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## MASSLAND NEWS

### **1) MassLand Young Land Professionals Summer Gathering on July 26-27 at Greenbelt**

Celebrate summer with a fun social and networking event at Greenbelt, Essex County's Land Trust. The evening will include a guided walk, a barbecue, a campfire with s'mores, and the option to stay overnight at the Cox Reservation, 82 Eastern Avenue, Essex, MA. For more information and to RSVP, contact Jane at [jane@ecga.org](mailto:jane@ecga.org)

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## LOCAL LAND TRUST NEWS

## **2) Lentowski Reflects on 47 Years Leading Conservation Foundation**

Excerpts from The Inquirer and Mirror, June 28, 2018 by Joshua Balling

Jim Lentowski, a long-time hero of conservation on Nantucket, is officially retired, after 47 years leading the organization that today protects more than 9,000 acres of open space across the island, including Sanford Farm, Tupancy Links, Squam Farm and Swamp, the Milestone and Windswept cranberry bogs, Norwood Farm and the University of Massachusetts-Boston's Nantucket Field Station in Quaise.

"What's next? After 47 years of working to create, from the bottom up, a one-of-a-kind program that reflects the founders' goal to preserve Nantucket's unique natural character, it's time to stop, wind down and consider how best I can use my experience, contacts and interests in the years ahead," Lentowski, 71, said. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

### **3) Mass Rivers & Other Watershed Groups Move U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to Protect Water Quality**

Excerpts from Mass Rivers Alliance, July 3, 2018

Following a lawsuit by environmental groups, a long-awaited federal stormwater permit went into effect for Massachusetts on July 3, 2018. The permit requires municipalities to take additional steps to protect rivers, lakes, streams and ponds from polluted stormwater runoff. Contaminated stormwater is the state's top water pollution problem.

"This is a major victory for water quality throughout the Commonwealth," said Julia Blatt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance. "During a time when environmental protections are under wholesale attack, I am relieved that we were able to successfully defend Massachusetts' residents' right to clean water." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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### **4) Scott Pruitt Resigns at Environmental Protection Agency**

Excerpts from NPR, July 5, 2018 by Rebecca Hersher

Scott Pruitt has announced his resignation from the Environmental Protection Agency. The president said that Andrew Wheeler will "assume duties as the acting Administrator of the EPA." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **5) Become a TerraCorps Service Site!**

Build capacity for your organization while supporting an emerging conservation leader-- Apply to be a TerraCorps Service Site today! Each year, TerraCorps partners with nonprofit organizations across Massachusetts that host TerraCorps members for their full 11-month term of service. As a host site, or partner organization, you provide ongoing mentorship and support to your member and in turn, they complete 1,700 hours of service (38 hours/week) for your organization and community.

Non-profit organizations in MA with land conservation or land revitalization (including urban conservation and gardening efforts) in their mission interested in hosting TerraCorps members are welcome to apply. New and prior organizations, as well as collaborations between staffed and unstaffed organizations, are encouraged to apply. More information, and the application to host TerraCorps members for the 2018-2019 program year is available [HERE](#) on our website. Service site selections will be made on a rolling basis.

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## EVENTS

### **6) Trail Running 101**

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 7:30am  
Wildlands Trust, Plymouth, MA

Do you love running, but are apprehensive about making the transition to trail running? Join Wildlands Trust and Mayflower Runners to train for the Weir River Farm Trail Race over the course of 10 weeks on Saturdays and Tuesdays in Plymouth. Starting with dirt road runs, you'll work your way up to more technical trails over the course of the program. Then, put your training to the test on September 16 for either 9.3 or 6 miles at the Weir River Farm Trail Race in Hingham. Runners participating in this program should already be running regularly and able to complete a 5K and must be ages 18+. You must register to participate, space is limited. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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### **7) Summer Yoga Series in the Barn**

Thursdays July 19, 2018 - August 9, 2018, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Sudbury Valley Trustees, Wolbach Farm

Join Sudbury Valley Trustees for a four-week series of an all-level Vinyasa flow class. Feel the breeze through the open barn doors and hear the sounds of nature while you practice. Taught by Marge Bacon. PRICE: \$40 (\$20 for SVT members). Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9. To register, click [here](#).

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### **8) Housatonic River Cleanup**

Saturday, July 21, 2018, 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Wahconah Park Parking Lot

Join the Berkshire Environmental Action Team and the Housatonic Valley Association on Saturday, July 21 to help keep one of Massachusetts' most important natural resources healthy and clean. The group will meet at 9 am at the Wahconah Park parking lot. The group will divide and conquer to cover as many locations along the Housatonic River in Pittsfield. The group will meet back at Wahconah Park for free lunch with the volunteers and Blue Q goody bags. If you have waders, hip boots, or boots, feel free to bring them. There will be a few pairs for people to borrow. Also bring a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and bug repellent if you use it. Gloves and bags will be provided, as well as grabbers.

This is the first of two summer cleanups, July 21st and August 18th, organized by Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) and the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). For more information, visit [thebeatnews.org](http://thebeatnews.org), call (413) 717-1255, or email [elizabeth@thebeatnews.org](mailto:elizabeth@thebeatnews.org).

