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"Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries." ~ Jimmy Carter, American President

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MLTC NEWS

1) MA Land Conservation Conference Request for Proposals - Due 11/6

28th Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2018 - Worcester, MA

Proposals due - November 6, 2017

We are seeking proposals for workshops for the 2018 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference. This year's theme is "Leading Locally in a Changing World." This annual, day-long training and networking event provides land trust board members and staff, parks administrators and advocates, watershed organizations, trails and friends associations, municipal commission members and others interested in land conservation with the information, skills, and connections they need to be most effective. We welcome your workshop proposals addressing land conservation topics in these categories:

- Leading Locally in a Changing World
- Land Management & Stewardship
- Land Protection Tools & Techniques
- Legal, Tax & Compliance Matters
- Organizational Management & Fundraising
- Urban & Community Conservation

We need more proposals on communication topics, fundraising and member/donor relationship management for our Organizational Management & Fundraising track.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have an idea regarding a topic and/or (a) potential presenter.

To submit a workshop proposal, [click here](#). The Conference Program Committee will consider all submissions received by November 6, 2017. If you have questions about the submission process or problems submitting your proposal online, please contact Miriam Scagnetti at miriam.scagnetti@massland.org.

We are very grateful to the organizations who have been conference sponsors in the past. If you would like to be a sponsor, get details [here](#). Get a sponsorship form [here](#).

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

2) *Call for Service Project - AmeriCorps Gathering*

The Regional Conservation Coordinator for AmeriCorps, Camille Duquet, is seeking proposals for a volunteer service day project on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, 2018 to gather the 36 AmeriCorps members working across the state. If you or your organization has any ideas, please contact Camille at cduquet@terracorps.org.

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3) *Massachusetts Nonprofit Retirement Plan Now Available*

The Massachusetts Defined Contribution CORE Plan ("CORE Plan") is a state-of-the-art multiple employer 401(k) retirement plan designed especially for the state's nonprofit sector. The features of the CORE Plan provide you with the ability to focus your time and energy on the primary duties of your organization while offering an exceptional benefit to your employees. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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4) *Attorney General Healy Calls on EPA to Hold Public Hearings in Massachusetts on Repeal of the Clean Power Plan*

Attorney General Maura Healey has joined with state and federal leaders in calling on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to hold public hearings in Massachusetts on the agency's proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan - the landmark federal regulations that limit carbon pollution from power plants. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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NEWS

5) *Recent Baker-Polito Administration Environmental Funding*

On October 19, the Baker-Polito Administration announced \$505,625 in funding for local land conservation projects across the Commonwealth in October. The grants are being provided to eight land trusts by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Conservation Partnership Grant Program and will protect over 188 acres of land. Click [here](#) for the full story.

On October 11, the Administration announced the availability of \$500,000 in grant funding for wildlife habitat management projects, a \$200,000 increase from previous rounds of the Habitat Management Grant Program. Click [here](#) for the full story.

On September 19, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced \$1.8 million in 49 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants to community trail projects throughout the Commonwealth, which will construct over 10 miles of new trails and structures and will improve over 150 miles of existing recreational trails within the statewide trail network. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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6) Massachusetts Celebrates 40 Years of Keeping Farmland Open

Excerpts from the Worcester Telegram, October 25, 2017 by Bradford L. Miner

Forty years ago, in the face of intense development pressure, Gov. Francis W. Sargent and the state Legislature created the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Act to stem the loss of farms and prime farmland. Since then, the first-in-the-nation program has protected 906 farms on 73,163 acres. State and federal officials celebrated the APR program's 40th anniversary Friday, touring farms in the Connecticut River Valley, surveying the broad expanse of protected acreage from the summit of Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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7) Massachusetts Named Most Energy Efficient State

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, September 28, 2017 by Katie Gronendyke

On September 28, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the Commonwealth has been named the most energy efficient state in the nation by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) for the seventh consecutive year. Massachusetts continues to receive top marks for its energy efficiency policies and programs, particularly the energy efficiency programs offered by the Commonwealth's utilities under the Mass Save® brand and for promoting smart growth development in cities and towns. The full 2017 ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for the full story.

