

Biographies of Today's Presenters

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Plenary Speakers

Edward Osborne Wilson is generally recognized as one of the several leading biologists in the world. He is acknowledged as the creator of two scientific disciplines (island biogeography and sociobiology), three unifying concepts for science and the humanities jointly (biophilia, biodiversity studies, and consilience), and one major technological advance in the study of global biodiversity (the Encyclopedia of Life). Among more than one hundred awards he has received worldwide are the U. S. National Medal of Science, the Crafoord Prize (equivalent of the Nobel, for ecology) of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the International Prize of Biology of Japan; and in letters, two Pulitzer Prizes in non-fiction, the Nonino and Serono Prizes of Italy, and the COSMOS Prize of Japan. He is currently Honorary Curator in Entomology and University Research Professor Emeritus, Harvard University. (Keynote)

Richard K. Hubbard is Chairman of the Board of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition. He has been the executive director of the Franklin Land Trust (FLT) since July 2004. Rich is recognized nationally as an authority on conserving farmland and open space. Prior to joining FLT, Rich served in a number of capacities with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, including Assistant Commissioner, Chief of the Bureau of Land Use, and Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Manager. He has also served as a community planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Assistant Director of the Northeast Office of the American Farmland Trust. He has a bachelor's degree in natural resource conservation from the University of Connecticut and master's from Syracuse University and from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. (Plenary)

Marylynn Gentry is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition. Previously, Marylynn was a member of the MLTC board and executive director of the Harvard Conservation Trust. For the past 17 years she has served as a director for the Sudbury Valley Trustees and was board president from 2000 – 2004. In her hometown of Wayland, Marylynn was on the Community Preservation Committee, and on the Conservation Commission for 11 years; four of which she was the chair. Marylynn holds master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Penn State University and, along with her siblings received the 2004 Conservation Award from the New England Wildflower Society. (Plenary)

Workshop Presenters

Sylvia Bates is the Director of Standards and Educational Services for the Land Trust Alliance and leads the Alliance's work on Land Trust Standards and Practices, land trust assessments, the Standards and Practices Curriculum and other cutting-edge issues. She has worked in the land conservation field since 1987, most recently as an independent consultant, and has conducted hundreds of workshops nationwide. She was formerly the director of land protection for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Sylvia has a degree in environmental biology from Yale University and has done graduate work at the Yale School of Forestry. (21)

Andrew Bentley has been with The Trustees' Conservation Restriction Program since 2011, working on a small team in charge of all aspects of CR stewardship for 400 properties on over 20,000 acres statewide. As CR Stewardship Specialist, his focus is adopting best practices for baseline documentation report preparation and updates, which has improved record-keeping and contributed to The Trustees' Land Trust Accreditation renewal in 2015. In fact, volunteering and networking at the 2010 MA Land Conservation Conference was an entry point into the land conservation field, and set groundwork that led to a 2010 internship and eventually a fulfilling job with The Trustees. He is a former teacher and graduate of UMass Amherst in classical languages, followed by regional planning with land use and natural resource conservation focus. (First-Timers Session, 3C)

Jonathan Bockian is an attorney who provides legal counsel on conservation and preservation restrictions as well as representation in commercial real estate transactions. Jon has advised clients about preservation and conservation restrictions since 1985 and represents the largest regional heritage organizations in the United States in a wide variety of real estate matters. He authors the blog, Preservation Law Digest, about legal developments in this field (<http://preservationlawdigest.com>). Jon is a graduate of Harvard Law School and works and lives along the Charles River in Watertown with his wife Sharon Teitelbaum. (3G)

Kate Buttolph is a Land Protection Specialist with Mass Audubon. Kate has worked in land conservation in New Jersey and Massachusetts since 1998. Her experience includes serving on the board of trustees for Delaware & Raritan Greenway Land Trust, counsel to Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, counsel for the Department of the Interior, and director of land acquisition and stewardship for the Hunterdon Land Trust where she was instrumental in preserving over 6500 acres. Prior to her career in land conservation, Kate worked in the Office of General Counsel at Princeton University for 14 years. (1E)

Mathew Cahill is the Greening the Gateway Cities program manager for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. As part of the state's Urban and Community Forestry Program, he has helped to plant trees in several communities in the Commonwealth, including Worcester. Mathew received his bachelors of science in natural resource management from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and is a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture. Prior to joining the state, he worked nationally planting trees for urban forestry nonprofits in New York, California, Michigan and most recently in Massachusetts on the Grow Boston Greener campaign. (2K)

