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ACTION ALERT

1) Sign On By Friday: Oppose the Clean Water Rule Repeal!

Please consider adding your organization to this sign-on letter opposing the Trump Administration's proposed repeal of the 2015 Clean Water Rule (aka Waters of the US or WOTUS). **The public comment period closes Monday 8/13. Please sign on by Friday 8/10.**

Text of letter and google form to sign-on [here](#).

This rulemaking is the administration's second attempt at repealing the Rule, adding supplemental justification to the 2017 proposal that was never finalized. It will be followed later this summer or fall with a replacement "Dirty Water Rule" that will seek to narrowly define Waters of the US and limit the scope of the Clean Water Act. Act now!

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NEWS

2) Mark Tisa Appointed MassWildlife Director

Excerpts from Mass.gov, July 18, 2018

On July 17, 2018, the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Board unanimously voted to appoint Mark S. Tisa, Ph.D., M.B.A., to the position of Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife). "The Fisheries and Wildlife Board has appointed Mark Tisa as the new Director of MassWildlife because of Mark's lifelong commitment to wildlife and fisheries conservation and his excellent record of service to the agency and the Commonwealth," Fisheries and Wildlife Board Chair Joseph Larson said after the meeting. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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3) Fear Not, East Boston: Parks Mean You Won't End Up Another Seaport

Excerpts from The Boston Globe, August 3, 2018 by Shirley Leung

East Boston may fear becoming the next Seaport District, but here's why it may not: some of the city's most expansive waterfront parks are planned for this side of the harbor. This matters because it means luxury buildings won't completely wall off the waterfront. The latest open space proposal comes from the Trustees of Reservations, which is bidding to rehab a dilapidated pier owned by the Massachusetts Port Authority. The vision: Turn the 3.6-acre site into a lush park that juts out into the water. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE NEWS

4) Environmental Advocacy Pays Off - State Agencies Receive Budget Increases for FY 2019

Excerpts from Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, July 18, 2018

After many years of staff losses at our state environmental agencies due to budget cuts, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Division of Ecological Restoration and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Office of Water Resources have received significant state budget boosts for FY2019. These programs are critical to water protection, river restoration, and climate change adaptation in our state, and the environmental community have worked hard to make the case to the state legislature for increasing these budgets. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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5) Environmental Bond Bill Heads to Governor's Desk

Excerpts from Mass Live, July 30, 2018 by Mary Serreze

A \$2.4 billion environmental bond bill that could fund projects from Cape Cod to the Berkshires has been approved by the Massachusetts Legislature and now heads to the desk of Gov. Charlie Baker.

On July 30, the Senate approved a conference committee's report, following passage by the House on July 29. The bill is heavy on items that would help Massachusetts respond to the challenges of climate change. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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6) **Trump Administration Wants to Lower Emissions Standards for Cars**

Excerpts from CNN Politics, August 2, 2018 by Katie Lobosco and Peter Valdes-Dapena

Setting up a showdown with California, the Trump administration announced a plan to revoke a signature Obama-era environmental regulation last week. The administration wants to freeze a rule mandating that automakers work to make cars substantially more fuel efficient. It called its plan a "50-state fuel economy and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standard for passenger cars and light trucks." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

7) **Survey for Millennials in Land Trusts**

As a part of the Rally workshop **Developing the Millennial Leaders that Land Trusts Need**, the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) has developed a survey to better understand Millennials in the workplace.

LTA is calling on all Millennials that are currently working for or have previously worked for land trusts to take this survey. They are also interested in hearing from Millennial board members, or those interested in getting into the conservation/land trust field. For more information on the workshop and to take the survey, please click [here](#). Please complete by September 14.

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EVENTS

8) **Butterfly Festival**

August 11, 2018, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary

Celebrate butterflies with a day of educational fun for all ages! Join Mass Audubon for the 11th Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival at Broad Meadow Brook, a natural habitat for butterflies. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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9) Free Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop

Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 6:00pm

Bill Ashe Visitor Center, Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, 80 Hospital Road, Devens, MA

Do you have a favorite paddling or swimming spot where you've found an aquatic plant and wondered if it's native or invasive? Are you part of a pond committee or river group looking to protect the health of your waterway from invasive plant species? The Nashua River Watershed Association invites you to join them for this workshop. This one and a half hour class will be led by Tom Flannery, Aquatic Ecologist with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Lakes and Ponds Program.

The workshop begins with an introduction to the invasive non-native species issue, how exotic species are introduced into our waterways, methods of dispersal, basic terminology, and guidance on performing bi-weekly monitoring and completing plant surveys. The remaining 3/4 of the class will engage participants in hands-on identification. A variety of non-native and native plant species are provided, and people are encouraged to bring in their own samples of aquatic plants.

The workshop is limited to 30 people; pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please contact Kate McNierney, NRWA Office Administrator, at (978) 448-0299, or email KateM@NashuaRiverWatershed.org. For more information, contact Martha Morgan, NRWA Water Programs Director at MarthaM@NashuaRiverWatershed.org.

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10) Local Libations: Buzzards Bay Brewing

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Buzzards Bay Brewing, 98 Horseneck Road, Westport, MA

Join the Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership for a tour of Buzzards Bay Brewing in Westport, MA. Buzzards Bay Brewing has been supporters of local agriculture & the environment for many years. The tour will also include a meal from the burrito bar on-site food truck and a flight of their delicious brews! To register, click [here](#).

