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FRIENDS OF CONNETQUOT, INC. RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING

Oakdale, NY—Robert Labuski, president of the Friends of Connetquot is pleased to announce the receipt of a GET READY grant to help the organization begin its strategic planning process. The grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency, will enable the Friends to work with consultant Jacqueline F. Day, who will meet with the board to provide an overview of the planning process and to introduce the importance of planning in helping the Friends meet their mission of preservation, conservation, and continuation for future generations of the Connetquot River State Park Preserve.

The GET READY grants are one of a series of grants offered to museums, historical societies, and historical and educational organizations, such as the Friends of Connetquot, to help them strengthen and develop their institutions and work with their communities. These grants, administered by the Upstate History Alliance (UHA) are designated to make it easy for organizations to access professional help and improve their institutions. To learn more about these grant programs, eligibility requirements and deadlines, visit UHA's web site at www.upstatehistory.org or contact the Upstate History Alliance, by e-mail at info@upstatehistory.org and by phone at 1-800-895-1648.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve is located in Oakdale, New York and maintains 3,473 acres of land and water for the protection and propagation of game birds, fish and animals. The grounds of the preserve include a complex of historic structures, dating back to the 19th century and beyond, that once housed Snedecor's Tavern and the Southside Sportsmen's Club. There is also a grist mill that is presently undergoing restoration. The preserve operates year round. For more information call 631-581-1005.