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"A society is defined not only by what it creates, but by what it refuses to destroy."

~ John Sawhill, previous president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy and the 12th President of New York University; 1936-2000

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MLTC NEWS

1) Save the Date - 2018 MA Land Conservation Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Worcester Technical High School

One Skyline Drive, Worcester, MA

Save the date for the 2018 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Worcester Technical High School. This year's theme is "Leading Locally in a Changing World." The Keynote Speaker is Rand Wentworth, the Louis Bacon Senior Fellow in Environmental Leadership, an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy and a member of the faculty for the Senior Executive Fellows at the Harvard Kennedy School. He also serves as president emeritus of the Land Trust Alliance. Click [here](#) to read his full biography. We look forward to seeing you there!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

2) Help Public Lands Stay Protected

Excerpts from Mass Audubon, Political Landscapes, December 11, 2017 by Christina W.

Legislation that could remove federal protection from Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge is on the move again, heading for a mark-up by the House Natural Resources Committee tomorrow. The legislation filed by Massachusetts Congressman Bill Keating, H.R.1157, was filed on behalf of the Town of Chatham, and is intended to settle a dispute

over the management of nearly 4,000 acres of submerged lands and waters within Monomoy. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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3) Opportunity to Become a TerraCorps Service Site

TerraCorps (formerly MassLIFT) is an AmeriCorps program initiated in 2010 by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust (Mount Grace). Their main goal as an organization is to prepare and mobilize emerging leaders to help communities gain access to and conserve land for people and nature. They do this by supporting 36 AmeriCorps members who serve with nonprofit organizations across the state to tackle issues around land access, conservation, and revitalization. This year they have 4 open half-term member positions that will run from February 12th-July 27th, 2018. Members serve full time (38hrs/week) and receive a living stipend, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits.

Nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts with land conservation, land access, or sustainable land use as part of their missions are encouraged to apply. For additional information about TerraCorps, service site eligibility, and application information, visit their [website](#) and check out the [Become a Service Site Page](#).

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4) Cost Reimbursement for UMass Extension Programs

Did you know that you could be eligible for up to 50% reimbursement for attending UMass Extension Educational Programs? Click [here](#) to learn about the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Express Program.

Eligible UMass Extension programs in 2018 - Use these Course ID #'s when applying.

2/6/18 Landscape Safety Conference (#1115118)

3/6/18 Community Tree Conference: Ecological Perspectives of the Urban Forest (#1115126)

3/29/18 Spring Kickoff for Landscapers: Sustainable Landscape Management Education Day (#1115117)

Invasive Plant Management Certification

- 2/21/18 Principles and Fundamentals of Weed Science (A1) (#1115119)
- 3/13/18 State Regulations Pertaining to Invasive Plant Management (A2) (#1115120)
- 3/22/18 The Invasive Plant Issue & Invasive Plant ID (A3) (#1115121)
- 4/4/18 Developing an Invasive Plant Management Program (B) (#1115122)

8/9/18 **Landscape & Forest Tree & Shrub Insect Workshop** (#1115128)

10/29/18 **Green School 2018** (#1115129)

Questions? Contact the Express Program of the Workforce Training Fund, (617) 717-6943, express@commcorp.org

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5) Plant Conservation Volunteer Program - New England Wild Flower Society

The New England Wild Flower Society is seeking enthusiastic people who have a commitment to plant conservation and protecting natural habitats to participate in the Plant Conservation Volunteer (PCV) Program. The PCV Program engages volunteers to collect information on rare plants and their habitats across all six New England states. The majority of the work focuses on rare plant monitoring, but there are also occasional opportunities to assist with invasive species removal, habitat management projects and botanical surveys that benefit rare plants. The Society also offers free field trips and some learning opportunities to PCVs. It's an excellent opportunity to put your botanical skills to work, learn more about the flora of New England, meet other botanists, and help preserve your state's natural heritage. Click [here](#) for more information.

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NEWS

6) National Monument Update

Department of Interior Secretary Zinke's additional recommendations include shrinking 2 more national monuments and modifying the use and/or management of 6 others, including Katahdin Woods & Waters and the Northeast Canyons & Seamounts Marine National Monument. Click [here](#) for the Appalachian Mountain Club's statement.

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7) Attorney General Healy Sues EPA For Failing to Meet Required Deadline to Address Harmful Ozone Pollution

On December 6, 2017, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey joined a coalition of 15 state attorneys general in suing the EPA for failing to update area designations with respect to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). NAAQS area designations trigger timetables for states to implement ozone-reducing measures. The Clean Air Act legally mandated that the EPA update NAAQS area designations by October 1st of this year. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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8) Baker-Polito Administration Announces Over \$2.5 Million in Land Protection Grants

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, December 5, 2017 by Katie Gronendyke

On December 5, 2017, the Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$2,546,923 to 12 communities to protect over 660 acres of land through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program. The grant program, overseen by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Division of Conservation Services (DCS), seeks to address climate change and protect biodiversity within the Commonwealth. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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STORIES

