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MLTC NEWS

1) 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

Please join us for this gathering for networking and valuable discussions including legislative priorities and dog management on conservation land. Click [here](#) for a draft agenda.

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2) Mass Land Conservation Conference Registration Now Open

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Worcester Technical High School, Worcester, MA

[Register](#) today for the annual Mass Land Conservation Conference! For more information about the conference including speakers, registration fees, workshop schedule and materials, click [here](#).

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

3) MassWildlife Seeks Comment on Proposed Dog Leash & Waste Disposal Regulations

MassWildlife is proposing leash and waste disposal regulations for dogs on Wildlife Management Areas and is seeking public comment on the proposal. A Public Hearing was held on February 6 before the Fisheries and Wildlife Board in Westborough. The Board is accepting public comment on the proposal through **February 20, 2018**. Comments by e-mail may be sent to Susan.Sacco@state.ma.us, to the attention of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board. Comments by postal mail can be sent to Chairman, Fisheries & Wildlife Board, c/o Director of MassWildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road Westborough MA 01581. Click [here](#) to read the proposed regulation language.

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4) Climate Resilience for Land Protection in Massachusetts Survey

MLTC is in the midst of planning a training to help Massachusetts land trusts incorporate climate resilience into your land protection work. This training is being developed and offered in partnership with the Land Trust Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, and the Open Space Institute. The Land Trust Alliance has created a survey for land trusts in Massachusetts to fill out to help us frame the workshop and get a better understanding of the needs, perceptions, attitudes and work being done by land trusts in response to the changing climate. Please complete by Monday, February 26, 2018. at your earliest convenience. Click [here](#) to start the survey. Thank you!

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5) Application Period Opens for 2018 Excellence in Energy & Environmental Education Awards

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has announced it is now accepting nominations for its annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education until March 30, 2018. EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton will present awards this spring to Massachusetts teachers and students involved in school-

based programs that promote environmental and energy education. Click [here](#) for information.

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NEWS

6) **Green Budget Update: Governor's Budget**

Excerpts from the Environmental League of Massachusetts, January 26, 2018

The Governor released his FY 19 budget on January 24, 2018. It is unfortunate that he broke his commitment to increase environmental funding to 1% of the state budget by the end of his first term. Funding is essentially static with some changes in a few accounts.

The one bright spot is an additional \$2 million for climate change adaptation. This funding will be used to act on science based data, for technical assistance for communities and incentives to adopt best management practices. While it is great that the administration is starting to address this issue, the nuts and bolts of environmental protection continue to suffer from deep budget cuts and staff losses.

The Green Budget Coalition will continue to push legislators to go beyond the Governor's budget. The Lobby Day was successful a few months back, and The Environmental League of Massachusetts has gone back to those who took the time to attend and asked them to once again reach out to their legislators and ask that they choose one of our priority line items as one of their own as the House and Senate develop their budgets. Below is a chart that compares the FY 18 final budget with the Governor's FY 19 proposal.

	FY 18	H. 2 (Governor's FY 2019 Budget)
MDAR	\$23,562,894	\$23,189,401
DCR	\$84,870,919	\$86,005,079
DEP	\$51,799,825	52,947,320
DFG	\$29,521,886	28,397,813
EEA	\$28,844,750	33,472,543
Total Environmental Budget	\$218,600,274	\$224,012,156
Total state budget	\$40.2b	\$41.4b
Percent of budget for environmental agencies	0.54%	0.54%

While there is a slight increase in the environmental budget of about \$5 million, because the entire state budget increased as well, our percentage of the whole remains the same. Stay tuned for updates.

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7) **Over Fifty Local Boards of Health Call on Governor Baker to Require Health Impact Assessments for Gas Pipelines**

Excerpts from The Sierra Club, February 2, 2018 by Emily Norton & Marcia Benes

Fifty-three local Boards of Health across Massachusetts today urged Governor Charlie Baker to require comprehensive health impact assessments for any new gas

infrastructure, to measure the effects on the climate and human health. In a joint letter, the Boards of Health say that fracked gas infrastructure "increases health disparities, worsens public health, and makes poor use of our health care resources by potentially creating public health problems, instead of preventing them." Some boards sent personal letters to the governor, citing specific concerns related to their community. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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EVENTS

