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MASSLAND NEWS

1) Protecting Biodiversity in a Changing Climate Workshop on June 12

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Brigham Hill Community Farm, 37 Wheeler Road, Grafton, MA

Are you looking to build climate resilience into your priorities? Learn where plants & animals can adapt in a changing climate? Gain experience with online mapping tools to help prepare for changes? Then this workshop is for you! Hosted by the Mass Land Trust Coalition, the Land Trust Alliance, Open Space Institute, Nature Conservancy, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, & Mass Audubon. Bring your laptop for interactive mapping exercises. Cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Click [here](#) for more information. Full Agenda [Here](#).

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2) **Leadership Workshop Rescheduled to June 20!**

Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 3:00pm - 6:30pm

Fidelity Bank Community Room, 9 Leominster Connector, Leominster, MA

Please join us for a Leadership Workshop on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. This workshop was previously postponed due to snow. Board Members and Executive Directors should attend. Discussions include challenges facing land trusts and solutions, and opportunities to strengthen connections. RSVP to Kara at kcampbell@massland.org. Click [here](#) for more information.

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3) **MassLand's Young Land Professionals Western MA Event A Success**



MassLand's Young Land Professionals event in Western Massachusetts was a great success! Sixteen individuals were present, including the speakers, Christine Ward with the Great Barrington Land Conservancy and Mackenzie Greer with the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. The speakers discussed conservation work at the town and regional scale, as well as how they became involved in the field, helpful tips for navigation, and further opportunities for follow up. The event at the brewery was enjoyable as well. Thanks to all attendees and especially Mariah Auman with the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, who coordinated this great event. The next Young Land Professionals gathering is set for June 28 at Greenbelt. Stay tuned!

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NEWS

4) **Environmental Protection Agency Announces Improvements to Keep Massachusetts Waters Clean**

Excerpts from Environmental Protection Agency, May 10, 2018 by David Deegan

On May 10, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a major

step forward for Massachusetts' water quality with improved stormwater management requirements as well as an array of training and implementation tools to assist municipalities with implementation. The new permit (which EPA issued in 2016 but has not yet taken effect) will update stormwater management efforts across the state's urbanized areas that will better protect rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, and wetlands from harmful pollutants in many communities. While updating ecological protection, the permit also maximizes flexibility for individual municipalities to tailor their efforts to individual needs and local conditions. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE NEWS

5) Community Preservation Act Trust Fund Increase is Adopted by Senate

Excerpts from The Community Preservation Coalition, May 22, 2018

During the Senate budget debate on May 22, Senator Cynthia Stone Creem's budget amendment to increase the CPA Trust Fund was adopted. [Senate Budget Amendment #3 \(Community Preservation Act\)](#) was the very first amendment that was adopted during the Senate Budget debate on May 22 after a roll call vote. Each Senator went on record to individually vote in favor of adopting the amendment. The amendment calls for a \$30 increase to the recording fees at the State's Registries of Deeds. Preliminary estimates indicate that the increase would restore the first round distribution to a level near 30%.

Next, a six-member conference committee will reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY19 state budget. CPA revenue was included in the Senate version of the document, but not the House, so the Conference Committee will have to agree to include it in the final version of the budget. The Committee usually issues its report by the end of June, after which it will head to the desk of Governor Baker.

Stay tuned!

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LOCAL LAND TRUST NEWS

6) Kestrel Land Trust Preserves 31 Acres of Grassland in Hadley

Excerpts from Daily Hampshire Gazette, May 11, 2018 by M. J. Tidwell

A 31-acre parcel of Hadley grassland will be protected forever for its conservation value as public land in the Fort River Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

7) *Join Mass ECAN (Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network)*

UMass Extension recently launched Mass ECAN (Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network) -- a community of practice for climate adaptation practitioners and researchers working in Massachusetts and interested in ecosystem resilience and natural resources conservation. Mass ECAN currently has 150+ members from academia, conservation non-profits, businesses, and state, federal, regional, and local agencies. The Network's short-term goals are to build community, increase knowledge sharing, and foster collaboration. Long-term, the vision is to advance the field of climate adaptation and weave ecosystem resilience and natural resources conservation into actions across sectors. Sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, [visit the website](#) or email Melissa Ocana, Climate Adaptation Coordinator, at mocana@umass.edu.

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EVENTS

8) *2018 U.S. Conference of Mayors*

June 8, 2018

Marriott Hotel in Copley Place

Next month, Boston will be hosting the 2018 US Conference of Mayors. This three-day prestigious conference kicks off with a press conference on Friday morning, June 8th where Mayor Marty Walsh will be greeting hundreds of Mayors at the Marriott Hotel in Copley Place.