Matt Cannon is the Land Stewardship Coordinator at both the Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) and the Chatham Conservation Foundation (CCF). He manages 1300+ acres including 53 conservation restrictions. Matt has also led HCT through the Points of Light Service Enterprise certification administered by the MA Service Alliance. His background is in environmental advocacy/ policy, and he is an AmeriCorps Cape Cod and Connecticut College alumnus. Matt loves supporting and educating local communities on Cape Cod! (3C)

Ben Carver is the MassLIFT-AmeriCorps Impact Manager, who works to build and cultivate strong MassLIFT partnerships, implement the MassLIFT service model, and support MassLIFT-AmeriCorps members' service experience and professional development. He has served two years with AmeriCorps, working on watershed protection and racial justice initiatives, and has taught environmental science in Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico. Ben holds a bachelor's degree in environmental economics from the University of Oregon and is finishing his Master's degree in international development and social change from Clark University. (3K)

Charlie Cary is Co-Owner of Biomass Combustion Systems of Worcester, Mass. He has spent 31 years manufacturing, selling and installing industrially sized wood fired furnaces and boilers for the forest products industry, mostly in the Midwest and Southeast. In these niche markets the availability of low cost wood drives the wood heating market. Charlie currently volunteers with the Statewide Wood Energy Team to bring financial value to locally available wood so that it can drive community scale, local heating markets. Charlie has a B. A. from Hamilton College and a masters in urban and environmental policy from Tufts University. (3B)

Paul Catanzaro is Extension Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Paul teaches courses in the forest ecology and conservation major and engages in research as a part of the Family Forest Research Center, a partnership of the US Forest Service and UMass Amherst. Paul's outreach work focuses on conservation based estate planning and forest resiliency. (1D, 2H)

Amber Christoffersen, Mystic Greenways Director, is a designer and planner who has worked on active transportation, open space and affordable housing projects in the Boston area and around the country. She recently launched and led the Emerald Network, a vision for 200 miles of seamless greenways in Metro Boston. She holds a master's degree in landscape architecture from University of Georgia and a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of William and Mary. An avid long distance runner, she is constantly exploring the region's many waterfronts and parklands, looking for opportunities to make them more beautiful and accessible. (1L)

Russ Cohen has more than four decades of experience in teaching people about edible wild plants in Massachusetts, and observing which plant species are customarily found in which habitats. His foraging book, *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, is in its sixth printing. Over the past year, Russ has helped to organize a half dozen edible native species planting projects on land trust and municipal conservation lands, and other locations. Until retiring from state service, Russ was employed by the Riverways Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game. He received his bachelor's degree in land use planning from Vassar College, and received a master's in Natural Resources and a law degree from The Ohio State University. (1C)

William (Buzz) Constable provides land counsel to conservation and development projects, utilizing a few decades' experience in real estate conservation, law, development and investment. Buzz currently serves on several conservation, business and civic boards and committees, including the Land Trust Alliance Conservation Defense Network, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Mass Land Trust Coalition Steering Committee and Attorney Advisory Panel, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, and The Trustees of Reservations. (1H, 3G)

Stefanie Covino has a master's of environmental science and policy from Clark University and has extensive experience in outreach and public engagement. Her work with Mass Audubon's award-winning Shaping the Future of Your Community program informs, empowers, and connects people and places to create resilient communities through smart development and targeted natural resource protection. (2E)

Melissa Cryan is the Grant Programs Supervisor for the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services where she directly administers the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC), Conservation Partnership, and Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Programs. She also reviews and approves all Open Space and Recreation Plans. Melissa enjoys spending her free time enjoying open spaces all over the Commonwealth, both in the woods and on the water. (2F)

Sharon J. Danosky, founder and president of Danosky & Associates, has dedicated her career to working with not-for-profit organizations for over 35 years. As both a consultant and a senior executive for numerous charitable organizations, she has transformed organizations into highly effectively charities. Sharon has worked on all sides of the not-for-profit arena as a senior professional working on the executive management team of several highly effective nonprofits. As a skilled consultant, she has helped grassroots organizations to grow, and led major initiatives for established non-profit organizations. The range of organizations includes major medical facilities, human service organizations, environmental groups, children's causes and arts and cultural organizations among others. Sharon is a BoardSource Certified governance trainer. She has served on numerous Boards of not-for-profit organizations. She is a sought-after presenter at regional, national and international conferences including BoardSource and Land Trust Alliance Rally. (3I)

