



PRESS RELEASE

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Glenn Reisweber has announced his intention to retire as the Executive Director of Lime Hollow Nature Center in the Fall of 2021. Mr. Reisweber joined Lime Hollow as Executive Director in November 2006 after a distinguished career in the US Army.

Under Mr. Reisweber's stewardship, Lime Hollow has experienced unprecedented growth. Lime Hollow now manages almost 600 acres of woodlands, wetlands and grasslands. The trail network has grown from 8 miles to 13 miles (and counting) and now includes 4 miles of cross-country ski trails.

The number of annual visitors has tripled to 36,000 and the summer campership program has grown four-fold to more than 1,400 per summer. During the last 15 years, Lime Hollow has become a regional destination for young and old alike to connect with nature.

Mr. Reisweber has overseen many notable accomplishments during his nearly 15-year tenure. The Lime Hollow Visitor Center located on McLean Road was completed in 2007. As Glenn likes to say, "The previous Executive Director Charlie Yapple had pitched a hard 8 innings, I just came in and closed the game."

In 2015, Lime Hollow completed construction of the \$1 million Camp Gustafson Education Center which included construction of the net zero energy education building. The Education Center is a focal point of Lime Hollow's environmental education program and has been home to the OCM BOCES New Visions Environmental Science Program and the Lime Hollow Forest Pre-School.

The Lime Hollow Forest Pre-School Program became the first fully licensed forest pre-school in New York State in 2017. This is a testament to the tenacity of the Lime Hollow staff and Mr. Reisweber.

Lime Hollow has also added to the economy of the area. The number of full-time staff has increased from 3.5 to 8 and the number of seasonal staff has grown from 8 to 37. Lime Hollow has also become a go-to destination for youth and civic groups looking to participate in community service projects such as tree planting, invasive species removal, trail maintenance and bridge building.

Glenn will be sorely missed, but as he would say, now is not the time to stop, we must continue to advance. To this end, the Lime Hollow Board of Directors has formed a search committee and has begun the mission to find the next executive director to keep moving Lime Hollow forward.

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