



# Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition

## MASSLAND E-NEWS

The Newsletter of the Massachusetts Land Conservation Community

April 27, 2017

Volume 16, Number 30

For more news and information, go to [www.MassLand.org](http://www.MassLand.org)

The MassLand E-news comes out twice per month. Please send items of interest to [Enews@MassLand.org](mailto:Enews@MassLand.org) by Wednesday at noon for that week's issue. When submitting a job posting, please provide a brief job summary with a hyperlink to a full job description. You may reproduce any or all of MassLand E-News free of charge for non-commercial use only, with the appropriate citation to MassLand and/or cited sources.

**Thank you for subscribing to MassLand E-News! If you'd like to support our efforts to inform and connect people in the Massachusetts land conservation community, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Thanks!**

Donate



**"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance." ~ Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States**

### In this issue:

- [1\) MLTC News - MLTC Needs Your Help!](#)
- [2\) MLTC News - MLTC Spring Member/Steering Committee Meeting - May 12](#)
- [3\) Local Land Trust News - Acushnet Quarry Sells 21 Acres to Buzzards Bay Coalition](#)
- [4\) Legal/Legislative News - House Eyes Land Conservation with Larger Pool of Tax Credits](#)
- [5\) Legal/Legislative News - Public Participation in EPA's Regulatory Reform](#)
- [6\) Legal/Legislative News - Baker-Polito Administration Awards New Green Communities](#)
- [7\) Legal/Legislative News - EPA Emerges as Major Target after Trump Solicits Policy Advice from Industry](#)

- 8) [Legal/Legislative News - Massachusetts Shapes National Dam Removal Policy](#)
- 9) [News - Rural Lands Group Selects McGowan as Next Executive Director](#)
- 10) [News - Trash to Treasure: Converting Landfills to Public Green Spaces](#)
- 11) [News - Massachusetts Enforcing its Environmental Rules Less](#)
- 12) [News - Seal Spotted in the Charles River](#)
- 13) [Conferences - 2017 Massachusetts Smart Growth Conference - May 18](#)
- 14) [Events - Mass Audubon's Annual Statewide Volunteer Day - April 29](#)
- 15) [Trainings - Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness \(MVP\) Program](#)
- 16) [Workshops - Greening Your Community Workshops & Tours, Mass Audubon's Shaping the Future Program](#)
- 17) [Grants - Cornell Douglas Foundation - U.S. Environmental Efforts](#)
- 18) [Jobs - Regional Conservation Communication Manager - Wildlands & Woodlands](#)
- 19) [Jobs - Executive Director - Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions](#)
- 20) [Jobs - Land Protection Specialist - Mass Audubon](#)
- 21) [Jobs - Stewardship Coordinator - 300 Committee Land Trust of Falmouth](#)
- 22) [Jobs - Outreach & Education Coordinator - Berkshire Environmental Action Team](#)
- 23) [Jobs - 2017-2018 Position Openings with TerraCorps](#)
- 24) [Jobs - Development & Outreach Coordinator - Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust](#)
- 25) [Jobs - Environmental Assistants - OARS](#)
- 26) [Jobs - Environmental Education Interns - OARS](#)
- 27) [Jobs - Stewardship Assistant Intern - Sudbury Valley Trustees](#)
- 28) [Jobs - Community Engagement Intern - Sudbury Valley Trustees](#)
- 29) [Jobs - Executive Director - Montana Audubon](#)
- 30) [Jobs - Conservation Easement Steward - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests](#)
- 31) [Resources - Massachusetts Energy & Environment Report Card](#)
- 32) [Resources - American Rivers Announces Most Endangered Rivers of 2017](#)
- 33) [Resources - Host a Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively \(TELE\) Workshop](#)
- 34) [Resources - The Economic Benefits of Outdoor Recreation](#)
- 35) [Resources - Last Year's Plenary Speaker, Dr. Sanjayan, on Climate Change](#)

---

## MLTC News

### 1) MLTC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

MLTC **must** raise \$20,000 in the next 5 weeks to qualify for a \$20,000 challenge match. I

personally invite you to view our new [crowdfunding video](#)! It only takes 2 minutes of your time and I honestly believe you will enjoy what you see.