Irene DelBono has 23 years of experience in real property law. She worked as an assistant attorney general from 1992 to 2001, defending and asserting the Commonwealth's property interests primarily in Land Court. She then went to the Department of Conservation and Recreation as the director of land acquisition from 2001 to 2004, and was promoted as chief of encroachments in January, 2005. In July 2005 she moved on to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as statewide conservation restriction reviewer and retired in 2005. She has represented numerous private clients and assisted other attorneys in clearing up, and establishing, complicated title issues regarding boundaries, easements, roads, adverse possession, tax titles, coastal issues, tree rights, and public and private rights in property. (3G)

Jessica Dyson is the GIS Manager for The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts, where she applies geospatial analysis to conservation planning and manages the Chapter's GIS applications. Past projects have included contributions to Biomap2, mapping connectivity priorities for wildlife movement in the Berkshires, and identifying resilient lands in Massachusetts in the face of climate change. Jessica has a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a master's in environmental management from Duke University. (2B)

Mary Feeney is a partner with Bowditch and Dewey, focusing on real estate development and land use, construction services, general representation of colleges, universities, and secondary schools, transactional matters for higher education and other nonprofit organizations, and more. Previously she practiced for over ten years at the Office of the General Counsel at Harvard University. Mary is a frequent lecturer on education

law, zoning, real estate, construction and regulatory topics. She has been selected by her peers to be included among the Best Lawyers in America, 2008-2015 editions in the field of Education Law. (3G)

Andy Finton is the Climate and Lands Director for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Massachusetts. He collaborated with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program to develop BioMap2 and was a contributor to TNC's Resilient Sites analysis. Andy has expertise in forest and landscape ecology, including a B.S. from Cornell University and an M.S. from UMass, Amherst. (2B)

Jennifer Fish is head of the Service Forestry Program at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Service Forestry Program is responsible for the administration of the Cutting Practices Act (Ch132) and the forestry current use program (Ch61). In addition, she administers the Working Forest Initiative, which is a suite of outreach programs geared toward private landowners including; Estate Planning, Foresters for the Birds, and Forest Stewardship. She is also a co-author of the 2013 edition of the *Massachusetts Best Management Practices Manual*. She holds a B.S. in forestry from Penn State University and a master's degree in natural resource conservation from the University of Massachusetts. (2K)

Kurt Gaertner is Director of Land Policy and Planning with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). In that role he is responsible for managing agency land conservation and stewardship efforts including acquisitions by state agencies and grants to land trusts, conservation groups, and communities. He is also responsible for land use policies and programs and works with agencies such as MassDOT and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to coordinate efforts and shape policies that influence where and how growth occurs, with the objective of reducing energy, land, and natural resource consumption. (3D)

David Gould is the Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs for the Town of Plymouth. Over the last 15 years David has been involved with natural resources management, land protection and numerous restoration projects. These projects include the Eel River Headwaters Restoration Project, Town Brook Dam Removals, salter brook trout habitat restoration and the Tidmarsh Restoration Project. David has worked with numerous state and federal agencies and NGO's on many of these projects. He has received recognition from Coastal America, Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, Environmental Business Council and is the recipient of a NOAA Environmental Hero award. (2A)

Alex Hackman is a Restoration Specialist for the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's Division of Ecological Restoration (DER). Over the past 10 years, he has been involved in dozens of dam removals as well as the first cranberry farm to wetlands restoration project in Massachusetts (Eel River Headwaters Project, winner of the 2011 Coastal America Partnership Award). For the past 7 years, Alex has served as the project manager for the Tidmarsh Restoration Project (Plymouth), and worked with USDA NRCs, Mass Audubon, and the Town of Plymouth to link land protection with ecological restoration. (2A)

Reggie Hall grew up and was educated in New England attending Williams College and Vermont Law School where he received his JD and MSEL degrees. He is the Director of The Conservation Fund's Land Conservation Loan Program which provides financing and technical assistance to conservation organizations across the United States and Canada. (1F)

Abby Hardy-Moss is the Conservation Planner & GIS Manager for Greenbelt. Abby graduated from Emerson and Tufts with degrees in communications and urban and environmental policy and planning. Prior to joining Greenbelt in 2011, Abby worked for a municipality on the South Shore doing wetland and open space permitting and management. Abby is passionate about working at Greenbelt because of her belief in the mission, appreciation for the North Shore, and the passionate staff and board members she enjoys working with daily. (1J)

