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"Capitalism is mythically good at everything, but there are a handful of things it doesn't do well. Capitalism will pollute at will. It will always take the cheap route unless mandated not to. To a capitalist, grandchildren have no value." ~ Jeremy Grantham, British investor, co-founder, and chief investment strategist of Grantham, Mayo, & van Otterloo, a Boston-based asset management firm

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MLTC NEWS

1) Mass Land Conservation Conference - Thank You!

The 28th Annual Mass Land Conservation Conference was a success. Thank you to all those who attended, presented, and volunteered. A special thank you to Keynote Speaker, Rand Wentworth, for an inspiring speech. Our thanks to the Jim Catterton Scholarship Fund and Fields Pond Foundation for providing scholarship funds for 30 students. Conference and workshop materials will be available on our website [here](#).

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2) MLTC's Young Land Professionals Update

MLTC's Young Land Professionals, a group of about 100 land trust and state agency conservation professionals in their first 10 years of their careers, had their first big event the night before the Conference. About 30 young professionals traveled out to the Club House at Cook's Pond in Worcester, where Greater Worcester Land Trust's Colin Novick spoke, offering inspiring advice to the next generation of conservation leaders. The group then gathered at the Residence Inn in Worcester for a networking hour. It was a great success, and the group is planning regional gatherings for the upcoming year. Stay tuned! They will be posted [here](#). Thanks to the planning committee and Colin Novick for making the event happen. Contact Kara at kcampbell@massland.org if you're interested in joining the group!

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3) Act Now to Support the Public Lands Preservation Act!

Please act now to help ensure the protection of Article 97 lands by supporting the Public Lands Protection Act (PLPA). Article 97 lands were protected using taxpayer dollars or donor contributions. This bill will codify in law the state's no net loss policy, which requires replacement land when dispositions occur. The bill ensures that this policy will not be ignored by a future administration as our National Monument boundaries have been rolled back by the administration in Washington. Read more about the bill [here](#).

Please contact your Senator and urge her/him to support the favorable release of the Public Lands Protection Act, S2181, from the Senate Ways & Means Committee. If you reside in Senator Spilka's district (Framingham, Natick, Ashland, Hopkinton) please contact Senator Spilka and urge her to release this bill favorably from her Senate Ways & Means Committee. Find your Massachusetts Senator [here](#).

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

4) Baker-Polito Administration Files Legislation Committing Over \$1.4 Billion to Climate Change, Environmental Protection, and Community Investments

Excerpts from Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, March 15, 2018 by Brendan Moss

Governor Baker has filed legislation to authorize over \$1.4 billion in capital allocations for investments in safeguarding residents, municipalities and businesses from the impacts of climate change, protecting environmental resources, and investing in communities. Announced by Governor Baker from Scituate, An Act Promoting Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental and Natural Resource Protection and Investment in Recreational Assets and Opportunity will enable critical investments at the state and local level and build upon Executive Order 569 to build a more resilient Commonwealth. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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5) Apply to Be a TerraCorps Service Site!

Whether you have been a TerraCorps (or MassLIFT) service site in the past or know nothing at all about the program, consider applying to be a service site for the next program year! The program will run from August 27, 2018 - July 26, 2019. If you are interested in applying to be a TerraCorps service site, click [here](#) for the application and return it to admin@terracorps.org asap. Service site selections will be made on a rolling basis, with a target date of Friday, March 30th. Applications will be considered after that date if there are still unassigned AmeriCorps members available.

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6) Introducing Nature Groupie!

Nature Groupie offers event sharing and registration, training tools for volunteers and stewardship, with a New England wide community. Organizations in Massachusetts are encouraged to start using this network for their stewardship events with volunteers and can have access to the many other resources on the site. Click [here](#) for more information!