The Sierra Club and other ally organizations are using this conference as an opportunity to drum up grassroots support for climate action and clean energy. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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9) *Environmental League of Massachusetts' Earth Night*

June 12, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

New England Aquarium

One Central Wharf, Boston

Join the Environmental League of Massachusetts for drinks and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate our shared achievements for the Massachusetts environment. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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TRAININGS

10) *Coastal Wetlands: A Carbon Bank in Our Backyard*

June 1, 2018, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Waquoit Bay Reserve Visitor Center, 131 Waquoit Highway/Route 28

Waquoit, MA

Join the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for this special seminar on carbon and greenhouse gas management in coastal wetlands and ongoing studies on Cape Cod aimed at improving understanding of these processes. The seminar will also examine the state of our salt marshes, sea level rise impacts, and how different ecosystems are responding. Presentations will highlight what local research is revealing and what it means for wetlands conservation and restoration, climate change mitigation, and coastal resilience planning. The seminar will end with a discussion on the value of coastal wetlands to local communities and highlight important take-aways that can inform the work of local officials and resource managers. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

11) Energy & Environmental Affairs Park & Conservation Grants

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY 2019 [Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities](#) (PARC), [Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity](#) (LAND), and [Conservation Partnership](#) grants. PARC grants help communities acquire parkland, develop new parks, and renovate existing parks. LAND grants provide funds to municipal conservation commissions to purchase conservation land and conservation restrictions. Conservation Partnership grants provide funds to nonprofit organizations for land acquisitions. PARC and LAND grant applications are due by July 12. Conservation Partnership applications are due by July 16.

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12) MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, April 13, 2018 by Peter Lorenz

Continuing its commitment to working with communities and local partners to prevent and prepare for climate change, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced \$5 million in supplemental funding for the [Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness \(MVP\) Program](#). The grant and designation program, which was created last year as part of Governor Baker's [Executive Order 569](#), provides communities with funding, technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards, develop strategies to improve resilience, and implement priority actions to adapt to climate change. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

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13) FY19 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Round Open

June 11, 2018 deadline

This year, eligible projects include the acquisition of land to support the development of trails, the renovation of existing trails, and the construction of trails in an existing recreation or conservation area. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). For more information, please contact Melissa Cryan at melissa.cryan@state.ma.us or (617)

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14) Park Foundation

July 12, 2018 deadline

The Park Foundation is dedicated to the support of education, quality media, and the protection of the environment. The Foundation's national grantmaking addresses the following program interests: In the Media category, support is provided for public interest media that raises awareness of critical environmental, political, and social issues to promote a better informed citizenry in the United States. The Environment category considers efforts that work to ensure that the country's drinking water is clean, affordable, and accessible and is protected and managed as a public necessity. The Animal Welfare category focuses on nationally significant programs to ensure the humane treatment of domestic animals and the protection of endangered wildlife and wildlife in captivity. Both letters of inquiry and full proposals are reviewed quarterly; the upcoming proposal deadline is July 12, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

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15) Open Space Institute: Community Forest Fund

June 18, 2018 deadline

The Open Space Institute (OSI) protects scenic, natural, and historic landscapes to provide public enjoyment, conserve habitat and working lands, and sustain communities. OSI's Community Forest Fund awards grants in the northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The focus is on projects that integrate community, economic, and conservation goals, such as efforts that create and retain jobs, promote sustainable forestry, conserve land, and increase and deepen community involvement in land stewardship. The Fund awards matching capital grants to support the purchase of conservation easements and fee interest in land. Smaller support grants of under \$30,000 are available for planning, transaction, and stewardship activities directly related to community forest projects. For more information, click [here](#).

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16) American Honda Foundation

August 1, 2018 deadline

The American Honda Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions nationwide that address the areas of youth and scientific education. The Foundation's primary funding priority is youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; the environment; job training; and literacy. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$75,000. For more information, click [here](#).

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17) Access Fund: Climbing Conservation Grant Program

August 1, 2018 deadline

The Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program supports projects that preserve or enhance climbing opportunities and conserve the climbing environment throughout the United States. The focus is on projects that demonstrate local climber support, collaboration with land managers, and a commitment to long-term change. Requests are accepted from local climbing groups, governmental agencies, conservation organizations, land trusts, as well as individuals who wish to sponsor a local project. Most grants are in the range of \$1,000 to \$4,000. For more information, click [here](#).