Lisa Hayden is the Landowner Outreach Coordinator for New England Forestry Foundation, where she has managed a landowner communications initiative with various partners in the MassConn Woods region since 2014. A former journalist, she has also worked on strategic communications and climate change policy for The Nature Conservancy, including a blog on forest carbon and adaptation planning, and in nonprofit marketing. (1D)

Ed Hood is the Executive Director of Opacum Land Trust, which serves 13 communities in southern central Massachusetts, and that currently manages 1,743 acres of conservation land. Ed is also the coordinator for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, a Regional Conservation Partnership working in 38 towns in southern central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut (www.mymassconnwoods.org). He is partnered with the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership to implement a U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration grant to develop a network of peer leaders among regional forest landowners, and he is part of the steering committee of the new Southern New England Heritage Forest N.R.C.S. Regional Conservation Partnership Program, bringing \$6.1 million of Healthy Forest Reserve easements and forest management programs to the tristate region. (3B)

Matthew Hornung serves as the Board Advisor to the Wellesley Conservation Council, where he organizes educational programs, manages social media outreach, and develops internal management systems. Matthew took a leading role in saving the North 40 parcel from development in Wellesley and has also helped manage numerous other conservation and environment-oriented local campaigns over the last five years. His background also includes work as an environmental journalist for *The Wellesley Townsman* and contributor to *The Boston Globe*. (2L)

Andy Hrycyna joined Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) as Watershed Scientist in April 2014. Andy manages MyRWA's programs in water quality monitoring and reporting. He comes to MyRWA from the sustainability and environmental management program at Harvard Extension School, where he completed a master's in ecological management. Andy discovered a passion for ecology and environmental protection mid-career, after many years in nonprofit book publishing. He enjoys biking and kayaking with his wife and two daughters. Andy is a passionate birder (unlike his wife and kids). Send bird-related watershed news his way! (1L)

Vanessa Johnson-Hall, Assistant Director of Land Conservation for Greenbelt, has worked with Essex County's municipalities and landowners to preserve working farms, forests, wildlife habitat and scenic landscapes since 2010, focusing on fostering new conservation partnerships and projects with communities in the Merrimack River Valley. (1K)

Peter Jones is a life-long resident of Wellesley, and serves as a Town Meeting Member in Precinct B where he has lived for 70 years. Currently Pete also serves on Wellesley's Wetlands Protection Commission and the board of directors of the Wellesley Conservation Council (WCC). Formed in 1958, WCC is the oldest private conservation land trust in Wellesley. Pete has led sustainability-oriented campaigns in virtually every town election within recent history. (2L)

Bill Labich is a senior conservationist with Highstead Foundation where he advances the pace and practice of large landscape conservation in New England and Eastern New York in support of the Wildlands and Woodlands Initiative. Bill is the coordinator of the Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Network, the New England Forest Policy Group, and the co-coordinator of the Hudson to Housatonic RCP. Bill has a master's in regional planning from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a bachelor's of science in forestry from the University of Maine at Orono. (3B)

Christopher B. LaPointe, Director of Land Conservation at Greenbelt, works with landowners, communities, land trusts, and public agencies across Essex County, Massachusetts, on complex land protection projects. Previously, Chris worked for twelve years with The Trust for Public Land, where he helped conserve more than 2,750 acres of land worth more than \$75 Million. Chris has a BA in environmental policy from Colby College and an MS in natural resource planning from the University of Vermont. Chris is also president of the Hamilton-Wenham Open Land Trust. (1E)

Tom Lautzenheiser is a Regional Scientist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society and helps guide ecological management planning, including climate change adaptation, for the organization. Tom is responsible for planning and implementing wildlife habitat management projects on 31 Audubon properties totaling over 18,000 acres west of Route 495. He is a board member of the Pascommuck Conservation Trust and served on the Science & Technical Advisory Committee for DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection. Tom is a graduate of Tufts University and has a Master's Degree in Natural Resource Planning from the University of Vermont. (3D)

Karen Lombard is the Director of Stewardship and Restoration for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Massachusetts and has been involved with land stewardship and ecological restoration here for 18 years. She is responsible for the management and monitoring of TNC's 6,000 acres in the Commonwealth. She is also the current chair of the MA Invasive Plant Advisory Group. Karen co-authored "A Guide to Invasive Plants in MA." She has a B.S. in biology and environmental studies, and a M.S. in conservation biology. (2B)