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STORIES

8) Pollution is Deadlier than War, World Hunger - Study

Excerpts from Associated Press, October 20, 2017 by Katy Daigle

Environmental pollution - from filthy air to contaminated water - is killing more people every year than all war and violence in the world. More than smoking, hunger or natural disasters. More than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined. One out of every six premature deaths in the world in 2015 - about 9 million - could be attributed to disease from toxic exposure, according to a major study released in October in the Lancet medical journal. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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TRAININGS

9) Environmental Fellows Program

Sunday, November 12, 10:00am - 4:00pm
UMass Amherst, Holdsworth Hall, Room 211

The Environmental League of Massachusetts offers its Environmental Fellows Program (EFP) as an exciting leadership and career development opportunity for college students and high school seniors interested in environmental advocacy. This one day training will help participants hone skills in campus organizing, public policy research, communications, and environmental advocacy. Participation in this program will teach students to serve as effective advocates for environment. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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EVENTS

10) 5th Annual Sea Level Rise Symposium

Thursday, November 9, 2017, 8:30am - 3:15pm
The Essex Room, Woodman's of Essex, MA

Join state and local stakeholders in the 5th Annual Sea Level Rise Symposium, sponsored by the Great Marsh Coalition. Katie Theoharides, Assistant State Secretary of Climate Change, will deliver the keynote address on Climate Adaptation Planning in Massachusetts. Experts in the fields will present a summary of the 2+ year Great Marsh community planning project and panelists will present regional strategies and case studies on increasing the resiliency of the Great Marsh with a focus on nature-based and green infrastructure solutions. Registration of \$20.00 includes the all-day program and lunch. Register [here](#).

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11) 2017 Regional Conservation Partnership Network Gathering

November 16, 2017
The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, NH

Interested in workshops with experts, meeting leaders in regional conservation, and/or learning more about regional conservation partnerships? [Register](#) for the 2017 RCP Network Gathering! This year's theme is "Broadening the Base of Support for Conservation." Find the full event agenda [here](#).

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12) Massachusetts Forest & Park Friends Network Gathering

Saturday, November 18, 9:30am - 3:00pm

VFW Post 5594, 15 Milford Street, Upton, MA 01568

Join your fellow forest and park friends at this gathering, celebrating ten years of networking! Agenda features award presentations and great roundtable discussions. Click [here](#) to register and learn more.

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CONFERENCES

13) Massachusetts Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network Conference

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA

Join the Massachusetts Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network for this one-day conference to help launch this new network and shape adaptation action in Massachusetts. Meet new colleagues and mingle with existing partners, learn about adaptation work in Massachusetts, develop outreach messages during the climate adaptation communications training, contribute to the state climate adaptation and hazard mitigation plan, and showcase your adaptation projects. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

14) KidsGardening.org: Youth Garden Grants

December 8, 2017 deadline

KidsGardening.org, a national nonprofit dedicated to providing inspiration and support for parents and educators who are gardening with children, awards Youth Garden Grants to support school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Any nonprofit, school, or youth program planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of three and 18 is eligible to apply. The top five programs will receive award packages valued at \$1,600. Twenty programs will receive award packages valued at \$600. The selection of winners is based on demonstrated program impact and sustainability. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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15) Honor the Earth: Building Resilience in Indigenous Communities Initiative

The mission of Honor the Earth is to create awareness and support for Native

environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. Through the Building Resilience in Indigenous Communities Initiative, Honor the Earth provides grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to nonprofit Native organizations in the U.S. and Canada that are controlled by Indigenous peoples. This initiative supports organizations working in two areas: 1) implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency and weatherization improvements to advance community dignity and energy sovereignty, and 2) creating food security utilizing Indigenous varieties and organic production. All funded projects must include ongoing efforts aimed at restoring Indigenous wisdom and sustainability in Indigenous territories. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) Indian Land Tenure Foundation

