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MLTC NEWS

1) Southeastern Massachusetts Land Trust Convocation - February 3

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 8:15am - 12:30pm

Upper Cape Technical High School, 220 Sandwich Road, Bourne, MA

Spend your Saturday morning at this annual event co-sponsored by The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Buzzards Bay Coalition, and the Mass Land Trust Coalition. You will have a choice of two workshops in the morning, and two in the afternoon. The Plenary Speaker will be Rand Wentworth, Louis Bacon Senior Fellow in Environmental Leadership, an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy and a member of the faculty for the Senior Executive Fellows at the Harvard Kennedy School, and former president of the Land Trust Alliance. RSVP to mark@thecompact.net. For more information, click [here](#).

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2) MLTC Leadership Workshop - February 7

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 3:00pm - 6:30pm

Fidelity Bank Community Room, 9 Leominster Connector, Leominster, MA

Save the date for the next MLTC workshop for Board Members and Executive Directors out in Leominster, MA. Discussions include challenges facing land trusts and solutions, and opportunities to strengthen connections. RSVP to Kara

at kcampbell@massland.org. Click [here](#) for more information.

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3) MLTC Annual Meeting - February 23

Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:00am - 1:00pm

MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, Room 108, Southeast Conference Room, Richard Cronin Building

Mass Land's Annual Meeting will be held out in Westborough on February 23. Join us for this gathering including valuable discussions and networking. Stay tuned for an agenda. Bring your lunch!

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LOCAL LAND TRUST NEWS

4) Greenbelt Awarded \$1 Million to Permanently Protect Farmland

Greenbelt, Essex County's Land Trust, and five other partner organizations have been awarded \$1,050,000 through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, providing Greenbelt with important seed funding to permanently protect working farms in the Merrimack River valley. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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NEWS

5) Oil & Gas Drilling Hearing Postponed

The US Department of the Interior has postponed this week's public listening session in Boston on their five-year expansion plan for oil and gas drilling, including areas off the New England Coast. Click [here](#) for the hearing schedule. The Massachusetts Congressional Delegation has joined with their New England colleagues to file legislation to permanently ban drilling off the New England Coast. Click [here](#) to read more.

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6) Canadian Hydroelectric for Massachusetts?

Excerpts from The Boston Globe, January 23, 2018 by David Abel

Deep beneath a granite mountain in the vast, snow-covered wilds north of the Saint Lawrence River, a frigid torrent surges through a massive, man-made tunnel, its white water propelling eight powerful turbines that generate electricity for hundreds of thousands of people. Within two years, a significant amount of that power, along with hydroelectricity from other plants in this Canadian province, could be exported to Massachusetts, providing the state with a long-awaited influx of renewable energy. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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EVENTS

7) *Climate, Water, Soil and Hope/Soil Biology's Role in Public Health and Climate Resiliency*

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Cox Reservation Headquarters, Essex County Greenbelt Association, 82 Eastern Avenue, Essex, MA

Join Didi Pershouse of the Soil Carbon Coalition in this participatory workshop to explore the deep relationship between carbon and water in the soil pore and in the atmosphere. Learn the principles of healthy land functions, and how biological work of plants, soil microbes, and other life forms create the water absorbing and water filtering soil infrastructure that our farms and communities depend on. This workshop welcomes farmers, teachers, scientists, climate activists, climate skeptics, land managers, conservationists and any other interested people. This event is co-sponsored by NOFA/Mass and Essex County Greenbelt Association. Cost is \$15 for NOFA and Greenbelt Members, \$20 for Non-members, \$25 for walk-ins. Workshop capacity limited to 40 participants. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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8) *2018 Mass Green Summit*

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Emerson College, Boston, MA

The 2018 Mass Green Summit is coming up! This year's summit will feature expert briefings on passing local laws to reduce plastic bags, polystyrene, bottled water, and pesticides. There will also be a panel on the Fair Share Amendment, which adjusts the tax code to secure more funds for education and transportation. And there will be workshops on effective advocacy through campaign planning, lobbying, and messaging.

If you want to pass a new law to help your community live more sustainably, or if you're saddled with the task of implementing a new local regulation about plastic bags or polystyrene, then please come. Admission is free! (Your donations will be appreciated.) For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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TRAININGS

9) *UMass Keystone Project*

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA

The Keystone Project is an intensive, 3-day, retreat style training at the Harvard Forest which focuses on forest ecology and stewardship, wildlife management, and land

protection. The training consists of both indoor and field sessions, as well as informal time to learn from fellow participants. For more information about Keystone or to download an application please visit www.MassKeystone.net. The application deadline is Monday, March 5, 2018.

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GRANTS

10) 2018 Massachusetts Recreational Trails Program Grant

February 1, 2018 deadline

Apply to receive funds for the construction or maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, land acquisition or easements, trail assessments, and more! This year, DCR anticipates an increase in funding over past years. As such, eligible grant applications for up to \$100,000 in federal-share funding are now being accepted. Visit the Recreational Trails Program [website](#) for updated grant guidelines, application materials, and past awarded projects.

