letter of designation as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. This designation paves the way for FEI to fulfill its mission of acquiring Eagle Island for the benefit of future generations. On April 2nd at the FEI founding meeting, Officers and Board Members were introduced and an appeal for nominations for additional board members was launched. The board has since been expanded by two additional members, Pat Marsh, resident of Upper Saranac Lake and Kathy Gilroy of Hillsborough, NJ. FEI warmly welcomes both Pat and Kathy as valuable additions to board. Additional Board Members will be solicited in the future as our organization grows. Full bios of all board members and officers will soon be available on our website.

Officers and Board of Directors:

Dorcas R. Hardy, *President*

Mimi Harrington, *Vice President*

Paula Michelsen McGovern, *Treasurer*

Lauren Parmington, *Secretary*

Carole Mackenzie, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kathy Gilroy, *Board Member*

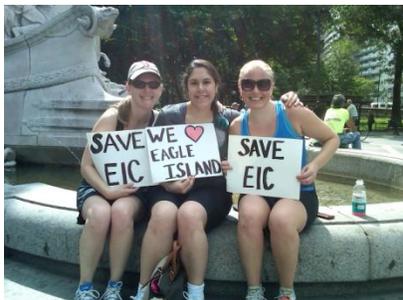
Pat Marsh, *Board Member*

Chris Wubbolding, *Board Member*

Advisory Committee members: Chris Hildebrand, *Communications Coordinator*; Pat Ausman, Carol Bradoff, Stef Goodsell, Mary Hesselgrave, Beth Rubin, General Counsel Rowain Kalichstein, Esq.

Further news from the Board

Our Board is continuing to develop alliances and partnerships with the Saranac Lake Community and GSHNJ. On July 9th, some Board and Advisory Committees members will attend the Upper Saranac Lake Association annual meeting at the Tupper Lake Wild Center. While there have been brief communications between FEI and GSHNJ, we await more definitive information regarding the sale of the property. We recognize that Eagle Island is a unique property and coupled with difficult market conditions the acquisition process could take some time. The Board wants to thank all our volunteers, the advisory committees and "hikers" who have lent their undying support and effort for the future of Eagle Island.



Friends of Eagle Island Take a Hike for EIC

Friends of Camp Eagle Island around the world took to the trails in June to "Take a Hike" and raise money toward the purchase and reopening of Eagle Island. There were urban hikes in Boston and New York City, while hikers in the Shawangunk Mountains saw a waterfall and got close enough to some dozing rattlesnakes to take photographs. New Jersey, home to many former campers and friends, had the largest hikes: 46 people trekked through South Mountain Reservation in Millburn, 18

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friends walked the Boardwalk in Asbury Park, and 35 people, including many potential future campers, hiked Voorhees State Park in Hunterdon County.

Eagle Island alums and friends, scattered far and wide, also hiked in Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles, Nashville, Florida, and even Brisbane, Australia. In all, over 125 Friends of Eagle Island took part in hikes, and many who were unable to hike donated to support hikers. As of June 23rd, the hikes had raised \$23,511.13 and donations are still arriving daily. To donate, go to <http://friendsofeagleisland.org>, scroll down and look on the left for "Take a Hike for FEI."



These hikes were the first fundraising event sponsored by the Friends of Eagle Island, and we're off to a great start. Thanks to everyone who helped!



Supporters reach 265 – Friends reach 920

Our base of supporters and friends is growing as the word gets out about our cause. Now with our tax-exempt status we are encouraging those friends, new and old, to consider becoming an annual contributor. You can help by making a contribution either online at www.friendsofeagleisland.org or by mail: P.O. Box 245, Livingston, NJ 07039.

***"You can't control the wind-- you can only adjust your sails"
...Well, we have adjusted ours...please help by joining today!***