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, state and local government agencies, and educational institutions that are working in the following strategic program areas: education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity, and legal reform. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) Arbor Day Foundation: TD Green Streets

November 21, 2017 deadline

TD Green Streets, a grant program funded by TD Bank and administered by the Arbor Day Foundation, provides funds to municipalities in the communities served by TD Bank in 14 eastern states. Through the program, municipalities are eligible to receive one of ten \$20,000 grants in support of local forestry projects in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. Up to 50 percent of the proposed funding can be used to purchase new trees. Municipalities are encouraged to apply in collaboration with community partners such as nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, etc. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program - Department of Agriculture

December 4, 2017 deadline

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program provides support to meet the food needs of communities and low-income individuals; promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) National Forest Foundation: Matching Awards Program

January 23 and June 13, 2017 deadlines

The National Forest Foundation was established by Congress to support the Forest Service in its management of America's National Forests and Grasslands. The Foundation's Matching Awards Program (MAP) provides grants to nonprofit organizations, universities, and Native American tribes throughout the U.S. to engage in on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on the National Forest System. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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JOBS

20) Fee Stewardship Coordinator - MA Department of Fish & Game

The Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is accepting resumes and applications from applicants for the position of Fee Stewardship Coordinator. The Fee Stewardship Coordinator is the primary overseer and manager of the realty aspects of MassWildlife's fee-owned properties, which include 167,000 acres assembled over the last century. The individual will have a thorough understanding of real estate terminology and research techniques and become familiar with the entirety of the agency's portfolio of properties, in order to advise staff on matters of acquisition and stewardship. The Fee Stewardship Coordinator will maintain realty records, coordinate boundary-marking efforts, survey contracts and other services, and manage selected boundary disputes and encroachment issues. He or she will conduct deed research and provide advice regarding property interests as necessary in support of agency stewardship, acquisition, and public enjoyment of agency lands. This effort will include periodic monitoring and site visits, collaboration in implementing the agency's Land Information System, procuring signage, assisting in the development of agency land-use policies, and being a good colleague for the other members of the Realty Section (Chief, CR Coordinator, Realty Specialist, and interns). To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Circuit Rider - MA Department of Environmental Protection

The MA Department of Environmental Protection seeks a Circuit Rider in the Wetlands and Waterways division, serving both the Northeast (Wilmington) and Southeast (Lakeville) Regional Offices and their communities. The Circuit Rider (CR) will serve as the primary municipal contact for these two regions' wetland and waterways programs and related programs. The CR will develop and provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to local conservation commissions, applicants, and others on how to effectively administer or obtain permits under the MA Wetlands Protection Act. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Office Manager, Bookkeeper, & Development Support - Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary seeks a personable, self-motivated, organized, and detail-oriented individual with office administration experience to serve as Office Manager on a part-time basis with a variable schedule. Under the direction of the Sanctuary Director, the successful candidate will perform a variety of administrative duties, including some which may be complex or confidential in nature, and assist in various additional projects related to the growth of sanctuary operations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Executive Coordinator & Trustee Liaison - Massachusetts Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

The Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is recruiting for an Executive Coordinator & Trustee Liaison to be responsible for supporting the State Director, Assistant State Director, and Massachusetts Board of Trustees. S/He provides high-level administrative support and manages the operations of the Board of Trustees. For more information and to apply, visit www.nature.org/careers and search for Job #45877. Posting closes 11/29/17.

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24) Director - Orleans Conservation Trust

The Orleans Conservation Trust (OCT) seeks a Director. The Director is responsible for advancing the mission of OCT through land protection, stewardship, and community education & outreach. The Director is also responsible for the operations of OCT, which include: fundraising, major donor cultivation, grant writing, membership development, marketing, financial management and budgeting, supervising part-time staff and contractors, office organization, and reporting. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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