9) *The Benefits & Growing Movement to Plant Small Grains*

Excerpts from Yale Environment 360, November 28, 2017 by Twilight Greenaway

Breaking with the industrial model of growing corn and soybeans, a growing number of Iowa farmers are putting oats, rye, and other small grains into their crop rotation, a switch that is regenerating soils, cleaning up waters, and providing benefits to family farms. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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10) *In a Warming California, a Future of More Fire*

Excerpts from The New York Times, December 7, 2017 by Henry Fountain

The recent cycle of drought and deluge in California led to major fire risk. Climate change makes that cycle worse. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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EVENTS

11) *Legal Essentials for New Farmers*

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Gould Barn, 1 Howlett Street, Topsfield, MA

Greenbelt, in partnership with Conservation Law Foundation's [Legal Food Hub](#), will host a free evening workshop with a panel of attorneys to present on topics most important to new farmers. Topics include:

- Business entity formation, such as creating an LLC, and the advantages of various ownership options
- Real estate concerns specific to new farmers seeking to find, lease, purchase, and finance land;
- Employment law issues

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

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CONFERENCES

12) *Landscape Safety Conference*

Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 8:30am - 3:30pm
Doubletree Hotel, Milford, MA

Have you ever been bitten by a mosquito? Removed an attached tick? Encountered a poisonous plant? Do you work with pesticides? If you answered "YES" to any of these

questions, this Landscape Safety Conference is for you. You will explore many topics that are important for landscapers, arborists, tree wardens, lawn care professionals, grounds managers, and essentially any professionals working in outdoor environments. UMass Extension specialists and speakers from the MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources and the UMass Laboratory of Medical Zoology will come together to provide this day-long program. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

13) Captain Planet Foundation: ecoSolution Grants

January 15, 2018 deadline

The Captain Planet Foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment. The Foundation provides ecoSolution Grants to educators working with youth in the United States to help fund solution-oriented, youth-led projects that result in real environmental outcomes. K-12 schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500. Priority is given to projects with matching funds or in-kind support. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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14) National Park Service Preservation Technology & Training Grants Program

January 4, 2018 deadline

The Preservation Technology and Training Grants program provides support to create better tools, materials, and approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, sites, and collections. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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15) 2018 Massachusetts Recreational Trails Program Grant

February 1, 2018 deadline

Apply to receive funds for the construction or maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, land acquisition or easements, trail assessments, and more! This year, DCR anticipates an increase in funding over past years. As such, eligible grant applications for up to \$100,000 in federal-share funding are now being accepted. Visit the Recreational Trails Program [website](#) for updated grant guidelines, application materials, and past awarded projects.

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JOBS

16) Executive Director - Mass Land Trust Coalition

The Board of Trustees of the Mass Land Trust Coalition is seeking a full-time Executive Director with strong non-profit management experience and a highly diverse skill set. The ideal candidate will have 5 years financial management, fundraising, grant writing, communications, governance, and administrative experience. Candidates with a working knowledge of land conservation and/or natural resource management may be given preference. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) 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. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Conservation & Stewardship Manager - Kestrel Land Trust

Kestrel Land Trust is now seeking applicants for a new full-time staff position: Conservation and Stewardship Manager. The Conservation and Stewardship Manager will manage land conservation and stewardship projects under the supervision of the Executive Director and in close collaboration with a staff of six, in partnership with municipal, state and federal conservation agencies. Primary responsibilities will include landowner outreach and negotiations, arranging for appraisals, conducting due diligence and legal work, budgeting, financial reporting, participating in town meetings, creating baseline property reports, GIS mapping, conservation restriction drafting, property monitoring, easement defense, and grant writing. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Assistant State Director - The Nature Conservancy

The Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is recruiting for an Assistant State Director to, among other things, oversee conservation programs and strategy related to our initiatives: land conservation, aquatic and terrestrial connectivity, urban-based conservation and climate mitigation/adaptation work. For a complete description and to apply, visit www.nature.org/careers and search for Job #45889. Posting closes 12/31/17.

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20) Director - Orleans Conservation Trust

The Orleans Conservation Trust seeks a Director. The Director must demonstrate a knowledge of, and a passion for, open space, environmental protection and the mission of OCT. The Director reports to the OCT Board of Trustees and is responsible for advancing the mission of OCT through land protection, stewardship, and community outreach. The Director is also responsible for the administrative operations of OCT, which include: marketing, fundraising, major donor cultivation, grant writing, membership development, 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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21) Land Steward - Springfield Water & Sewer Commission

The Springfield Water & Sewer Commission seeks a Land Stewards. The Land Steward reports to and assists the Water Resource Manager with on-the-ground management and monitoring of approximately 19,000 acres of Commission-owned water supply property within eight municipalities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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RESOURCES

22) Urgent Help for Your Tech Emergencies

Staying on top of help-desk requests can be a drain on your IT staff, especially if you're already stretched thin. TechSoup Help Desk can resolve many of these everyday tech hassles so you can focus your attention elsewhere. The Tech Soup support team can troubleshoot a range of equipment, from laptops to printers. They can also remove malware and viruses and solve basic networking issues. Pricing starts at just \$55 per incident. [Learn about TechSoup Help Desk today.](#)

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