Momentum is building with the launch of this campaign and the donations are coming in - but we need YOU to keep the momentum going.

Join the team! [Enjoy our video](#), give, and SHARE with others! Your support truly makes a difference in the quality of service we provide to YOU. Let your friends know how much you value MLTC; whether it be through this E-news, at the MLCC conference, our workshops, our member meetings; through the list-serve and action alerts; or helping land trusts with thorny issues; we are there to help you protect the land you love.

Kindly take 2 minutes to [view the video](#), SUPPORT US, and pass along the link to others who care.

With appreciation,  
Marylynn

Marylynn Gentry  
Executive Director  
Mass Land Trust Coalition

[Back to top](#)

---

## **2) MLTC SPRING MEMBER/STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - OPEN TO ALL**

May 12, 2017, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Conference Room

73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA

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!

[Back to top](#)

---

## **Local Land Trust News**

### **3) ACUSHNET QUARRY SELLS 21 ACRES TO BUZZARDS BAY COALITION**

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has partnered with the P.J. Keating Co. to permanently protect 21 acres along South Main Street. The property had been owned by the Lunenburg-based company. "Thanks to the generosity of the P.J. Keating Company, Acushnet residents will soon have a new place along the Acushnet River where they can bring their families to explore the outdoors," said Mark Rasmussen, president of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC). Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

---

## **Legal/Legislative News**

#### 4) HOUSE EYES LAND CONSERVATION WITH LARGER POOL OF TAX CREDITS

The Massachusetts House on Monday agreed to a significant expansion of tax credits aimed at spurring land donations to public or private conservation agencies. A Republican-sponsored amendment approved without debate increases the amount of money available through the conservation land tax credit from \$2 million to \$5 million over a three-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2018. The increased credit would sunset on Dec. 31, 2025, according to House Minority Leader Brad Jones. There's a backlog of tax credit applications and more credits will lead to more land protection, according to Jones. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated property, with a maximum credit of \$75,000 for each qualified donation. Between 2011 and 2016, the program provided \$10.7 million in credits associated with the permanent protection of 10,435 acres of donated conservation land valued at \$46.3 million, the minority leader's office said.

"The success of this program illustrates the importance of public and private collaboration to conserving land in the Commonwealth," said Wayne Klockner, director of The Nature Conservancy's Massachusetts Chapter. "The program has leveraged almost \$5 in private investment for every state dollar in credit to keep drinking water clean, provide habitat for wildlife, and support our tourism, agricultural and forestry industries."

Marylynn Gentry, Executive Director of the Mass Land Trust Coalition adds: "Many thanks go to Steve Long of the Nature Conservancy for spearheading this effort. If passed, the changes to the CLTC will be a boon for land trusts and landowners. The increased credit will certainly help to advance the pace of land protection across the Commonwealth."

[Back to top](#)

---

#### 5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN EPA'S REGULATORY REFORM

In accordance with Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," EPA is seeking input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. **Comment period ends May 15, 2017.** You may submit comments in writing, using e-mail, docket, or mail:

**Email:** [Laws-Regs@epa.gov](mailto:Laws-Regs@epa.gov)

**Docket:** <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190>

**Mail:** Office of Policy Regulatory Reform, Mail Code 1803A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20460

Click [here](#) for more information.

[Back to top](#)

---

#### 6) BAKER-POLITO ADMINISTRATION AWARDS NEW GREEN COMMUNITIES

The Baker-Polito Administration awarded Green Communities designation grants totaling \$1,830,735 to the southeastern Massachusetts communities of Brockton, Medfield, Dartmouth, Dover, Marshfield, and New Bedford on April 12, 2017. The awards

will fund clean energy projects. Earlier this year, 30 communities were designated by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) as Green Communities. Now over half of the Commonwealth's municipalities have earned this designation. Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

---

## **7) EPA EMERGES AS MAJOR TARGET AFTER TRUMP SOLICITS POLICY ADVICE FROM INDUSTRY**

*Excerpts from the Washington Post, April 16, 2017 by Juliet Eilperin*

Just days after taking office, President Trump invited American manufacturers to recommend ways the government could cut regulations and make it easier for companies to get their projects approved. Industry leaders responded with scores of suggestions that paint the clearest picture yet of the dramatic steps that Trump officials are likely to take in overhauling federal policies, especially those designed to advance environmental protection and safeguard worker rights.