Marla Markowski-Lindsay is a Principal Research Fellow at the Family Forest Research Center (FFRC), a cooperative between the UMass Department of Environmental Conservation and the US Forest Service, and has been researching landowner estate planning decisions for the past five years. She is also currently working on an NSF project with the Harvard Forest and Duke University to assess the potential for climate change and forest insects to drive land-use regime shifts. Prior to FFRC, Marla worked for an environmental policy consulting firm in Cambridge, MA for 15 years. In this capacity she authored dozens of papers for federal, state and private clients (e.g., US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, State of New York, US Virgin Islands) involving policy analysis and natural resource damage assessment. Marla holds an M.S. in agricultural and natural resource economics from the University of Maryland, and a B.A. in mathematics from Smith College. (2H)

Erica Mattison has served as the Legislative Director at the Environmental League of Massachusetts since 2013. She leads the Green Budget Coalition, which is comprised of over 80 organizations. Erica also coordinates the Massachusetts Environmental Collaborative, made up of 40 organizations from around the Commonwealth. She frequently interacts with government officials and fellow advocates to raise awareness about environmental issues and advance policies. Prior to the Environmental League, Erica created and led an award-winning sustainability program at Suffolk University and worked in government and politics. Her undergraduate degree is in psychology from UMass Amherst. She obtained a master's in public administration and a law degree from Suffolk University. Erica is active in her community of Dorchester, serving on the board of Greater Ashmont Main Street and advocating for safer streets in Boston and beyond. (1B)

Nancy Moore brings more than 35 years of experience in nonprofit management and leadership to her work, including 11 years serving as an executive director, service on numerous boards, and 15 years serving as a consultant. Nancy also applies her passion for the natural environment, talents as a group leader and facilitator, and interest in other cultures as an international adventure travel expedition leader for Natural Habitat Adventures, exclusive partner of the World Wildlife Fund. She has presented numerous workshops at state and national conferences, including this workshop at Rally 2016 where it was very well received. (2J)

Nicholas Moreau is an Economist with The Trust for Public Land. As part of the organization's Conservation Economics team, he works with communities across the country to help quantify the benefits of parks and green spaces. He has an MSc. from The University of Edinburgh in ecological economics as well as a background in community facilitation and collaborative resource management. He has consulted for the largest national park in Scotland, as well as led workshops for community volunteers at neighborhood parks in New York City. Through all of this work, he has come to believe that properly valuing natural goods and services can be a critical starting point to help disparate stakeholder groups come together to create environmental management solutions. (3A)

Doug Muir has more than 45 years of experience as a real estate attorney, representing land conservation organizations and landowners in land conservation transactions. He has been a speaker at the Land Trust Alliance's Rally and Massachusetts Land Conservation Conferences and acted as editor and reviewer of land conservation publications and materials promulgated by The Trustees, Massachusetts Audubon Society and Essex County Greenbelt. Doug is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. (2G)

Tom Mullin joined the faculty of Unity College in 1999, and is currently an Associate Professor of parks and forest resources. Tom has been interested in all things environmental, beginning as a teenager with an Explorer Post and in Maine for the past 18 years. He was a founder of the National Association for Interpretation as well as a life member and received the Fellow Award in 2004. Over the years he has worked for county, state and federal park agencies, been the ED of two land trusts and coordinator for Maine Project Learning Tree. He is a long-time board member, current secretary/member of the executive committee and board of directors for NAI. Tom is on the board of the Waldo County Trails Coalition, Maine Woods Forever Roundtable, Friends of Sears Island and serves on the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Stewardship Council as an at large member. (2D, 1I)

Colin Novick is a native of Worcester and an alumnus of the University of Chicago. He serves as the Executive Director for the Greater Worcester Land Trust where he has pursued conservation over the past two decades. Colin has previously served as Mass Land Trust Coalition secretary, chair, and chef. Colin also serves as deacon at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for the Diocese of Worcester. (1C)

Bob O'Connor is the Director of Land and Forest Conservation for the state environmental agencies of Massachusetts. He facilitates land conservation efforts among five state divisions and coordinates grants for conservation and park projects with the state's land trusts and municipalities. He also coordinates the forestry, forest conservation and urban tree planting efforts among environmental agencies. Previously, he was director of the Watershed Initiative and Natural Resources for the agency that supplies drinking water to the Boston Metro area. Prior to this, he was the superintendent of Quabbin Reservoir. He has a B.S. in forestry from S.U.N.Y. Syracuse and an M.B.A. from UMass Boston, and will complete an MA in conflict resolution and mediation from UMass Boston in 2017. (3B)

