



## The Lodge at Woodloch Adds New Land Dedicated to Education and Nature Preservation

The Sanctuary: a nature preserve will add trails, wildlife vistas and new opportunities for learning



**For Immediate Release:** August 8, 2017, HAWLEY, PA- The Lodge at Woodloch already had 400+ acres of quiet woodlands surrounding the 58 room destination spa but that wasn't quite enough. Earlier in the year, The Lodge at Woodloch had the opportunity to purchase an additional 100+ acres adjacent to the building, just to the west. The opportunity was rare because it was part of a land trust in the Delaware Highlands Conservancy which is dedicated to conserving the natural heritage and quality of life in the Upper Delaware River region.. The land had also been previously occupied by one of the area's founding families, the Rosemergy Family. The new property, named **The Sanctuary**, a land preserve at The Lodge at Woodloch is dedicated to education and nurturing nature. It will provide a canvas for the Outdoor Adventure Team to educate guests and staff about the area's unique ecosystem and wildlife. There is even a bald eagle couple that nests on the land and provides majestic surveillance of the area. There are just four existing structures on the land, which were part of the old homestead of the original founders. Eventually, those structures may be rebuilt, but for now, they will remain a silent dedication to the original settlers.

According to the Delaware Highlands Conservancy website, "Our natural heritage is as much the farm and forest products that support our local economies, as it is our pristine waters and healthy woodlands. Protecting and sustaining our natural heritage now and for future generations is the responsibility of all the citizens of our region."

As part of the land trust, The Sanctuary will serve as a great way to further educate guests and the local community about the nature and wildlife that surrounds The Lodge at Woodloch. The new property (and parts of the existing property) already have some new favorite features. Early this spring, mallard nesting boxes, bat boxes and bird houses were placed throughout the property to help create a safe haven for the many (increasing) bird species and bat friends in the area.

A new trail system has been established to add another 2 miles of nature trails to The Lodge's already existing trails. There is a beautiful stream, swamp and bog area with unique flora and fauna not found in other areas of the resort's property.

In addition to the new land, during the 2018 year, The Lodge at Woodloch will be building a new Outdoor Adventure Classroom to provide a dedicated area where classes can be held while being able to be close to the action or topic at matter. "The new classroom will provide weather protection for many classes that could extend throughout the seasons but we haven't had the physical space to make them year round," states Joshua Heath, Outdoor Adventure Manager.

**About The Lodge at Woodloch:**

The Lodge at Woodloch is one of the finest all-inclusive luxury destination spa resorts in the U.S., offering complete spa programs, treatments, outdoor adventure activities, golf, classes and packages in a pristine mountain retreat environment. Located on over 500+ wooded acres with a private lake in the Lake Region of Northeast Pennsylvania, The Lodge provides an oasis for personal awakening and renewal just 2 ½ hours outside of New York City. The award-winning property features 58 luxury accommodations, a 40,000-square-foot spa, gourmet restaurant and more. Additional information and reservations are available toll-free at 1-800-WOODLOCH or visit [TheLodgeatWoodloch.com](http://TheLodgeatWoodloch.com), [Facebook.com/LodgeAtWoodloch](https://www.facebook.com/LodgeAtWoodloch), Twitter ([@LodgeatWoodloch](https://twitter.com/LodgeatWoodloch)) and Pinterest ([@LodgeatWoodloch](https://www.pinterest.com/LodgeatWoodloch)).

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