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7) Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Accepting Applications for FY 19

June 29, 2018 deadline

The Department is currently accepting applications for the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program for Fiscal Year 2019 (which starts on July 1, 2018). Applications may be submitted to the federal USDA for funding under the Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) Program. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

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STORIES

8) *Decline In Hunters Threatens How U.S. Pays For Conservation*

Excerpts from NPR, March 20, 2018 by Nathan Rott

A new survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows that today, only about 5 percent of Americans, 16 years old and older, actually hunt. That's half of what it was 50 years ago and the decline is expected to accelerate over the next decade. State wildlife agencies and the country's wildlife conservation system are heavily dependent on sportsmen for funding. Money generated from license fees and excise taxes on guns, ammunition and angling equipment provide about 60 percent of the funding for state wildlife agencies, which manage most of the wildlife in the U.S. "Conservationists need to be looking at what is the next step to keep our conservation programs and places strong and healthy," says Mary Jean Huston, director of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin. "Things need to evolve." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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9) *Billionaire Capitalist Speaks the Truth About Climate Change*

Excerpts from eco Rhode Island News, March 8, 2018 by Frank Carini

The talk was titled "Race of Our Lives: Trying to Live Successfully with Climate Change," and it was one of the best presentations about climate change, its impacts, its causes and the solutions this reporter has attended. The speaker, Jeremy Grantham, is a billionaire, has been called a "famed investment manager" and a "legendary investor," and is a self-proclaimed capitalist. He's also a renowned environmentalist and philanthropist. He spoke with passion, honesty and frustration, all sprinkled with a touch of profanity. Despite his affinity for capitalism, the venture capitalist had no problem blaming his favorite economic system for many of the climate-related challenges now facing the world. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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EVENTS

10) *Environmental Bond Bill Hearing - April 3*

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Hearing Room A-1 & A-2 in the State House

The [Environmental Bond Bill \(H.4318\)](#) has successfully been filed! The Administration is committed to a collaborative approach to climate change, environmental stewardship, and deferred maintenance and they are confident this piece of legislation is a way to address all three. The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture has scheduled a hearing on the Bond Bill this upcoming Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 10AM-5PM in hearing room A-1 & A-2 in the State House. Secretary Matthew Beaton will be testifying and is inviting the land trust community to attend and show our support. If you have any questions, call Stolle Singleton at 617-680-6910 or Sarah Healy at 617-626-1115.

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11) Agricultural Preservation Restriction Listening Session - April 4

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

MassDEP Office, 8 New Bond St, Worcester between Reed Machinery and Abby Kelly High School

MA Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux will host the final Listening Session on the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:30pm - 8:00pm at the MassDEP Office, 8 New Bond St, Worcester between Reed Machinery and Abby Kelly High School (rescheduled from March). Pre-registration is not required for any session but is recommended for the Worcester meeting by emailing Dorothy.Du@state.ma.us. This will be the fourth in a series of four (4) 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.

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12) MassWildlife Public Hearing to Extend Archery Deer Season

Rescheduled to April 10, 2018, 7:00pm

MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA

MassWildlife's Public Hearing to Extend the Archery Deer Season has been postponed to April 10, 2018. MassWildlife is proposing to open the archery deer season two weeks early in Wildlife Management Zones 10-14. To read the proposed regulatory language, please click [here](#).

The Fisheries and Wildlife Board will accept written public comment on the proposal at any time prior to the public hearing and for an additional two weeks after the hearing. Written and oral comments are accepted at the public hearing. Comments (both oral and written) must focus on the proposed regulation. Written comments can be mailed to: Chairman, Fisheries and Wildlife Board, c/o MassWildlife Director, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581. Public comments by e-mail may be sent to Susan.Sacco@state.ma.us, Attn: Fisheries & Wildlife Board.

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13) Mass Audubon's Statewide Volunteer Day - April 28

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Shake off the winter blues and reconnect with nature while helping one of Mass Audubon's wildlife sanctuaries spruce up for spring. Find out where you can volunteer and how you can make a big difference in just one morning [here](#).

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GRANTS

14) 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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15) Energy & Environmental Affairs Park & Conservation Grants

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY 2019 [Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities](#) (PARC), [Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity](#) (LAND), and [Conservation Partnership](#) grants. PARC grants help communities acquire parkland, develop new parks, and renovate existing parks. LAND grants provide funds to municipal conservation commissions to purchase conservation land and conservation restrictions. Conservation Partnership grants provide funds to nonprofit organizations for land acquisitions. DCS will hold two workshops for the PARC and LAND grants-on May 16 at 11:00 am in Amherst and on May 17 at 11:00 am in Boston. PARC and LAND grant applications are due by July 12. Conservation Partnership applications are due by July 16. RSVP for one of the LAND grant workshops to emmanuel.owusu@massmail.state.ma.us and for the PARC grant workshops to melissa.cryan@state.ma.us.