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JOBS

18) Development Assistant - Westport Land Conservation Trust

The Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) is seeking a Development Assistant to be an integral part of the 1,000-Acre Campaign team, providing administrative support for all fundraising activities including but not limited to special events, gift processing, donor coordination, and other donor-related activities. The Development Assistant plays a crucial role on the campaign team coordinating administrative functions as well as providing high quality customer service to the public and WLCT's donor base. The Development Assistant will report to the Executive Director and assist in other WLCT events or programmatic initiatives as assigned. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Deputy Director, Municipal Services - MA Department of Environmental Protection

The MA Department of Environmental Protection seeks applicants for the position of Deputy Director, Municipal Services. This position will be located at One Winter Street, Boston, MA. Duties for this position include: under the general supervision of the Director of the Division of Municipal Services (DMS) and working with other Bureau of Water Resources (BWR) program managers, identify priority areas for investment of Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing, and more. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) Project Manager - Greenbelt

Greenbelt seeks a full-time Project Manager to support their land conservation program. The individual will utilize the full range of landowner outreach and cultivation, and conservation real estate tools to advance Greenbelt's goal of protecting another 10,000 acres in the next decade. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Vice President, Engagement - Buzzards Bay Coalition

Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking a Vice President, Engagement. The new Vice President, Engagement will lead all activities related to growing the participation and investment of people. The new VP will take the Coalition to new levels of community engagement, support and presence. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Openings with North County Land Trust

The North County Land Trust, a regional land trust based in Leominster, MA is hiring! If you are passionate about nature, love north central Massachusetts, and/or want to work for an organization that makes a difference, consider this land trust. They are seeking a contract Bookkeeper, a TerraCorps member, and a part-time Outreach and Engagement Coordinator. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Chief Executive Officer - Nantucket Conservation Foundation

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation seeks a Chief Executive Officer. This individual will lead a land conservation organization that works to preserve the natural character of Nantucket Island at a time of increasing stress on the island's natural resources. The CEO is a person who possesses leadership capabilities to engage staff, board and volunteers in advancing a robust and enduring enterprise. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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24) Loyal Donor Officer - The Nature Conservancy (MA)

The Nature Conservancy (MA) is recruiting for a Loyal Donor Officer to work closely with fundraising staff to secure bequest notifications, steward our most loyal supporters, and uncover major and planned gift potential. Bachelors degree and 5 years experience or equivalent, as well as experience building relationships and managing/tracking prospects and donors. Search for job #46175 on www.nature.org/careers. Posting closes 5/10/18.

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25) Agricultural Lands Acquisition Specialist - Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) mission seeks an Agricultural Lands Acquisition Specialist (Regional Planner III) to support to the Department's Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program. The APR Program Lands Acquisition Specialist (Regional Planner III) will manage projects to be acquired under the APR program to achieve a closing in a timely manner upon approval by the Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee (ALPC). This includes coordination with the

land use field agents, legal staff and administrative staff on appraisal, title, and survey review; development of APR documents; review and tracking of APR transfers and communicating with landowners, partner agencies and organizations and municipalities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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26) Market Development Specialist - MA Department of Agricultural Resources

The MA Department of Agricultural Resources is seeking candidates for the position of Program Coordinator II/ Market Development Specialist. The position will be based in Boston however, there will be a need throughout the year to regularly work out of the Massachusetts Building which is located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. The position entails four core areas:

- Manage the Massachusetts Building located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.
- Coordinate the Department's involvement with the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs.
- Develop and implement strategies to assist agricultural producers seeking opportunities to market their product through various market venues.
- Assist with the priorities of the Division of Agricultural Markets.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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27) Membership Coordinator - Kestrel Land Trust

Kestrel Land Trust, a nationally accredited land trust based in Amherst, MA, seeks a part-time Membership Coordinator. This person will plan and implement public programs designed to deepen the community's interest in and commitment to land conservation and will be responsible for year-round management of membership fundraising, including mail and online appeals as well as gift entry and acknowledgement. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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28) 2018-19 Position Openings with TerraCorps

Are you hoping to get into the field of land conservation? TerraCorps is a great program to do so. The organization is recruiting applicants for their 2018-2019 season. Members serve in full-time 11-month positions as: Land Stewardship Coordinators, Regional Collaboration Coordinators, Youth Education Coordinators, or Community Engagement Coordinators. These 1,700 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits. The 2018-2019 program will run from 8/27/18 - 7/26/19. Application specifics, position descriptions, and information about organizations hosting TerraCorps members can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin late-April, and we aim to fill all positions by mid-July. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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