8) *"The APR Program - Looking Forward" Listening Sessions*

As the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program celebrates its 40th year, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources is hosting a series of three (3) listening sessions to hear from the public about their ideas for protecting farmland for the future in Massachusetts. Titled "The APR Program- Looking Forward", these sessions are intended to be opportunities for you to recommend ideas and policy considerations for the APR program to meet the evolving needs of farming in Massachusetts and to address the challenges that can result from placing agricultural land under a restriction for posterity. The dates and times are:

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 - 7:00 PM: The Red Barn at Hampshire College, 893 West St., Amherst (snow date, 3/6)

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 - 7:00 PM: Middleborough Public Library, 102 North Main St., Middleborough

Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 - 8:00 PM: MassDEP Office, 8 New Bond St, Worcester between Reed Machinery and Abby Kelly High School (FACILITATED SESSION)

The Amherst and Marlborough sessions will have a presentation followed by a comment period. The Worcester session will have a presentation with small facilitated discussion groups afterwards. Click [here](#) for flyer. Written comments may be [submitted here](#) through March 31, 2018, or emailed to Gerard.Kennedy@state.ma.us. Pre-registration is not required for any session but is recommended for the Worcester meeting by emailing Dorothy.Du@state.ma.us.

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9) *How Forests Will Define The Future of Our Climate*

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Smith College, Northampton, MA

Join Dr. William Moomaw, Professor Emeritus of International Environmental Policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, for a discussion of how our forests can help mitigate global climate change. Dr. Moomaw's presentation, "Forests, the Critical Component for Addressing Long-Term Climate Change" will share his perspective on a crucial part of the climate change solution: protecting and restoring our forests, as well as wetlands and grasslands. He will also share his insights on the drawbacks of using bioenergy as an alternative to fossil fuels. This event is co-sponsored by Kestrel Land Trust and Smith College Center for Environment, Ecological Design & Sustainability (CEEDS). Seating is limited to 100 and registration is required. For more

information and to register, click [here](#).

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10) Spring Plant Sale - Middlesex Conservation District

Friday, April 27, 2018, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:00am-12:00pm

Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA

The Middlesex Conservation District will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Friday 4/27 (3-6pm) and Saturday 4/28 (8am-noon) at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Rd, Westford, MA. All items may be ordered in advance through March 31; to place an order please visit our website at www.middlesexconservation.org or call 978 692 9395 to request a catalog. The sale includes tree/shrub seedlings, perennials, fruits, groundcovers and garden supplies. All sale proceeds benefit our environmental programs, protecting soils and waters in Middlesex County.

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TRAININGS

11) UMass Extension's Invasive Plant Management Certification

In the last several years, there has been growing interest in invasive plants and their management. While turf and landscape professionals might be very proficient in the development of a weed management program for turf and/or landscape, invasive plant management often reveals many new and unique challenges. This 4-day program is intended to help participants meet these challenges when attempting to develop an invasive plant management program as part of their business. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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12) 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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CONFERENCES

13) Mass Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Environmental Conference

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00am - 4:00pm

College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Center, 1 College Street, Worcester, MA

The Annual Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Conference is coming up! For workshop descriptions and registration information, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

14) 2018 Massachusetts Recreational Trails Program Grant

February 15, 2018 deadline

Apply to receive funds for the construction or maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, land acquisition or easements, 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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15) Conservation Innovation Grants - Department of Agriculture

February 26, 2018 deadline

The Conservation Innovation Grants program provides support to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) Environmental Education Grant Program - Environmental Protection Agency

March 15, 2018 deadline

The Environmental Education Grant program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) 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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18) 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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19) 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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JOBS

20) President - Essex County Greenbelt

Essex County Greenbelt seeks a passionate, results-oriented President to lead the organization as it engages in conservation opportunities that are important to the diverse communities and constituencies it serves, and that contribute to the region's extraordinary quality of life. As Greenbelt looks towards its next chapter of leadership, it seeks a President who will embrace the organization's history while strategically and thoughtfully charting a course forward. Greenbelt is ready and eager to embrace its next long-term executive leader. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Event & Outreach Coordinator - Essex County Greenbelt

Greenbelt seeks an enthusiastic professional, with a passion for the outdoors, for the new full-time position of Event & Outreach Coordinator. They will work as an integral member of the Development & Community Engagement Team to organize, support and manage an extensive calendar of year-round weekday, evening and weekend events. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2018. 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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24) Loyal Donor Officer - The Nature Conservancy Massachusetts

The Nature Conservancy (MA) is recruiting for a Loyal Donor Officer to work closely with fundraising staff to secure bequest notifications, steward our most loyal supporters, and uncover major and planned gift potential. Bachelors degree and 5 years experience or equivalent, as well as experience building relationships and managing/tracking prospects and donors. Search for job #46175 on www.nature.org/careers. Posting closes 2/27/18.