Kathleen O'Donnell has 35 years of experience as a real estate attorney. She has been the editor of both *Handling Residential Real Estate in Massachusetts* and the *Real Estate Source Book* for over 10 years. Kathleen is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Miami School of Law with a specialty in ocean and coastal law. (1G)

Emmanuel Owusu is Grant Program Manager for the Division of Conservation Services' Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND), Landscape Partnership, Drinking Water Supply Protection and Conservation Assistance to Small Communities Grant Programs. He also administers the Greening the Gateway Cities Tree Planting program. Before joining EEA, Emmanuel was part of a team studying the impact of highway pollution on the health of residents. He enjoys taking nature walks with his two little daughters. (2F)

Robert Perschel is Executive Director of the New England Forestry Foundation, which has protected 1.2 million acres of the New England landscape and implements programs to enhance the potential of forestry to meet regional sustainability goals. NEFF has produced the *Path to Sustainability* report and its Build it with Wood campaign seeks to utilize engineered wood in tall urban structures. Previously Bob was the eastern forest director for the Forest Guild, Northeast and Land Ethic program director for The Wilderness Society and chair of the Northern Forest Alliance. Bob holds a B.A. from Yale University and M.F.S. from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. (3B)

Chris Polatin works as an ecological restoration practitioner through his company Land Stewardship, Inc., which is dedicated to ecological restoration, conservation planning, and natural areas stewardship. Chris has a master's of science degree in conservation biology. He serves as Massachusetts director for the Society for Ecological Restoration New England Chapter and chairs the Gill Conservation Commission. (2C)

Sean Pollock is the MassLIFT-AmeriCorps Program Director, who joined Mount Grace in 2006 as director of finance & operations. In 2013, he became director of community engagement and now directs the 36-member statewide MassLIFT-AmeriCorps program. Previously, Sean was the operations and technology coordinator for the Environmental Leadership Program, taught outdoor education in the Redwoods of California, and spent two years in AmeriCorps doing environmental education, land restoration, and trail-building. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Skidmore College and lives in Greenfield with his wife, Jessica, and daughters, Ruby and Maple. (3K)

Julie Richburg is currently the Western Regional Ecologist for The Trustees. She works on natural resource inventory and habitat management for the 40+ properties owned or managed by The Trustees west of Route 495 (about 9,000 acres). These activities include restoring critical floodplain forest habitat along the Housatonic River and maintaining grasslands throughout western MA for grassland breeding birds. Julie has a MS and PhD in forest ecology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she studied the impacts of road salt on plant species within a calcareous basin fen natural community in Stockbridge and control of woody invasive plants using mechanical and prescribed fire treatments across the Northeast. In 2009, she organized a partnership of individuals, organizations, and agencies interested in invasive species control within the Westfield River Watershed. She is currently chair of the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group. (1A)

Jeff Ritterson is a Bird Conservation Fellow at Mass Audubon, where he focuses on working landscapes and forest management, including the coordination of the Foresters for the Birds program. After attending the University of Delaware, Jeff spent the better part of five years working on various ornithology research projects and other conservation work. He then obtained a master's degree in wildlife, fish, and conservation biology from UMass Amherst before taking his current position. (3B)

Desiree Robertson-DuBois is the Manager of Chestnut Hill Farm, a property of the Trustees. She oversees all aspects of the farm operations, supports community outreach and farm program development, and manages the seasonal farm staff. A graduate of Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, Desiree started vegetable farming in 1997 at the Hampshire College Farm Center. Since then, she has shared her passion for growing fresh and healthy produce through her work with a variety of farms in Massachusetts, including Simple Gifts Farm, Crabapple Farm and Holiday Brook Farm. Throughout her career, she has mentored young farmers starting their own farms and CSA programs and has successfully managed farm stands, farmers' markets, and wholesale accounts. Inspired by her love for food, Desiree has also helped develop youth farm programs and children's gardens. (2L)

Mark Robinson has served as the Director of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts since The Compact's founding in 1986. A graduate of Williams College and University of Rhode Island, Robinson previously worked on coastal management and water quality for Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Commission. He is a founding board member of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition. The US Environmental Protection Agency awarded him a lifetime achievement award in 2009. He has completed over 500 land preservation projects in Massachusetts and is the "go-to" person for all open space matters on Cape Cod. (1K)

Nick Rossi is the Conservation Restriction Stewardship Specialist for Mass Audubon. He has been responsible for coordinating Mass Audubon's CR stewardship program across the state of MA since 2015. Before starting at Mass Audubon, Nick worked for the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation and volunteered for the Greater Worcester Land Trust. He holds a M.S in environmental science and a B.A in geography, both from Clark University. He is currently based in Mass Audubon's Headquarters in Lincoln, MA. (3C)