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16) Fund for Wild Nature

The Fund for Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. Priority is given to ecological issues that are not receiving sufficient public attention or funding. Grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund does not support proposals from organizations with budgets of over \$250,000 annually. The application deadlines are May 1 and October 1 of each year. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) Aetna Foundation

April 18, 2018 deadline

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality healthcare for everyone. The Foundation's Cultivating Healthy Communities grant program is intended to help local communities in the contiguous United States to become healthier places to live, with emphasis on projects that benefit underserved,

low-income, and minority communities. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes committed to improving the health of their participants by focusing on activities that align with at least one of the following five domains: Healthy Behaviors, Community Safety, Built Environment, Social/Economic Factors, and Environmental Exposures. Applicants can request from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for projects lasting between 18 and 24 months. Organizations with annual operating budgets below \$250,000 are not eligible to apply. The Stage 1 application deadline is April 18, 2018; Stage 2 applications are due June 15, 2018. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) National Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program - Forest Service

April 30, 2018 deadline

The National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program supports forestry projects on non-federal public land that have a national or multi-state impact and application. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Patagonia Corporate Grants Program

April 30 and August 31, 2018 deadlines

The Patagonia Corporate Grants Program provides support to small, grassroots organizations with provocative direct-action agendas that are working on multi-pronged campaigns to protect the environment in the United States. The focus is on activist groups that are dedicated to protecting local habitats throughout the country. The company is most interested in supporting organizations that work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) New England Forests and Rivers Fund, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

April 26, 2018 deadline

The New England Forests and Rivers Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), is dedicated to restoring and sustaining healthy forests and rivers that provide habitat for diverse native bird populations, as well as freshwater and diadromous fish populations, throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Fund will award approximately \$1.5 million in grants, ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 each, during the current cycle. Organizations in five New England states may apply for support. The proposal deadline is April 26, 2018. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Chief of Wildlife Lands - Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game

The Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is accepting resumes and applications for the position of Chief of Wildlife Lands (Environmental Analyst V). The Chief of Wildlife Lands oversees matters relating to the acquisition, ownership, and stewardship of real estate within the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and works closely with the Director of Land Protection for the Department of Fish and Game in implementing bond-funded fee and easement acquisitions for use in fish and wildlife management programs and associated compatible multi-purpose recreation programs. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Connecticut Valley District Supervisor - Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) within the Department of Fish and Game seeks applicants for the Connecticut Valley District Supervisor (Environmental Analyst V). The Connecticut Valley District Fish and Wildlife Supervisor (Environmental Analyst V) plans, analyzes, and supervises fish and wildlife research and management programs within a large/complex geographical division of the state, overseeing the management of fish, wildlife, and endangered species and their habitat. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Central District Supervisor - Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) within the Department of Fish and Game seeks applicants for the Central District Supervisor (Environmental Analyst V). The Central District Fish and Wildlife Supervisor (Environmental Analyst V) plans, analyzes, and supervises fish and wildlife research and management programs within a large/complex geographical division of the state, overseeing the management of fish, wildlife, and endangered species and their habitat. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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24) 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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25) 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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26) Chief Executive Officer - Nantucket Conservation Foundation

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation seeks a Chief Executive Officer. This individual will lead a land conservation organization that works to preserve the natural character of Nantucket Island at a time of increasing stress on the island's natural resources. The CEO is a person who possesses leadership capabilities to engage staff, board and volunteers in advancing a robust and enduring enterprise. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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27) Land Steward Program Coordinator - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests seeks a well-organized, communicative, personable, and self-motivated individual for the position of Land Steward Program Coordinator. The successful candidate will have a four-year college degree in an applicable discipline, experience training and supervising adult volunteers, excellent oral communications skills, and significant outdoor stewardship skills. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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28) 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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29) 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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30) Land Protection & Stewardship Specialist - Bear-Paw Regional Greenways

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways seeks a well-organized, skillful person with a strong interest in environmental conservation and the outdoors for the position of Land Protection and Stewardship Specialist. Ideal candidates will have some relevant education and experience in natural resource conservation, but this is an entry to mid-level position so intellect and the ability to learn on-the-job is critical. An academic degree and/or experience in natural resources is useful but is not a requirement of the position.