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25) Land Steward - The Nature Conservancy Massachusetts

The Nature Conservancy (MA) is recruiting for a Land Steward based on Martha's Vineyard. S/He will implement stewardship for the Conservancy's preserves and conservation restrictions located in Southeastern MA including Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The ideal candidate will have a BA/BS/AS/Technical or vocational degree in

science-related field and 1 year related experience in custodial and ecological land management or equivalent combination of education and experience. Additionally, s/he must have experience recognizing plant/animal species, experience operating equipment and performing strenuous field work (sometimes unsupervised and/or alone). S/He must have a valid drivers license and must live on Martha's Vineyard. Search for job #46199 on www.nature.org/careers. Posting closes 3/3/18.

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26) Senior Associate, Climate Policy & Communications - United States Climate Alliance

The U.S. Climate Alliance is hiring a Senior Associate, Climate Policy and Communications for its team. Applicants are asked to submit a 1-2 page resume and a communications piece of which they were the primary author (e.g. blog, talking points, op-ed, press release, communications strategy). A cover letter is not required. All applications are due no later than February 15, 2018, and can be submitted through the [online system at the UN Foundation](#), which houses the Alliance secretariat.

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27) Climate Policy Intern - United States Climate Alliance

The U.S. Climate Alliance is looking for a Climate Policy Intern. Competitive candidates will be master's degree candidates or graduates, and have demonstrated experience in climate policy, especially at the state-level. Excellent research, analytical and writing skills are essential. Knowledge of social media and web design a plus. Applicants must be able to work from Washington, DC and are expected to be in the office for at least 20 hours per week for a minimum of three months. Ability to work 40 hours a week and for up to 6 months is desired. Applicants are asked to submit a 1-page resume and relevant writing sample to info@usclimatealliance.org. A cover letter is not required. Deadline for applications is February 15th. This internship is unpaid.

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28) Conservation Restriction Stewardship Coordinator - Department of Conservation & Recreation

The Department of Conservation and Recreation seeks qualified applicants for the position of Regional Planner III - Conservation Restriction Stewardship Coordinator within the Bureau of Resource Protection. The CR Stewardship Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of the CR Stewardship Program including overseeing completion of baseline documentation reports, monitoring CRs, landowner outreach, maintaining accurate paper and digital stewardship records, and ensuring sound stewardship procedures and protocols are developed and upheld. The CR Stewardship Coordinator will serve as the Program liaison with other DCR divisions, sister agencies and partner organizations on CR Stewardship issues. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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29) Stream Crossing Specialist - Department of Fish & Game, Division of Ecological Restoration

The Stream Crossing Specialist will promote river health and restoration by leading a state-wide effort to improve habitat continuity, climate resiliency, and public safety at road-stream crossings. Major responsibilities of the position include training and assisting municipal infrastructure managers and other stakeholders with planning, design, permitting, funding, and construction of stream crossings that meet improved design criteria for aquatic/terrestrial organism passage and storm hazard reduction. The position will also serve as DER's technical expert on the design and construction of road-stream crossings. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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30) Seasonal Land Management Crew - Town of Lexington

The Town of Lexington Conservation Department is now accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Land Management Crew. This is a full-time, seasonal position lasting 16 weeks from mid-May through late August. Duties of the job include maintaining conservation trails, mowing conservation meadows, managing invasive species, restoring plant and wildlife habitat, building/repairing boardwalks, supporting volunteer stewardship efforts, and conducting outreach and educational efforts related to conservation land. The job will be open until filled; first consideration given to those who submit their application by March 30th. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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31) Land Conservation Program Administrator - Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon is seeking a Land Conservation Program Administrator. Responsibilities include program administration, land records management, internal and external communications, fundraising and event planning, and conservation legacy agreement portfolio management. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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