David Santomenna is the Associate Director of Land Conservation for The Trustees of Reservations, where he works statewide to create new reservations and on projects that expand, buffer and enhance the Trustees 116 existing reservations. Prior to joining The Trustees in January 2015, David was Essex County Greenbelt's director of land conservation, and a project manager for the Trust for Public Land. While at Essex County Greenbelt, David worked with landowners to complete over 150 land conservation projects both large and small, and served as liaison to Essex County communities on land conservation issues. In addition to his professional experience, David has served as the co-chair of both the Ipswich and Hamilton Planning Boards, and is an advisor to the Essex County Trails Association. (1E)

Jessica Sargent is the Director of Conservation Economics for The Trust for Public Land (TPL). As The Trust for Public Land's chief economist, Jessica leads TPL's Conservation Economics program which conducts research on the economic benefits of parks and land conservation at the local, regional, state, and national levels. Since 2007 she has overseen more than 40 economic benefits of parks and land conservation studies. Prior to joining The Trust for Public Land, Jessica worked at Industrial Economics, Incorporated where she conducted analyses of the costs and benefits of proposed environmental and natural resources policies, program evaluation, and natural resource damage assessment for various state, federal, and international agencies. Jessica holds a M. S. in ecology and environmental sciences and a B.S. in natural resources from the University of Maine. (3A)

Dan Stimson is Assistant Director of Stewardship at Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT), where he has been working in land stewardship since 2002. Much of Dan's responsibilities at SVT revolve around public access, and he works with many volunteers to maintain and promote 55 miles of trails, build bridges and boardwalks, and provide maps for more than 40 of SVT's conservation areas that contain trails that are freely open to the public. (1J)

Katie Theoharides is the Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). Originally trained as a field ecologist, Theoharides ran an environmental policy consulting and conservation planning business for the last 6 years where clients included non-profits,

universities, land trusts, and local landowners. She also worked for a short time as a land trust ED, and worked on climate change policy, state and federal land management, and conservation planning for Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C. She is currently a board member for the Arlington Land Trust. (3D)

Charles Thompson is board president of the Massachusetts Forest Alliance, a trade association representing forest landowners, professional foresters, and timber industry workers. He retired in 2015 from GMO Renewable Resources, an international forest investment firm. Prior to that, he was executive director of the New England Forestry Foundation. He is a forester and owns woodlots in Massachusetts and Vermont. He loves forests and forestry. (3B)

Brendan Toolin is Director of Audit & Small Business Advisory Services for Anstiss & Co., P.C. located in Lowell, Massachusetts. Brendan is responsible for planning and conducting audits and reviews of small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, the preparation of tax and informational returns, as well as the training and development of the firm's professional staff. In addition to his work at Anstiss & Co., Brendan served as treasurer and chair of the finance committee for a local not-for-profit arts organization for four years. Brendan is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. (1G)

Rob Warren is the Managing Director of Conservation at The Trustees of Reservations. This role includes land protection planning, building partnerships, overseeing the Conservation Restriction Program of The Trustees, supervising the Land Conservation staff, and working directly with landowners to conserve their lands. Rob returned to his biology/conservation roots in 1990, after a decade as a cabinet and furniture maker. Following a brief internship with the state Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, he accepted a position with the MA Dept. of Fish & Game's land protection program where he served as habitat protection coordinator. Prior to joining The Trustees he was director of protection & policy for the MA Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. (3E)

Rebecca Washburn is the New England Program Manager for the Land Trust Alliance. Based in Vermont, Becca works to build the strength and sustainability of all volunteer and staffed land trusts in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Prior to joining the Alliance, Becca served as Stowe Land Trust's Assistant Director for six years, managing stewardship and outreach programs among many other duties including helping the land trust achieve accreditation. Her earlier career was focused on stewardship and land protection at the Green Mountain Club and the VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. A native of mid-coast Maine, Becca received her B.A. in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology from Bard College in 1999. (1H, 2L, 3H)

Sarah Wells, who served as a MassLIFT-AmeriCorps member from 2010 to 2012, is the Director of Land Protection for Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and specializes in multi-landowner, multi-partner projects. She also coordinates the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership, an informal network of land trusts, municipalities, landowners, and state agencies focused on collaborating to achieve mutual conservation and stewardship goals. (2F, 1K)