Those clues are embedded in the 168 comments submitted to the government after Trump signed a presidential memorandum Jan. 24 instructing the Commerce Department to figure out how to ease permitting and trim regulations with the aim of boosting domestic manufacturing. The Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as the primary target in these comments, accounting for nearly half, with the Labor Department in second place as the subject of more than one-fifth, according to a Commerce Department analysis. Click [here](#) to read more.

[Back to top](#)

---

## **8) MASSACHUSETTS SHAPES NATIONAL DAM REMOVAL POLICY**

*Excerpts from Ebb & Flow, Division of Ecological Restoration, Spring 2017*

In March 2016, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) contacted DER to identify and remove road blocks to dam removal at the federal level. The White CEQ's role is to advance presidential environmental priorities through coordination among federal agencies at the leadership level. The plight of communities and dams owners around the country had triggered national attention, and the CEQ wanted to know how it could use its role to make dam removal faster and easier.

Throughout 2016, CEQ staff continued to check back with DER to get feedback on problems, Massachusetts regulatory approaches, and to get specific project examples to use as case studies for federal agency discussion. As a result of input from DER and others, the CEQ advanced a range of initiatives, from blogs to policy clarifications. At least two of these initiatives will have long term benefits for dam removal practitioners and owners of aging dams.

The FAQs are available on the EPA website [here](#) and you can read a brief summary in the Ebb&Flow Resource section [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## 9) RURAL LANDS GROUP SELECTS MCGOWAN AS NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Excerpts from the Berkshire Eagle, April 7, 2017 by Scott Stafford*

Conserving open spaces is nothing new to David McGowan. But soon he'll be taking up that challenge for a new organization: the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation. McGowan has been selected as the next executive director of the group. He will replace Leslie Reed-Evans, who is retiring after her 23-year run operating the land conservancy. Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

## 10) TRASH TO TREASURE: CONVERTING LANDFILLS TO PUBLIC GREEN SPACES

*Excerpts from Blueprint, April 11, 2017 by Adam Bonislawski*

Changing patterns of waste disposal are making many conventional landfills obsolete, and, in turn, municipalities are repurposing these facilities as green spaces, at once removing public eyesores and adding new amenities for their residents. The trend is widespread, with landfill-to-park projects popping up across the United States and Europe, says Charlie McCabe, director of the Center for City Park Excellence, a division of The Trust For Public Land, a nonprofit organization that creates and protects parks and other public spaces. Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

## 11) MASSACHUSETTS ENFORCING ITS ENVIRONMENTAL RULES LESS

*Excerpts from the Boston Globe, March 9, 2017 by David Abel*

Over the past decade, the state Department of Environmental Protection's enforcement of air and water quality rules has fallen off sharply, as the agency's workforce shrunk by nearly a third, according to a Globe review of state records. Enforcement actions for serious violations have dropped by more than half, statistics show, as inspections also declined. Fines collected from violators plummeted during the same period by nearly 75 percent. Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

## 12) SEAL SPOTTED IN THE CHARLES RIVER

*Excerpts from the Boston Globe, April 4, 2017 by Steve Annear*

Employees at the Museum of Science said Tuesday they spotted what they believed to be a seal swimming in the Charles River. The animal was seen enjoying the murky waters around 11:45 a.m. behind the museum, in an area by the Longfellow Bridge, a span that connects Cambridge and Boston. The sighting could mark the return of the same harbor seal - or seals - that snuck through the Charles River Dam locks last year in search of freshwater fish. Click [here](#) for the full story.