The successful applicant will be one of the principal people responsible for completing real estate transactions for the organization. The Specialist will also oversee Bear-Paw's conservation easement monitoring program and assist with outreach and education activities, as needed. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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31) Office Manager - Mass Rivers

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance is seeking a part-time Office Manager. The position is 25 hours/week with a flexible schedule. This important member of their team is responsible for running the day-to-day administrative and financial operations for the organization. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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32) Northeast Program Manager - Land Trust Alliance

The Land Trust Alliance is seeking a Northeast Program Manager. This individual is primarily responsible for developing, managing and delivering Alliance programs and services to build strong land trusts in ME, NH, VT, MA, RI and NY. She/he will be responsible for the delivery and evaluation of a suite of tools and resources to land trusts, such as training and mentoring programs, one-on-one technical coaching and assistance, targeted capacity building or program development grants. She/he will strategically work with consultants to bring a high level of expertise in such areas as strategic planning, fundraising, climate change, community conservation and strategic conservation planning. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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33) New York Program Manager - Land Trust Alliance

The Land Trust Alliance is seeking a New York Program Manager. The Land Trust

Alliance's New York Program is the state land trust association for New York. Within that context this position is responsible for a suite of high impact programs, closely aligned with Land Trust Alliance priorities and goals, that provide direct investments and technical assistance for New York's land trusts, education and training opportunities on current and emerging issues in land conservation as well as high level representation at the state policy level on behalf of the community. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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34) Seasonal Forestry Assistant (Amherst) - Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Department of Conservation and Recreation seeks qualified applicants for the position Seasonal Forestry Assistant. This individual will be coordinating the Department's Community Wood Bank Program. He/She will assist the Utilization and Markets Program with developing and supporting community based heating assistance programs to recycle surplus forest resources into beneficial community services. This position will also assist with the fulfillment of federal grant objectives designed to increase forest landowner's participation in land management operations through education and outreach. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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35) Seasonal Trail Crew - Berkshire Natural Resources Council

Berkshire Natural Resources Council, a private, non-profit land trust based in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, is hiring 2 Trail Crew positions for the 2018 season. The Trail Crew will collaborate frequently with the Stewardship Crew. BNRC has over 50 miles of trail, with more to be built in 2018. Trail Crew members will work with the Land and Trails Coordinator to construct and maintain new and existing trails. The Crew will work alongside contracted youth and professional trail crews; some backcountry camping may be required. The Trail Crew will also assist with a variety of other stewardship tasks as needed. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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36) Stewardship Technician, Part-Time Seasonal, Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a part-time Stewardship Technician for May to October 2018. The Stewardship Technician will assist with property maintenance at SVT reservations and will be responsible for mowing trails and small fields, maintaining trails and signs, and conducting property visits. The Technician will work on invasive plant removal projects alone and with volunteers. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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37) Conservation Easement Stewardship Summer Intern - The Forest Society

The Forest Society seeks a self-motivated Conservation Easement Stewardship Summer Intern. The Stewardship Intern will provide technical and administrative support to six professionals in the Easement Stewardship Department in their ongoing stewardship of our 750 conservation easements and deed restrictions. The Easement Stewardship Intern will assist in monitoring conservation easements and updating records and files, including work on special projects. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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38) Executive Director - Charles River Watershed Association

Charles River Watershed Association is seeking an Executive Director upon the retirement in Summer 2018 of its leader of 28 years. The next CRWA Executive Director will examine the organization's unique strengths in research science, planning, and legal advocacy, and align these assets toward full restoration of the Charles and a collaborative vision for its place within Greater Boston. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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39) Program Director - Land For Good

Land For Good is seeking a dynamic, supremely organized and experienced professional to serve as its Program Director. This is a unique opportunity to work on critical issues facing our farmers, rural communities, and food system: accessing and passing on farms and farmland. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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