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"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value." ~ Theodore Roosevelt, American president and conservationist

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MLTC News

1) MLTC ANNUAL MEMBER/STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - OPEN TO ALL February 24, 2017 - 10:00am - 1:00pm

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

All MLTC Members are invited to attend and participate. These valuable gatherings host a wide range of topics that help promote land protection and stewardship for your land trust. You will not be disappointed. Click here to view the agenda. We hope to see you there!

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2) REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017 MASS LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Register now to receive the early registration discount. Register or get more information on conference workshops <u>here</u>.

We still have a few spaces for **Exhibitors**! Showcase your products and services to more than 500 attendees from all parts of the land conservation community. Spaces will be filled on a **first-come**, **first-served basis**. Find more information <u>here</u>. Please download the form to request exhibitor space <u>here</u>.

Volunteers are the key to our success! We'd love your help as we assemble the conference folders on March 16th, or while we set up tables and attend to all the last-minute details on March 24th. Please click <u>here</u> to let us know how you'd like to help!

Land trusts and sponsors share your successes from 2016! Email slides with a photo and caption to be included in the slide loop shown at the conference plenary session to: masslandconference@gmail.com

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News

3) OVER \$315K AWARDED IN MASSWILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT GRANTS Excerpts from MassWildlife Monthly February 2017

MassWildlife has awarded \$317,243 in grants for wildlife habitat improvement projects in 13 Massachusetts communities totaling 534 acres. These municipal and private conservation efforts are focused on improving habitat for native wildlife and increasing wildlife-related recreational opportunities for people. Click here for the full story.

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Legal/Legislative News

4) \$218 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR ENVIRONMENT IN GOVERNOR'S FY18 BUDGET

Governor Baker recently released his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2018, which begins on July 1. About \$218 million has been allocated for environmental spending, including distributions to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Conservation and Recreation, Environmental Protection, Fish and Game, and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Click here to read the Environmental League of Massachusetts'

analysis.

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Trainings

5) LAND TRUST ALLIANCE 2017 WEBINAR SERIES

The Land Trust Alliance's 2017 Webinar Series is now underway! These informative webinars are excellent resources for land-trust specific training on a variety of subjects. One special webinar of note is being taught on February 15th by master storyteller Andy Goodman. His webinar, Crafting Your Message - Best Storytelling on the Web, will showcase the best storytellers in the public interest community, from which land trust leaders can be inspired to enhance their land trust's storytelling impact and increase community engagement and connection. For more information and to register, click here.

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6) EFFECTIVE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL - MACC FUNDAMENTALS UNIT

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 9:00am - 11:00am Ipswich Town Hall, Room A, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions is offering a new fundamentals unit, Effective Erosion and Sediment Control. This training will offer an overview on soil erosion and best management practices to consider while reviewing permit applications as well as what to use on the ground. To learn more and to register, click here.

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7) STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS FOR WETLANDS PROTECTION - MACC FUNDAMENTALS UNIT

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 12:30pm - 3:00pm Ipswich Town Hall, Room A, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions is offering a new fundamentals unit, Stormwater Requirements for Wetlands Protection. This training will offer an overview on stormwater hydrology and understanding how to apply important Massachusetts Stormwater Standards during review of permit applications. To learn more and to register, click here.

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8) DAM REMOVAL: TECHNICAL ISSUES & CONSIDERATIONS FOR STATE/TRIBAL/FEDERAL REVIEW

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:00pm and February 22, 2017, 12:00pm

The U.S. Army Corps recently issued a <u>new nationwide permit to streamline the review process for low head dam removal</u>. Similarly, a new Environmental Protection Agency <u>FAQs on dam removal</u> was released with very useful information to guide dam

removal permitting conversations and processes. Serena McClain and her colleagues from American Rivers have organized two informational webinars to provide an overview of the issuance of the new Corps nationwide permit (NWP) 53, Removal of Low-Head Dams, including the use of case studies to illustrate select projects where this type of permit may have been applicable one on February 9th @ 3:00 pm est (registration link here); and one on February 22nd at 12:00 pm est.