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11) Scott's Miracle-Gro: GRO1000 Grassroots Grants

February 19, 2018 deadline

Scotts Miracle-Gro's GRO1000 Grassroots Grants help foster the development of gardens and green spaces in the United States. Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded to local communities throughout the country to help bring pollinator habitats, edible gardens, and public green spaces to more neighborhoods. The focus is on garden and green space beautification projects that incorporate the involvement and engagement of neighborhood residents and foster a sense of community spirit. The majority of grants are in the amount of \$500; a selection of the highest scoring applicants are awarded \$1,500. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government entities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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12) USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program to Protect Wetlands

March 2, 2018 deadline

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has recently announced the availability of funding to help landowners protect and restore wetlands in Massachusetts. The funding is provided through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), created by the 2014 Farm Bill to protect critical water resources and wildlife habitat, and encourage private owners to maintain land for farming and ranching. Through the voluntary sale of an easement, landowners limit future development to protect these key resources. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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13) Energy & Environmental Affairs FY 18 Conservation Assistance for Small Communities

March 30, 2018 deadline

The grant program provides funding to communities with a population of 6,000 people or fewer for the preparation of real property appraisals, Open Space & Recreation Plans (OSRPs), and other planning efforts. Funding is non-competitive; all eligible applicants will receive contracts on a rolling basis until all available funding is allocated. Funding is available on a first come, first-served basis. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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14) Fish & Wildlife Service Natural Resource Conservation Careers Program

February 15, 2018 deadline

The Natural Resource Conservation Careers Program provides support to develop introductory educational experiences in natural resource careers for young people and veterans. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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15) National Fish & Wildlife Foundation: Resilient Communities

February 15, 2018 deadline

The Resilient Communities program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) with support from Wells Fargo, is dedicated to helping communities prepare for future impacts associated with sea level rise, water quantity and quality, and forest conservation. The program places special emphasis on helping traditionally underserved, low- and moderate-income communities build capacity for resiliency planning and investments in "greener" infrastructure. The pre-proposal deadline is February 15, 2018; invited full proposals must be submitted by May 10, 2018. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) American Hiking Society: National Trails Fund

February 16, 2018 deadline

The National Trails Fund, sponsored by American Hiking Society (AHS), provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations throughout the country working toward establishing, protecting, and maintaining foot trails in America. The Fund's grants, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, help local groups build and protect America's public trails. Grants will be considered for the following: projects that have hikers as the primary constituency; projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in visual and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support. Applying

organizations must be AHS Alliance Members. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) National Park Service Save America's Treasures Program

February 21, 2018 deadline

The Save America's Treasures program provides preservation or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Environmental Protection Agency's President's Environmental Youth Award

March 1, 2018 deadline

The President's Environmental Youth Award honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes, summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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JOBS

19) Assistant Coordinator - Mass Audubon's Shaping Program

Join the [Shaping the Future of Your Community](#) team and help communities plan for sustainable development, climate change resilience, and more. We are looking for a part-time Assistant Coordinator to help conduct workshops and engage citizens at the local and regional levels. The Assistant Coordinator will also work with local officials on community planning and natural resource protection, as well as with Mass Audubon sanctuaries. This position enhances our program's capacity in the Southeast region of Massachusetts, and will be based out of Mass Audubon's Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary in Attleboro. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) Senior Director of Reservation Stewardship - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests seeks an enterprising leader to oversee the management of its 55,000 acres of forest reservations. The successful applicant will have strong credentials in the practice of sustainable forestry, recreation planning and management and field experience in natural resource stewardship. The position requires an undergraduate degree in forestry; a master's degree is desirable. Effective leadership and supervisory skills are essential. The successful candidate will

also have a proven track record in team building to meet organizational goals. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Sanctuary Director, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary - Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon is seeking an experienced, passionate, inspirational leader with a strong background in non-profit management, fundraising, environmental management and environmental education to serve as Sanctuary Director of Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield. The Sanctuary Director encourages innovation and creativity and inspires staff, donors, and volunteers to work together to achieve the sanctuary's strategic goals through its programs and facilities. The Sanctuary Director will lead Mass Audubon's conservation, education, and advocacy efforts at Ipswich River and its satellite properties in surrounding communities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Program Coordinator - Rhode Island Land Trust Council

The Rhode Island Land Trust Council is seeking a Program Coordinator. This part-time position is an exciting opportunity to play a leadership role in Rhode Island's land conservation community. The program coordinator will primarily be responsible for outreach to, and communications with, land trust leaders in Rhode Island to implement programs. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Four Open TerraCorps Half-Term Positions

Springfield, Lowell, Roxbury, Lincoln

February 12, 2018 start date

This winter, TerraCorps is looking for 4 members to serve in full-time, 24-week (900 hour) positions. Interested individuals can apply to serve with Gardening the Community (Springfield) as a Land Stewardship Coordinator, New Entry Sustainable Farming Partnership (Lowell) as a Community Engagement Coordinator, Urban Farming Institute (Roxbury) as a Regional Conservation Coordinator, or The Walden Woods Project (Lincoln) as a Youth Education Coordinator. Members will join the current 2017-2018 TerraCorps team and serve from 2/12/18 - 7/27/18. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin mid-January, and they aim to fill all positions by February 5, 2018. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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