[Back to top](#)

**Conferences**

### 13) 2017 MASSACHUSETTS SMART GROWTH CONFERENCE

May 18, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

DCU Center, Worcester, MA

The 2017 Massachusetts Smart Growth Conference will feature more than 10 breakout sessions, a networking lunch, a placemaking hangout, and a Meet the Experts workshop at the end of the day. Morning plenary speakers include Lt. Governor Karyn Polito; Chris Zimmerman, an expert on fiscal impact and the VP of Economic Development for Smart Growth America; and Prof. Julian Agyeman of Tufts University, the author of the books *Just Sustainabilities* and *Shared Cities*.

Current students are eligible for a discounted registration rate of only \$25. Nonprofit/government/community rate is \$50 while Early Bird lasts. Register today before prices go up! For more information and to register, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

## Events

### 14) MASS AUDUBON'S ANNUAL STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER DAY

April 29, 2017

Reserve your space for Mass Audubon's Annual Statewide Volunteer Day on Saturday, April 29! Spend the morning helping one of our wildlife sanctuaries get a jump on spring cleaning while you reconnect with nature. Come alone, bring your family, or invite a group of friends to join you. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Back to top](#)

---

## Trainings

### 15) EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS (MVP) PROGRAM

April 29, 2017

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) will provide support for cities and towns across the state to plan for resiliency. MVP certified providers will be trained in workshops across the state to provide technical assistance to communities in completing the assessment and resiliency plan using the [Community Resilience Building Framework](#). Communities will then be able to choose the provider of their choice from a list of certified providers.

Click [here](#) for the announcement of the training opportunity for any interested individual, organization, consultant, etc., who wants to become a certified MVP provider. The training is a 1-day, free training session that will provide an overview of the CRB process and the new downscaled data from the state. We envision these training sessions to be held during the summer of 2017 in 5-6 locations throughout the state.

[Back to top](#)

---

## Workshops

## **16) GREENING YOUR COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS & TOURS, MASS AUDUBON'S SHAPING THE FUTURE PROGRAM**

These free, interactive workshops will offer a look at how to become a local model for using Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure to manage stormwater. Topics will include cost savings, meeting water quality regulations, and updating bylaws to encourage sustainable development practices. Although these events are free, registration is required. Click [here](#) to see the list of events and to register.

[Back to top](#)

---

## **Grants**

### **17) CORNELL DOUGLAS FOUNDATION - U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS**

The Cornell Douglas Foundation is dedicated to advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources. The Foundation provides grants averaging \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that address one or more of the following areas of interest: environmental health and justice, land conservation, sustainability of resources, mountaintop removal mining, watershed protection, and financial literacy. Introductory letters are reviewed throughout the year. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

## **Jobs**

### **18) REGIONAL CONSERVATION COMMUNICATION MANAGER - WILDLANDS & WOODLANDS**

Wildlands and Woodlands, a New England-wide conservation initiative of the Harvard Forest and Highstead, seeks a talented communication professional with a background in conservation or other environmental field. The Regional Conservation Communication Manager will work as part of a team to develop and implement communication strategies that inform and inspire conservationists, policymakers, foresters, scientists, funders, and public audiences to work together to protect New England's forests and farms and to promote livable cities and towns that are sustained by thriving natural infrastructure. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

### **19) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS**

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) seeks an Executive Director. MACC is a small membership-based non-profit, established in 1961, that protects Massachusetts' wetlands, open space, and biological diversity through

environmental education, advocacy, and support of Massachusetts conservation commissions. The Executive Director is the Chief Executive Officer, reports to the Board of Directors, and is responsible for achievement of MACC's mission and financial objectives; program planning, development and oversight; board and community relations; finances and fundraising; legislative and regulatory advocacy; and staff supervision. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

## **20) LAND PROTECTION SPECIALIST - MASS AUDUBON**

Experienced individual sought to work collaboratively with an inspired team in Mass Audubon's Land Conservation Department to identify, evaluate, and complete compelling land protection projects throughout the Commonwealth. Based at Mass Audubon Headquarters in Lincoln, MA, this position will involve planning, due diligence, and negotiation relative to the acquisition of land and rights in land to respond to climate change, provide opportunities to connect people with nature, and enhance Mass Audubon's 31,000+ acre statewide sanctuary system. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