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Conferences

9) MACC ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE 2017

Saturday, March 4, 2017 College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

Join more than 750 conservation commissioners and agents, environmental officials, consultants, attorneys, students, activists, and others at Annual Environmental Conference 2017. Learn, ask, understand, network, enjoy the day, and bring home information you can use. Connect with people from across New England working to protect wetlands and open space. Be part of the conservation community at the largest annual environmental conference in New England! To learn more and to register, click here.

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10) LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Northeastern University's Curry Student Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Join the Mass Climate Action Network and the Toxics Action Center at the 2017 Local Environmental Action Conference at Northeastern University. This conference will feature workshops on sustainable energy, waste reduction, environmental justice, pipelines in New England, and other topics. To learn more and to register, click https://example.com/herence/new/mass-en/

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11) MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SOCIETY 2017 CONFERENCE March 8, 2017

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

On March 8, the Massachusetts Environmental Education Society (MEES) will hold its 2017 Annual Conference, Looking to the Past to Inform Our Future, in Worcester. The MEES Conference brings together environmental educators from all regions of Massachusetts and from a variety of industries including K-12 schools, nature centers, urban environmental programs, museums, and more. For more information and to register, click <a href="https://example.com/here-nevironmental-neviron

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12) NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGISTS 2017 CONFERENCE March 14-16, 2017

Hilton Hartford Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut

Join the New England Association of Environmental Biologists (NEAEB) at its 41st annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. NEAEB 2017 is a three-day conference that provides a forum for presenting current work and research on pressing environmental issues relevant to the region. This year's conference will feature excellent concurrent sessions, plenary speaker(s), an interactive poster session covering a variety of topics: water quality standards, restoration, wetland and lakeshore assessment, migratory fish, citizen science, stormwater, temperature, innovative methods, long-term monitoring, macroinvertebrates and toxics, climate change and lakes, conservation planning tools, effects of lake drawdown, and classification of lakes, ponds, and vernal pools. Professionals and all students, undergraduate and graduate, are heartily welcomed to attend. For more information and to register, click here.

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13) 2017 MASSACHUSETTS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES & CAMPUSES CONFERENCE March 17, 2017

Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts

On March 17, Massachusetts Sustainable Communities and Campuses, Salem Sound Coastwatch, and Endicott College will present the 2017 Massachusetts Sustainable Communities and Campuses Conference, Sustainability by Land & Sea, at Endicott College in Beverly. The conference will feature sessions on best practices, current trends, and resources for sustainable practices in the Commonwealth's communities and campuses. For more information and to register, click here.

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14) 2017 NATIONAL WATERSHED & STORMWATER CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 In person or online

Join the Center for Watershed Pollution on April 4th for a unique conference, uniting inperson discussion with online participation while concurrently addressing local and national watershed issues and tools. The major conference focus is on emerging trends to protect and restore watersheds and manage stormwater. Learn about case studies, special regional considerations, and recent research from experts around the country highlighting effective tools and innovations! To learn more and to register, click here.

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15) BIRDING THE NORTH SHORE OF MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 6:30am

Join Athol Bird and Nature Club Director Ernie LeBlanc on a trip to coastal Massachusetts for the wintering birds of Cape Ann, including gulls, alcids, and sea ducks. Meet at 6:15 a.m. at MREC 100 Main Street Athol, please call ahead to let us know you are attending. Bring snacks and EXTREME cold weather clothing! Info: Ernie 978-249-

4064 or lebroyal@aol.com

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16) FORGOTTEN FARMS - FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00pm - 9:00pm Cabot Theater, 286 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA

<u>Forgotten Farms</u> is a regional film that takes an in-depth look at some of the cultural divisions an class rifts developing in our farm and food communities. Join Greenbelt and members of the Essex County farming community for this special screening, followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers and members of the Herrick family, local dairy farmers who are featured in the film. Ticket prices are \$11.75 for adults or \$9.75 for students/seniors/children and can be purchased <u>here</u>.

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17) MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday, April 21, 2017, 3:00pm - 6:00pm Saturday, April 22, 8:00am - 12:00pm 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Road, Westford, MA

Come by the Middlesex Conservation District Spring Plant Sale on Friday 4/21 (3-6pm) and Saturday 4/22 (8am-noon) at the 4H Fairgrounds, 51 S. Chelmsford Rd, Westford, MA. All items may be ordered in advance through March 31 by clicking here or calling 978 692 9395 to request a catalog. The sale features tree/shrub seedlings, fruits, perennials, groundcovers and garden supplies. All sale proceeds benefit the District's conservation programs.

