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## MLTC News

### 1) WE ARE 81% FUNDED!

At the end of our 3rd week, **we are 81% funded in our Challenge Match!** The support has been tremendous. Let's keep the momentum going - watch our 2-minute [video](#).

*Thank you to all who have given so far.* Let's keep all the services that we offer to you - the enews, conference, workshops, member meetings, advocacy support, and more, exceptional.

View our 2-minute [video](#), donate, and share! Let's reach the \$20,000!

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## 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!

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## Local Land Trust News

### 3) TWO CONSERVATION GROUPS COLLABORATE TO PROTECT HORSE MEADOWS KNOLL

The Harvard Conservation Trust (HCT) has acquired 45 acres known as Horse Meadows Knoll. Recently, HCT and the Sudbury Valley Trustees announced that the two groups have agreed to work together to preserve the area. The land has a beautiful beech forest, a historic reservoir, and wetlands. It is also home to several endangered species. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## Legal/Legislative News

### 4) CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE TOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Senator Marc Pacheco is convening the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change to hold a series of nine regional public hearings known as the Clean Energy Future Tour - a new, statewide committee initiative on clean energy, climate change and constituent engagement.

In these public hearings, committee members will hear the questions and suggestions of residents regarding clean energy and climate action in a forum-based fashion. This is an opportunity to provide input to policymakers energy, climate change mitigation and adaptation/resiliency.

Two sessions have already occurred, but the remaining scheduling information, including dates, locations and times of the hearings, can be found [here](#).

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### 5) ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 2108, AN ACT

## PROTECTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

On May 2, Gene Benson of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Rob Warren with the Trustees, Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, Ken Pruitt of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and Emily Norton of the Sierra Club presented testimony to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture in support of [House Bill 2108](#), An Act Protecting the Natural Resources of the Commonwealth, or the Public Lands Preservation Act. Click [here](#) to view the fact sheet. MLTC will keep you updated.

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### News

#### 6) DEMAND FOR LOCAL FOOD IS GROWING

*Excerpts from Business Insider, April 25, 2017 by Oran B. Hesterman, PhD. and Daniel Horan*

Americans are increasingly wanting to know where their food comes from, how it was made, and by whom. They're even willing to pay a little more for the confidence that their food purchases help to create jobs and promote local economies; safeguard the environment, protect groundwater and preserve American farmland; and support proper animal treatment. As a result, there's a huge investment and business opportunity sitting right under everyone's noses. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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#### 7) VERMONT SCIENTISTS BOOST BIODIVERSITY BY GUIDING MIDDLE-AGED FORESTS TO MIMIC ANCIENT ONES

*Excerpts from WBUR News, April 26, 2017 by Kathleen Masterson*

In the northeast U.S., there is less than 1 percent of old growth forest left. For a forest to be considered "old growth," it must grow largely undisturbed, usually for several centuries. A new University of Vermont study finds that harvesting trees in a way that mimics old growth forests not only restores critical habitat, but also stores a surprising amount of carbon. UVM forest ecologist Bill Keeton wanted to see if he could take a "middle-aged" New England forest and "nudge" the forest ecosystem into old growth conditions. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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### Events

#### 8) CLIMATE SCIENCE MEETING

May 15-17, 2017

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

From May 15-17, the Northeast Climate Science Center (NE CSC) will hold the 2017 Regional Science Meeting at UMass Amherst. This meeting will gather scientists and partners to reflect on the collaborative work to incorporate climate science in the management of natural and cultural resources in the Northeast and Midwest and determine future directions and needs for this region. Click [here](#) to register.

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### 9) THE ARCTIC MELTDOWN & EXTREME WEATHER WEBINAR

May 17, 2017, 11:00am - 11:30am

Two conspicuous symptoms of global warming are the rapid melting of Arctic ice and increasing frequency of certain types of extreme weather. Heat waves and more intense precipitation have been clearly and directly linked to a warming Earth, but an emerging topic of active research is the possible impacts of an Arctic that is warming at twice the pace of the rise in global temperatures. Dr. Francis will discuss new results and efforts to understand this complicated and controversial aspect of climate change.

Francis' talk is part of Metcalf Institute's [Climate Change the News](#) initiative, created to clarify climate change science and inspire new conversations and additional news coverage of these issues.

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### 10) MYSTIC RIVER HERRING RUN AND PADDLE

May 20, 2017

On May 20, the Mystic River Watershed Association will hold the 21st annual Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle. This event consists of a 5K Run/Walk along the Mystic River Bike Path and a 3-, 9-, or 12-mile Paddling Race up the Mystic River. This is a family-fun event with children's activities, music, and more. Click [here](#) to register.

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### 11) SEA LEVEL RISE & EXTREME PRECIPITATION: PREPARING FOR BOSTON'S UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Saturday, June 11, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Museum of Science, Boston, MA

On June 11, the Boston Museum of Science will host this daylong forum where participants will use visualizations to explore potential vulnerabilities to infrastructure, social networks, and ecosystems from sea level rise and extreme precipitation events. Participants will then discuss potential strategies for addressing these threats, focusing on the priorities and needs of relevant stakeholders. Participants will make recommendations for increasing Boston's community resilience. The event is designed to gather the opinions of a diverse range of people from different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, therefore those interested must [apply to participate](#). Click [here](#) to learn more.

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### 12) ART AND LAND CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

August 3-4, 2017

Colby College, Waterville, Maine

A two-day symposium exploring the critical role of 19th and 20th century visual artists in

the American land conservation movement, and considering how art can inform land conservationists, outdoor enthusiasts, art lovers, and citizen stewards in addressing contemporary pressures on the American landscape. Sponsored by the National Park Service and Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Maine Arts Commission. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

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## Trainings

### 13) LAND TRUST ALLIANCE WEBINARS

The Land Trust Alliance is hosting many webinars this month for your land trust to learn about growth, including governance, fundraising, community conservation, and communications. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register.