## **21) STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR - 300 COMMITTEE LAND TRUST OF FALMOUTH**

The 300 Committee Land Trust of Falmouth seeks a full-time Stewardship Coordinator. The Stewardship Coordinator works closely with the Administrator, Director of Program Services, and the Stewardship Committee to fulfill T3C's stewardship and land management objectives. She/he also coordinates with Town officials and a number of other local and some State organizations. Position responsibilities include planning and coordinating stewardship activities such as coordinating volunteers to monitor conservation restrictions and fee-owned properties, as well as some Town-owned properties and managing activities that will improve habitat. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

## **22) OUTREACH & EDUCATION COORDINATOR - BERKSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM**

The Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) is seeking an Outreach and Education Coordinator for 20-25 hrs/week. The job pays \$15/hour. Pay is monthly. Must be absolutely passionate about wildlife and wildlife habitat protection! BEAT has a strong anti-discrimination policy and you must be able to work well with ALL types of people, and ALL types of people are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities include: producing the weekly e-newsletter called The BEAT News, website updates, social media updates, writing and distributing press releases, scheduling monthly Green Drinks guests and publicizing same, set up/break down and attendance at monthly Pittsfield Third Thursdays from May to September as well as tabling at many other events throughout the county.

Must be available to work evenings & weekends several times every month. Must be extremely detail oriented and able to work without supervision. Knowledge of full suite of Microsoft Office products or similar software. Ability to use Google Groups and docs. Some knowledge of HTML a definite plus - will be required to learn some HTML programming. Must be an articulate writer. Please send resume, cover letter, and writing sample of why you care about wildlife habitat protection to Jane Winn, Executive Director, at [jane@thebeatnews.org](mailto:jane@thebeatnews.org)

[Back to top](#)

---

### 23) 2017-2018 POSITION OPENINGS WITH TERRACORPS

TerraCorps, formerly MassLIFT-AmeriCorps, is an innovative national service program helping communities conserve and secure land for the health and well-being of people and nature. This year we are looking for 36 members to serve in full-time, 11 month positions. Members will carry out capacity building projects; educate or train individuals; recruit, train, manage, and support community volunteers engaged in land-based activities; and identify new individuals and groups to participate in education, recreation, or service opportunities centered around land access and conservation.

Members serve as: Land Stewardship Coordinator, Regional Conservation Coordinator, Youth Education Coordinator, or Community Engagement Coordinator. These 17,000 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits. The 2017-2018 program will run from 8/28/17 - 7/27/18. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin mid-April, and we aim to fill all positions by the beginning of June.

Application specifics, position descriptions, and information about organizations hosting TerraCorps members can be found [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

### 24) DEVELOPMENT & OUTREACH COORDINATOR - DARTMOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST

The Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) seeks an enthusiastic individual with appropriate experience and excellent communication and organizational skills to coordinate our development and outreach activities. The Development and Outreach Coordinator will work under the direction of the Executive Director on fundraising/development, outreach, and communications in order to increase DNRT's annual revenue and increase community understanding of, and support for, DNRT mission and activities. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

---

### 25) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANTS - OARS

OARS seeks two assistants to work to remove emerging populations of invasive water chestnut on sections of the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers. This is a key intervention to prevent the spread of this plant in our watershed. The assistants will be

trained to locate, remove and dispose of the plants, and will work primarily on the water from a canoe. This is a part-time paid position. Up to 150 hours, June 19 - August 4. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## **26) ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERNS - OARS**

Two interns will assist in teaching river education workshops in Westborough, Marlborough, and Framingham. High school and college students interested in environmental education should apply. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated love for the outdoors and environment, teaching, and working with children. This is a part-time paid position, 12 hrs/wk on average, for 8-10 weeks from late June through mid-August. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## **27) STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT INTERN - SUDBURY VALLEY TRUSTEES**

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a Stewardship Assistant Intern for summer 2017. The Stewardship Assistant Intern will assist with stewardship of reservations held by Sudbury Valley Trustees. Primary responsibilities will include locating, marking and monitoring property boundaries and general monitoring of properties. The Stewardship Assistant will assist with other stewardship activities including both office and field work (such as property maintenance and trail mowing,) and working with volunteers on various stewardship tasks. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## **28) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTERN - SUDBURY VALLEY TRUSTEES**