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Grants

18) ECOTECH GRANTS - CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION

March 15, 2017 deadline

The Captain Planet Foundation is dedicated to giving the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live. The Foundation is offering ecoTech Grants to schools and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of encouraging educators and students to explore the role technology can play in designing and implementing solutions to some of our most pressing environmental challenges. ecoTech Grants are specifically offered to engage children in inquiry-based, STEM-related projects that leverage technology and use nature-based design to address environmental problems in local communities. Grants of up to \$2,500 may be used for the purchase of materials and other expenses required to implement the project. For more information and to apply, click <a href="https://example.com/herealted-projects-herealte

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19) COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANTS - NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

March 15, 2017 deadline

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking proposals for the 2017 Coastal Resilience Grants. NOAA will award an estimated \$15 million to fund projects that will advance healthy and sustainable coastal ecosystems through habitat restoration, as well as support approaches to build resilience of coastal regions, communities, and the economy by developing plans and implementing actions to mitigate the negative impacts of extreme weather and climate-related hazards. Typical award amounts will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million for projects lasting up to three years. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, private (for profit) entities and local, state, and tribal governments. To learn more and to apply, click here.

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20) REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Pre-proposals due April 21, 2017

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites potential conservation partners, including private industry, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, and universities to submit project applications for federal funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Through this fourth RCPP Announcement for Program Funding (APF), NRCS will award up to \$252 million dollars to locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. Applicants must match or exceed the federal award with private or local funds. For more information and to apply, click here.

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Jobs

21) CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR - TOWN OF ARLINGTON

The Town of Arlington is seeking the services of a Conservation professional to work on a per diem basis with a maximum of 20 hours per week for the remainder of this fiscal year. The Temporary Conservation Administrator assists the Arlington Conservation Commission primarily in its administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Arlington Bylaw for Wetlands Protection and, secondarily, management of property under Conservation Commission management or control. For more information and to apply, click here.

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22) SEASONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION APPRENTICE - IPSWICH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is seeking an Environmental Education Apprentice. This individual will plan and direct educational canoe outings for youth groups on the Ipswich River while working with staff and volunteers on a variety of project during

the summer of 2017. The Apprentice will invite existing youth groups to canoe from the organization's Riverbend headquarters in Ipswich MA and provide educational programs during the outing. There will also be opportunities to provide environmental education programs at offsite locations. The position will last for 12 weeks beginning no later than May 30th, 2017. Click here for more information and application instructions.

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23) SEASONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION VOLUNTEER INTERN - IPSWICH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is seeking an Environmental Education Volunteer Intern. This individual will assist an Environmental Education Apprentice with planning and directing educational canoe outings for youth groups on the Ipswich River. There will also be opportunities to work with staff and volunteers on a variety of other project throughout the summer of 2017 based on needs and interests. The position will last 10-12 weeks from late May to August. Click here for more information and application instructions.

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24) STATE DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT MAINE

Environment Maine is hiring a State Director responsible for running their state-based work. The State Director is responsible for helping to determine which issues and campaigns to prioritize in Maine, and developing their strategy, approach, and local message. The State Director will also meet with decision-makers and opinion leaders in Maine, and represent our organization to allies, the media in the state, and when needed, demonstrate grassroots and online support. Finally, the State Director will help recruit staff and volunteers to join, fundraise for programs, and maintain good systems for tracking and building on their work. Candidates must have at least 3-5 years of relevant professional experience. To apply, click here.

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25) APR PROGRAM STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The MA Department of Agricultural Resources seeks qualified applicants for the position of Seasonal Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Stewardship Assistant. The APR Program Stewardship Assistant will report to the APR Program Coordinator and assist APR Stewardship Staff with a variety of duties including management of the APR properties database, tracking incoming Baseline Documentation and Monitoring Reports, records management, approvals and permitting paperwork, mailings to landowners, compilation of materials for contractors, and other support functions as needed. To learn more and to apply, click here.