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### 14) ACCREDITATION WEBINAR

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 1:00pm

Save the date for a 90-minute webinar on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 1:00pm for updates from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This webinar with state service centers will focus on:

- Sharing how the LTA is integrating the 2017 Standards into the accreditation program
- Showing the new format for the 2018 Requirements Manual (you will get a first look and chance to provide feedback)
- Providing other program updates
- Listening to what you have been hearing about accreditation

Click [here](#) for the webinar link. The call-in number is 1-888-205-5513; participant code: 521124#.

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## Jobs

### 15) GENERAL MANAGER, THE ISLANDS - THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees, along with Koya Leadership Partners, seeks a General Manager for the Islands. The General Manager position has been established by The Trustees at its iconic properties to help create a holistic, strategic, and multi-disciplinary approach to leading, operating, caring for, and promoting Massachusetts' most popular and iconic destinations. This is a full-time position located in Vineyard Haven, MA with significant time at Trustee offices in Edgartown and Chappaquiddick.

The General Manager (GM) is accountable for the day-to-day management of all properties and staff on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket including Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Mytoi, Wasque, Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Menemsha Hills, The FARM Institute, and Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge. For more information and to apply, click

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#### **16) SENIOR CONSERVATION SPECIALIST - THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees seek a Senior Conservation Specialist. The Senior Conservation Specialist will manage a diverse portfolio of land conservation projects, with a focus on strategic reservation acquisitions and including additions to existing reservations, CRs, and other transactions. Seeking out and developing new projects, in collaboration with colleagues, is a key focus of this position. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **17) 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 and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **18) SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR - GEORGE & ANNE RYAN INSTITUTE FOR NEUROSCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

The George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience at the University of Rhode Island seeks a science communicator. The job is a combination of writing/editing, social media, and planning/coordinating seminars, symposia, etc. Experience writing about neuroscience or biomedical research would be helpful. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **19) EDUCATION DIRECTOR - NEW ENGLAND SCIENCE & SAILING FOUNDATION**

The New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) just created a new position for an Education Director to lead NESS to the forefront of innovation in education and positive youth engagement. The ideal candidate will have a combination of traditional and informal education experience, demonstrated leadership and management skills, and a passion for positively impacting students' lives. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **20) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NORTHEAST WILDERNESS TRUST**

The Northeast Wilderness Trust seeks an inspired, experienced and passionately-focused leader to build and sustain the Nation's only regional land trust dedicated to forever-wild stewardship of private land. The Executive Director will have significant experience in land conservation campaigns, fundraising, and organizational development, firmly founded on a commitment to advancing wilderness as a significant component of the conservation landscape of the Northeastern United States. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **21) 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](#).

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### **22) BUZZARDS BAY COALITION POSITIONS**

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking applicants for several full-time and seasonal positions. The Coalition's work to restore clean water, protect watershed lands, and engage the community is carried out by a talented group of conservation professionals. For currently available opportunities for full-time careers, seasonal employment, internships, and service positions, click [here](#).

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### **23) SEASONAL HORTICULTURE STEWARD - THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees seek a Horticulture Assistant at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate in Canton, MA. This is a unique opportunity to play an important role at an active, revitalized public garden property. This is a part time seasonal, 29.5-hour per week position expected to begin in April and end in October. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **24) CONSERVATION RESTRICTION STEWARDSHIP TECHNICIAN - THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees seek a CR Stewardship Technician. This individual will work under the supervision of the CR Stewardship Specialist and CR Program Manager and cooperatively with the with other CR staff members. It is based at The Trustees' Doyle Center in Leominster and requires frequent travel throughout Massachusetts. The primary responsibility is to assist with annual monitoring of conservation restrictions. Other responsibilities include completion of post monitoring visit documentation and timely reporting of possible CR issues and/or encroachments on CR properties, assisting with fieldwork and compilation of Baseline Documentation Reports (BDRs) for new CRs or updates to older BDRs, and other duties as assigned. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **25) MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE - MASS AUDUBON**

Mass Audubon's Marketing team is seeking a Marketing and Communications Associate to design and produce program catalogs for our wildlife sanctuaries. In addition, you'll support Marketing across various projects to promote our sanctuaries, programs, events, and other mission-related work. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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#### **26) NEPONSET RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Neponset River Watershed Association has two openings for paid positions and one opening for a volunteer summer intern. The Association seeks a full time Environmental Science and Engineering Fellow, a part-time Advocacy Director, and a Summer Water Quality Intern. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **Resources**

#### **27) TECHSOUP - GREAT DEALS FOR SMALL NONPROFITS**

TechSoup has many great deals for smaller nonprofits, including reduced prices for subscribing to GrantStation, Microsoft oFfice products, Symantec Norton Security software, Quickbooks, Adobe Acrobat, and more. Click [here](#) to take advantage of these deals!

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#### **28) MIGRATION IN MOTION: VISUALIZING SPECIES MOVEMENTS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

As climate change alters habitats and disrupts ecosystems, where will animals move to survive? And will human development prevent them from getting there? Check out this [interactive map](#) of these migrations in motion.

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## 29) WHY SUPPORT THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM?

The Association of National Estuary Programs (ANEP) has released *Why Support the National Estuary Program?*, a short informational video about estuaries and the role that National Estuary Programs (NEPs) play in protecting and restoring coastal resources. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

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