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a Community Engagement Intern. In order to realize their organizational mission, SVT needs to increase its capacity by energizing and mobilizing new organizational and individual partners. The Community Engagement intern will help SVT staff expand community-based outreach projects and increase public support for land conservation. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## **29) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MONTANA AUDUBON**

Montana Audubon seeks an Executive Director. The Executive Director leads the staff of Montana Audubon and is the most high-profile public representative of the organization. The Executive Director has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the strategic directives of the Board are effectively completed. The Executive Director is charged with guiding the overall success of the organization at all levels. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## **30) CONSERVATION EASEMENT STEWARD - SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW**

## HAMPSHIRE FORESTS

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests seeks a self motivated individual for the position of Conservation Easement Steward. This is a full time temporary position (for 1 year) based at the Conservation Center in Concord, NH. The Conservation Easement Steward is responsible for ensuring that the Forest Society fulfills its perpetual stewardship responsibilities for over 700 conservation easements and deed restrictions covering more than 125,000 acres. The Conservation Easement Steward works directly with private owners of protected lands and other Forest Society staff to prepare current conditions reports and baseline supplements for older easements and deed restricted properties and conducts ground monitoring visits. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

## Resources

### 31) MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT REPORT CARD

The Environmental League of Massachusetts, Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Water Action, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Charles River Watershed Association, Environment Massachusetts, and Sierra Club released the state's Energy & Environment Report Card for the second year last week. Click [here](#) to check it out.

[Back to top](#)

### 32) AMERICAN RIVERS ANNOUNCES MOST ENDANGERED RIVERS OF 2017

The America's Most Endangered Rivers® report highlights ten rivers whose fate will be decided in the coming year, and encourages decision-makers to do the right thing for the rivers and the communities they support. Click [here](#) to learn more.

[Back to top](#)

### 33) HOST A TOOLS FOR ENGAGING LANDOWNERS EFFECTIVELY (TELE) WORKSHOP

Are you seeing the results you want from your landowner outreach campaigns? Through intensive 2-day Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively (TELE) workshops, we provide data and practical techniques to help you understand your audience and target your outreach activities to specific types of landowners. This will allow you to speak more meaningfully and persuasively to landowners, increasing the chances that they will initiate stewardship or conservation activities on their land.

You are invited to apply to host a TELE workshop for your organization or partnership. Please download the application [here](#) and click [here](#) for additional host information. Applications are due by Friday, May 19, 2017.

[Back to top](#)

### 34) THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor recreation is among our nation's largest economic sectors, representing the lifeblood of thousands of American communities and providing livelihoods for millions of American workers. Click [here](#) to view the report.

[Back to top](#)

### 35) LAST YEAR'S PLENARY SPEAKER, DR. SANJAYAN, ON CLIMATE CHANGE

What is last year's Mass Land Conservation Conference plenary speaker up to? Conservation scientist and UCLA visiting researcher Dr. Sanjayan is exploring surprising ways to change how we think and act about climate change. Check it out [here](#).

[Back to top](#)

Did you like what you read in today's E-news? HELP US to continue publishing the E-news by taking the initiative and watch our [2-minute video](#). DONATE today toward our \$20,000 challenge grant. We cannot do our work without your support! Thank you!

[Back to top](#)

### Visit the Mass Land Trust Coalition [Website!](#)

MassLand E-News is a service to the Massachusetts land conservation community. To subscribe to MassLand E-News [click here](#). Past issues are available on our [website](#). On the home page, click on "Programs and News," and then on "E-News" for a list of past issues.

Edited by Kathy McGrath and Kara Campbell  
[enews@MassLand.org](mailto:enews@MassLand.org) Tel: 978-443-2233

If you wish to be removed from MassLand E-News, click "SafeUnsubscribe" at the bottom of this page and we will unsubscribe you immediately.

Thank you for subscribing to MassLand E-News. Please forward the E-News to friends and colleagues interested in Massachusetts land conservation issues, and encourage them to subscribe.

