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Executive director named

Lake Hopatcong Foundation welcomes Kyle Richter as new executive director

Lake Hopatcong, N.J. (April 9, 2021)—The Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) has hired Kyle Richter as its new executive director. He replaces founding Executive Director Jessica Murphy, who stepped down last fall. The LHF made its selection after an extensive regional search led by a team of board members.

"We could not be more thrilled with Kyle joining the LHF as our new executive director," said LHF Board Chair Marty Kane. "I have had the occasion to work with him over the years at the Musconetcong Watershed Association and I have always been extremely impressed with his focus, drive, and intelligence."

Kyle has a decade of experience in the field of environmental conservation. Immediately prior to joining the LHF, he served as the watershed programs manager for the Musconetcong Watershed Association for seven years, where he led its education and outreach programs, while managing restoration projects throughout the watershed.

"I'm excited to be joining the Lake Hopatcong Foundation team as the next executive director," said Richter. "Having spent my career working close to Lake Hopatcong, I've had the privilege of watching the LHF grow, almost from the beginning.

"I've been amazed by the work the Foundation team has been able to accomplish in such a short amount of time, from launching its floating classroom, to renovating the Lake Hopatcong train station to become the Environmental and Cultural Center, to leading the charge in helping to tackle serious issues impacting the lake."

Originally from Naples, Fla., Richter came to New Jersey to study at Rutgers University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marine science. He also holds a professional certificate in watershed management from Michigan State University.

Maybe most importantly," said Kane, "he has a very winning personality, which I think will help him fit in perfectly with the Lake Hopatcong community."

Richter will be introduced online at the LHF's annual meeting, a Zoom presentation scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 7-8 p.m. All are welcome to join the meeting, but registration is required by visiting lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

"Lake Hopatcong is a special place to many people," said Richter, "and I'm honored to help lead the Foundation in protecting the lake and supporting the community so it remains a special place for generations to come."

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey's largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

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