Jessica Whitaker is Review Specialist for the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. A licensed attorney, Jessica practiced primarily in the areas of real estate and estate planning law. Prior to entering private practice, she was the executive director of the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT), where she successfully guided staff through the accreditation process during the pilot program. Jessica also worked in land protection for both SLT and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. She has served on several nonprofit boards and committees, and served as Land Trust Accreditation Commissioner from 2009 to 2012. Jessica received her B.A. in political science from the College of Charleston, and her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. (2I)

Bob Wilber has been the Director of Land Conservation for Mass Audubon since 2000. Previously, he worked in similar capacities for Massachusetts State Forests & Parks, and the Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Bob is a past president of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition (MLTC), and currently serves on the MLTC Board of Trustees. He lives in Stow, where he is a director of the Stow Conservation Trust, and a member of the Town of Stow Open Space Committee. During his 30+ year career, Bob has been directly involved in the protection of more than 40,000 acres in Massachusetts. (2A, 3E)

Mary Williamson is Director of Development and Community Engagement at Greenbelt. Mary joined Greenbelt in 2011 after working closely with the organization and other members of the Great Marsh Coalition for several years while serving the Essex National Heritage Commission. Prior to her nonprofit career, she worked as a client relationship manager for IBM. Her favorite part of her job is helping people understand the importance of Greenbelt's work and that it truly lasts forever. She is proud to be able to promote Greenbelt's work for all audiences to enjoy. (1J)

Jane Winn has been the Executive Director of the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) since 2006. BEAT's mission is to protect the environment for wildlife. In 2007, Jane received awards from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Pittsfield Community Television, and the Housatonic Valley Association for her tireless efforts to protect the environment. Jane has her bachelor's degree in biology and her master's degree in zoology. Jane will be joined by BEAT's interns Lisa Levine and Monica Conlin, who are seeking their master's degrees from Antioch University New England. Lisa and Monica are helping to develop a handbook on the identification, mapping, and reporting of invasive hardy kiwi in Massachusetts. (2C)

Cathy Wirth is the Agriculture Program Director for The Trustees. She has over ten years of experience working on issues across the food system, including sustainable agriculture, food security and food access, and childhood obesity. Prior to joining The Trustees, Cathy managed an early childhood obesity prevention initiative based at Northeastern University, and coordinated food access efforts at the Bowdoin Street Health Center in Dorchester. She also worked with the California Institute for Rural Studies, where she conducted one of the first large-scale studies on hunger and food insecurity among California farmworkers. Earlier in her career, she implemented food access and nutrition education programming in Philadelphia schools through her work with The Food Trust, received a Fulbright Scholarship to study urban agriculture in Quito, Ecuador, and worked with organizations that support small farmers in the United States and Central America. She received her M.S. in international agricultural development from the University of California, Davis. (2L)

David Graham Wolf has provided leadership for Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust since 2007, first as Conservation Director, currently as Deputy Director. As the architect of the MassLIFT AmeriCorps program model, he charted its course for growth from a pilot project to its present statewide scale, and is now leading the MassLIFT spin-off effort. David is an unshakable advocate for engaging the public more broadly and authentically in the work of land conservation understanding that diverse peoples have different personal and cultural connections to the land and that it is productive to explore these connections together. While he once measured success solely by counting acres conserved, he now sees a strategic victory in each invitation to collaborate with people who are disconnected from the traditional land conservation mission. With degrees and experience in conservation science, education, and business, David has broad perspective to draw from as a land trust practitioner. He lives in Rindge, NH with his wife Christina and his two children Indigo and Gus. (3K)

Dan Wright is the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Massachusetts, responsible for delivery of all US Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Farm Bill programs in the Commonwealth. Dan came to Massachusetts in 2015 from New Hampshire where he worked as both the district conservationist delivering Farm Bill programs to Rockingham and Strafford counties, as well as a resource conservationist on the easements team working with both the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program (FRPP) and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Dan started with NRCS in the Central Valley of California working with rice and orchard farmers. Dan likes to spend time with his wife and two young children and is an avid beekeeper managing twenty-some beehives for pollination and honey production. (3F)

Elizabeth Wroblicka is an attorney in private practice who for over 20 years has specialized in land use, estate planning, and land conservation transactions working with land trusts, landowners, and government agencies. She is a former staff member of the Land Trust Alliance, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, and the Napa Land Trust. She serves as secretary of the board of Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, is past chair of the Massachusetts Easement Defense Subcommittee, and founded the first community garden in Napa, California. She is also a former legal intern of California Rural Legal Assistance where she provided legal assistance to migrant farmworkers. (3G)