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### **9) Guided Moonlight Paddle on the Charles**

July 26, 2018, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Charles River Canoe and Kayak, 195 Moody Street, Waltham, MA

Spend a beautiful summer evening with the Waltham Land Trust and guides from Charles River Canoe & Kayak for a 2-3 mile tour on the Charles River. Price is \$40 for members of the Waltham Land Trust, \$45 for non-members. Space is limited to 30 people so don't wait to register! Online registration closes midnight the day before the event 7/25/2018. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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### **10) Save the Date - Middlesex Conservation District's Annual Fall Bulb & Perennial Sale**

Friday, September 21, 2018, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Great Brook Farm State Park Ski Touring Center, 1018 Lowell Rd, Carlisle, MA

The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its annual Fall Bulb and Perennial Sale on Friday 9/21 (3-6pm) and Saturday 9/22 (8am-noon) at the Great Brook Farm State Park Ski Touring Center, 1018 Lowell Rd, Carlisle, MA 01741. The sale includes tulips, daffodils, specialty bulbs, perennials and fertilizer. All items may be ordered in advance for best selection through 8/31. Orders may be placed online at [www.middlesexconservation.org](http://www.middlesexconservation.org) or by requesting a catalog from [middlesexconservation@yahoo.com](mailto:middlesexconservation@yahoo.com), and mailing in a check.

All sale proceeds support the District's environmental programs, protecting soils and waters in Middlesex County. Click [here](#) for a poster advertising the event.

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**GRANTS**

## **11) Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program**

September 10, 2018 deadline

The Massachusetts Forest Legacy Program is now accepting project proposals for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 application process. The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the USDA Forest Service to protect environmentally important forests from conversion to non-forest uses. The Federal government may fund up to 75% of project costs, with at least 25% coming from private, state or local sources. The MA Forest Legacy Program FY 2020 Request for Proposals application instructions are posted [here](#). Additional background information on the Forest Legacy Program is available [here](#). Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 pm on September 10, 2018.

For more information please contact Lindsay Nystrom, MA Forest Legacy Program Coordinator at [lindsay.nystrom@state.ma.us](mailto:lindsay.nystrom@state.ma.us) or 508-792-7714 x114.

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## **12) 2018 National Coastal Resilience Fund - National Fish & Wildlife Service**

August 7, 2018 deadline

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is pleased to announce the National Coastal Resilience Fund. Projects funded under this national program will provide benefits to communities, as well as for fish and wildlife. In partnership with NOAA, NFWF will make investments to advance identified priorities for restoring and strengthening natural systems so they can protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms and floods and enable them to recover more quickly, while also enhancing habitats for important fish and wildlife populations.

NFWF will award up to \$30 million in grants to create, expand and restore natural systems in areas that will both increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea and lake level changes, flooding, and coastal erosion and improve valuable habitats for fish and wildlife species. NFWF will invest in projects in two focus areas:

- Project Planning and Design
- Project Implementation

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

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## **13) Project Learning Tree: GreenWorks!**

September 30, 2018 deadline

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is a national environmental program for educators and their students in grades pre-K-12. GreenWorks! is the service-learning component of PLT that provides grants of up to \$1,000 to PLT trained educators who assist students in the implementation of environmental improvement projects. Students help design projects to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood's environment. These projects make a difference in young people's sense of responsibility

toward their communities, and in their understanding of their relationship to the environment. The funds can be used by students to initiate recycling programs at their school, conserve water and energy, establish school gardens and outdoor classrooms, improve a forest, restore a natural habitat, etc. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## **JOBS**

### **14) Community Conservation Specialist - Sudbury Valley Trustees**

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a Community Conservation Specialist to help build community support for conservation by liaising with municipal boards and committees and representing SVT on certain conservation issues. The position will involve community outreach and engagement. It requires a bachelor's degree and three years experience in related work, or a master's and one year of experience. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **15) Beginning Farmer Coordinator - MA Department of Agricultural Resources**

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources is seeking Bidders for a Beginning Farmer Coordinator to serve as an independent contractor to the Department to assist in the administration, coordination, implementation and evaluation of beginning farmer programs. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **16) 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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### **17) 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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### **18) 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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### **19) 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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### **20) 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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### **21) 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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### **22) 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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### **23) 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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### **24) Land Protection Specialist/Land Agent - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests**

The non-profit Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests seeks a self-motivated individual for the position of Land Protection Specialist (Land Agent). This is a full-time position based at the Conservation Center in Concord, NH. The Land Protection Specialist (Land Agent) helps to initiate and implements land conservation activities throughout the state, often in partnership with other conservation groups and agencies. The Land Agent negotiates and manages Forest Society acquisitions, by gift or purchase, of conservation easements and fee interests from private landowners, governmental entities, and other conservation groups. S/he represents the organization in conservation partnerships or coalitions. Occasionally, the Land Agent will assist with the Forest Society's sale or other transfers of real estate. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **25) Program Administrator - Connecticut Land Conservation Council**

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council is seeking a Program Administrator. The individual supports the organization's administrative activities and programs and

assists the Executive Director in daily operations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **26) Science & Restoration Program Director - Ipswich River Watershed Association**

The Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA) seeks a Director for the Ipswich River Science & Restoration Program. The program includes a variety of activities designed to restore aquatic habitat in the Ipswich, Parker and Essex Rivers through flow restoration, water quality improvement, fisheries restoration and physical habitat improvement projects. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **27) Environmental Resource Specialist - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking an Environmental Resource Specialist. The Planning Division is a diverse organization housed within the New England District (NAE) Headquarters in Concord, MA. Members of the Planning Division have expertise in water resources planning, including plan formulation, environmental evaluation and restoration, cultural resources evaluation, economics, Civil Works Policy, and public involvement. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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### **28) Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent - Town of Arlington**

The Town of Arlington seeks an Agent/Planner. The individual performs technical and administrative support functions for the Conservation Commission, and environmental planning functions for the Town. Assists with coordination of a range of sustainability and environmental efforts in town and assists the Conservation Commission in its administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Arlington Bylaw for Wetlands Protection and management of property under Conservation Commission management or control. Outside of special projects or tasks, duties of the position will be evenly split between Conservation Commission-related tasks and environmental planning activities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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