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26) NORTHEAST REGIONAL ORGANIZING DIRECTOR-IMPACT

Impact is a project of leading advocacy organizations, that creates the action, energy and power it takes to make an impact on important issues. They run field campaigns for groups like Environment America and U.S. PIRG. The Northeast Organizing Director leads a team of organizers based in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. As an organizing director, you will oversee staff, plan campaigns with our partners, raise funds to support Impact, and participate in recruiting and hiring new organizers. During the summer, you'll run a campaign office, building the organization by canvassing and training others to canvass. The Organizing Director can be based in Boston, MA, New York, NY, or New Brunswick, NJ and will report directly to the Denver-based Executive Director. Click here to apply.

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27) MANAGER - DUXBURY BEACH RESERVATION, INC.

Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. seeks a capable, accomplished, self-motivated professional to serve as Manager for this well regarded, unique non-profit corporation owning the 5-mile-long barrier beach property in Duxbury, Massachusetts. This newly established, full-time salaried position will report to the President and the Board of Directors of the organization, and will have responsibility for coordinating and supporting all aspects of the organization, including resource and species conservation, regulatory compliance, regulatory interactions, progressive fundraising development, grant writing, and community relations, programs, and activities; coordinating and supporting all committee activities of the organization; and setting up the initial office of the Manager. For more information and to apply, click here.

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28) TEACHER NATURALISTS - NEW ENGLAND WILD FLOWER SOCIETY

The New England Wild Flower Society is looking for capable, organized, patient, and enthusiastic educators to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the botanical and natural world in school programs at Garden in the Woods focused on plant life, habitats, and weather and climate. Teacher Naturalists will lead school programs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from mid-April to mid-October. For more information and to apply, click here.

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29) MASSLIFT AMERICORPS MEMBERS

MassLIFT is recruiting half-term members for their 2017 AmeriCorps program. Starting in February, 3-6 half-term members will join the program's 33 full-term members. MassLIFT-AmeriCorps members serve in four positions: Land Stewardship Coordinators (LSC), Regional Conservation Coordinators (RCC), Community Engagement Coordinators (CEC), and Youth Education Coordinators (YEC). The members' service activities build regional capacity to protect and steward open space for farms, working forests, trails, wetlands, rivers, parks, community gardens, and other lands of conservation and local importance. Part-time positions start in February and are open for applications now. For more information and to apply, click here.

30) ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER/CONSERVATION AGENT - TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

The Town of Provincetown is seeking an Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent. The Agent/Planner performs technical and administrative support functions for the Conservation Commission, and environmental planning function for the Town. Responsible for ensuring compliance with state and local environmental regulations and Bylaws, management of conservation land, environmental and sustainability planning, grant application and administration. For more information and to apply, click here.

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31) SUMMER INTERNSHIPS - RACHEL CARSON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, WELLS, MAINE

The Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge in Wells, Maine, is seeking applicants for several summer internships. Interns work with refuge staff on resource management operations and outreach. Duties include shorebird nest monitoring, conducting wildlife surveys, invasive plant control and mapping, propagating native plants, fish sampling, developing and delivering outreach programs, and assisting visitors in the refuge contact station. For more information and to apply, click <a href="https://example.com/here-example.c

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32) NORTHERN NH SEASONAL LAND STEWARD - THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy is seeking a Seasonal Land Steward based out of North Conway, New Hampshire. Specific duties will, in varying proportion, include: preserve inspections and follow-up actions, monitoring and maintaining hiking trails (i.e. brushing & drainage structure maintenance), property boundary line maintenance, invasive species monitoring and manual control activities, installation & maintenance of preserve signage, stocking and maintaining kiosks, monitoring conservation easements, and more. To learn more and to apply, click here.

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33) SOUTHERN NH SEASONAL LAND STEWARD - THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy is seeking a Seasonal Land Steward based out of Newmarket, New Hampshire. Specific duties will include preserve inspections and follow-up actions, monitoring and maintaining hiking trails, boundary line maintenance, invasive species control activities, vegetation monitoring, installation & maintenance of preserve signage, stocking and maintaining kiosks and trailheads, and positive engagement with the general public throughout all aspects of work. The Seasonal Land Steward will have opportunities to coordinate, train, & lead volunteers and interns in invasive plant control and monitoring activities. To learn more and to apply, click here.

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Resources

34) DIVISION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION 2016 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

The Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) has released 2016 Annual Impact Report: Restoring Natural Infrastructure, which highlights many DER-supported restoration projects and activities across Massachusetts that benefit local communities and the state's economy. Click here to check it out.

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