



Whitney Beals

Whit has worked on land protection projects for New England Forestry Foundation since 1999 after serving as associate director of Sudbury Valley Trustees for 12 years. A past head of the Southborough Open Land Foundation, he currently serves as chair of the MWRA's Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee and is on the board of EcoTarium in Worcester. He holds a master of forest science degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Whit lives on a working farm in Southborough with his wife, Pamela.

Edward O. Becker

Ed Becker has over 30 years of experience in land conservation, environmental protection and nonprofit management. He has been the executive director of the Essex County Greenbelt Association, a nonprofit land trust, since 1987. Ed has worked on several hundred land conservation projects, including over 150 conservation easements, and has over 25 years of experience in land conservation, environmental protection and nonprofit management. He currently serves as President of the Mass. Land Trust Coalition.



Jocelyn Forbush

Jocelyn has been Vice President for Program Leadership at The Trustees since Nov 2012. Previously she served as Regional Director, Pioneer Valley Area Manager, and Director of the Highland Communities Initiative for The Trustees. Prior to The Trustees, Jocelyn worked for Mass Riverways Program and Quebec Labrador Foundation. She holds a master of forest science from Yale University, as well as a master's degree from McGill University and a BA from Northwestern University.

Karen Grey, Vice-President

Karen has been the President and Executive Director of the Wildlands Trust since November 2007. From 1991 to 2007, Karen served in a variety of leadership positions at the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, including Director of Marketing and Development and Assistant Director. Karen brings a broad base of management, marketing and conservation knowledge and skills to her position. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont.



Rita Gibes Grossman, Secretary

Rita's professional background is in healthcare, but she has pursued her passion for the natural environment by joining the Boxborough Conservation Trust board in 2003, where she has been president for the last five years. Through her role as president, Rita has had a robust sampling of the issues confronting small, all volunteer land trusts. She serves on the Town's Land Stewardship Committee and founded Boxborough Birders.

Cynthia Henshaw

Cynthia has been the Executive Director of the East Quabbin Land Trust, which covers eight towns in central Massachusetts, since 2007 and involved with various aspects of land conservation and organizational development for sixteen years. Cynthia served as Clerk of the Mass Land Trust Coalition for four years.



Rich Hubbard, President

Richard K. Hubbard is the Executive Director of the Franklin Land Trust, a position he has held since July 2004. Rich, who is recognized nationally as an authority on conserving farmland and open space, has negotiated the conservation of over 400 properties totaling close to 38,000 acres. Prior to joining FLT, he served in a number of capacities with the MA Department of Agricultural Resources, including Assistant Commissioner, Chief of the Bureau of Land Use, and for 15 years as Program Manager of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program - one of the most successful farmland conservation programs in the country. He began his professional career as a Community Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission in Pennsylvania, and later served as the Town Planner for Killingly, Connecticut and the Assistant Director of the Northeast Office of the American Farmland Trust.

Andrew Magee

Andy has over 25 years experience in the conduct and management of environmental studies and scientific investigations and is a partner in a respected environmental engineering firm, Epsilon Associates. He recently completed two terms as Selectman in the town of Acton and currently sits on the Town's Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission and Community Preservation Act Committee. Earlier, he served multiple terms on the Town of Acton Sewer Advisory Committee and Water Resources Advisory Committee. Andy has been involved in conservation activities for over 15 years, served on the boards of two non-profit conservation organizations: the Acton Conservation Trust (all volunteer) and the Organization for the Assabet River (OAR)



Kathleen O'Donnell

Kathleen has over thirty years experience in real estate law including conveyancing, title opinions, tax title foreclosures and auctions, affordable housing, open space acquisitions, municipal harbor plans and smart growth zoning. She has participated in the Mass Land Trust Coalition's Attorneys Advisory Panel, and is on the board of the Cohasset Land Foundation. Kathleen is licensed to practice in Massachusetts and is certified as a Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) by the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office.

John Page, Treasurer

John has had a long career serving in both for-profit and non-profit environments in roles varying from Peace Corps Volunteer in Nigeria and Ethiopia to Vice President of product development in several areas of JP Morgan Chase. Recently, John has been Interim Executive Director of the New England Wildflower Society and the Crossroads Family Shelter, and Chief Operating Officer of the Charles River Conservancy. John's many volunteer roles have included Vice President and Treasurer for the Greater Lovell Land Trust, Treasurer for the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park, and Treasurer for the Mass Land Trust Coalition since 2009.

Mark Robinson

Mark has served as Executive Director of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts since its founding in 1986, providing technical assistance to 23 local and regional land trusts, including landowner negotiations, fundraising, land management and state/municipal coordination on open space projects. A graduate of Williams College and the University of Rhode Island, Mark previously worked on coastal management and water quality issues for the Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Commission. He has served as Chairman of the Barnstable Conservation Commission, Co-Chair of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Conservation Study Group, Vice-Chair and Treasurer of MLTC, and Vice-President of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod. The US EPA acknowledged his work with a lifetime achievement award in 2009. He has completed over 500 land preservation projects.



Loring Schwarz, Vice-President

Loring is the Principal of newPrimavera Environmental Consulting, advising on online network curriculum development and conservation finance training. Prior to this, Loring spent many years with The Nature Conservancy; she also did stints with The Conservation Fund and Mass Audubon. She was instrumental in establishing the national network of Natural Heritage Programs and built the Massachusetts TNC government relations program, among many other accomplishments. Loring holds a Masters of Forest Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a BS in Biology from Tufts University.

Bob Wilber

Bob is the Director of Land Protection for Mass Audubon. Previously, he worked in similar capacities for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, and the Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Bob is the current chair of the Mass Land Trust Coalition, and lives in Stow, where he is on the Board of Directors of the Stow Conservation Trust, and the Open Space and Community Preservation Committees. During his 25+ year career, Bob has been directly involved in the protection of more than 35,000 acres in Massachusetts. Bob served as President of the MLTC board for two years.



Henry Woolsey

As Manager of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program in Massachusetts, Henry spent over 30 years building the Program. His last major project was overseeing the creation of BioMap2, an updated biodiversity conservation plan for the Commonwealth. As part of Mass Fish & Wildlife he served for over 15 years on the Fish & Wildlife Lands Committee and he has also served on the board of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. Prior to his work in Massachusetts he was a plant ecologist for both the Indiana and Minnesota Natural Heritage Programs. Henry received a Master of Forest Science degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He's a member of the Petersham Conservation Committee.