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11) Haverhill's Tattersall Farm Day & Town Forest Event

September 9, 2018, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tattersall Farm, 542 North Broadway, Haverhill, MA

Come celebrate the City of Haverhill's open space at this event! The morning starts off with a Birds of Prey presentation by Julie Ann Collier and Jim Parks of Wingmasters at Haverhill High School. Then it is off to the woods for a forestry tour of Haverhill's open space to complete the morning. The afternoon includes a variety of forestry and farm demonstrations at the Tattersall Farm Day - lunch and admission to the Tattersall Farm Day is included! For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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TRAININGS

12) Back to School: Environmental Education Programs for Land Trusts

August 29, 2018

Webinar

Are you interested in partnering with schools but don't know where to start or are you (or your board) worried about how it will impact your land trust? Then this webinar is for you! Every land trust can partner with schools in ways that build upon its strengths and serve a real community need. The annual school year cycle even facilitates specific opportunities. Anticipating the timing of educators and schools is critical to forging a successful partnership. Join Rob Wade, a K-14 educator specializing in place-based learning, and other practitioners as they discuss commonsense strategies for partnering with schools throughout the year. This webinar will highlight best practices and approaches and note the diversity and variability of education program design. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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CONFERENCES

13) Land Trust Alliance Rally

October 11-13, 2018

Pittsburg, MA

Early-bird registration deadline - August 13, 2018

Don't forget to take advantage of the early-bird discount for registration for this year's Land Trust Alliance Rally. Rally is the exciting annual gathering of nearly 2,000 inspired and passionate land conservation practitioners from the US, Canada, South America and beyond, who are dedicated to conserving cherished places in local communities. The Land Trust Alliance is proud to be hosting its 31st year of Rally: The National Land Conservation Conference, being held this year in Pittsburgh, PA, October 11-13, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

14) 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 or 508-792-7714 x114.

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15) The William P. Wharton Trust

September 14, 2018 deadline

The William P. Wharton Trust supports nonprofit organizations that promote the conservation, study, and appreciation of nature. The Trust's funding objectives in order of priority are as follows: natural areas preservation in Massachusetts and New England, including funding acquisition of land for conservation purposes; management techniques designed to improve environmental quality and species diversity; bird and forestry research and management, especially at the applied level rather than the theoretical or molecular level; and creation of materials or projects designed to foster an appreciation of and a concern for wildlife and natural systems. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) FY19 Landscape Partnership Grant Program

October 18, 2018 deadline

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY 2019 Landscape Partnership Grant. This program seeks to protect large blocks of conservation land. Local, state, and federal government agencies and non-profit groups can use this grant to work together to protect at least 500 acres of land.

One information session will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon at Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters at Westboro. Please RSVP to Emmanuel to Emmanuel.Owusu@mass.gov. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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JOBS

17) Conservation Planner/Agent - City of Worcester

The Planning & Regulatory Services Division of the City of Worcester seeks to fill the position of Conservation Planner. This position provides professional administrative support for the Conservation Commission and manages municipal programs related to wetlands protection and open space conservation, including administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The Conservation Planner serves as an agent of the Conservation Commission with responsibility for inspection and enforcement of Commission actions. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Fall AmeriCorps Members - Vermont Youth Conservation Corps

The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps is looking to fill a couple of open positions for the current session, as well as for the Fall Young Adult Trail Crew that starts in August. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Manager of Membership and Operations - Grow Native Massachusetts

Grow Native is seeking a person to build membership and promote member engagement with our programs. This job is focused on fundraising, member services, managing events, and day-to-day nonprofit management. S/he will work collaboratively with our Manager of Programs with a special focus on supporting the ecological work of members in their local communities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) 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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21) Seasonal Conservation Planning Assistant - MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Department of Conservation and Recreation seeks qualified applicants for the position of Seasonal Conservation Biologist I-Shorebird Monitor. This position collects, analyzes, and reviews biological data through field, and literature work on endangered and threatened species and other features of biological diversity; provides technical assistance and information to public and/or private groups; helps the agency in maintaining liaison with various public and private agencies; and performs related work as required. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Conservation Associate - Connecticut Farmland Trust

Connecticut Farmland Trust seeks a Conservation Associate. The successful candidate will assist state and federal partners in implementing farmland preservation program, prepare maps and documents for preservation projects, work with farmers to complete

preservation applications, assist state partner in implementing clearinghouse to connect farmland owners with beginning farmers seeking land to lease or buy, and conduct outreach and site visits to farmland owners and seekers. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Internships with the New England Wild Flower Society

The New England Wild Flower Society has provided rewarding internships and fellowships for several decades. Based at Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA, or at Nasami Farm in Whately, MA, these opportunities are intensive and on-the-job. Internships are offered by the Horticulture, Public Programming, and Conservation departments. The following opportunities are currently available for the 2018 season:

- 2018 Conservation Internships (three positions)
- 2018 Native Plant Records Internship
- 2018 Native Plant Horticulture Internship
- 2018 Chester B. Allen Native Plant Nursery Propagation and Horticulture Internship
- 2018 Marketing Internship

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

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24) Opportunities with Wilkinson Ecological Design

Wilkinson Ecological Design seeks a few positions at their Orleans office. These include: Conservation Biologist, Design Administrative Assistant, Associate Restoration Designer, Project Manager, Environmental Technician, and Landscape Construction Estimator. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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25) Opportunities with Town of Brookline Public Works Department

The Town of Brookline Department of Public Works, Parks Division seeks a Seasonal Gardener/Laborer and a Senior Landscape Planner/Architect. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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26) Chapter Director - Sierra Club Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club seeks a Chapter Director. The Chapter Director develops and oversees or implements all programs, policies and initiatives for the Chapter; performs long-range planning; and makes appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding short- and long-term priorities and strategies to develop and strengthen the effectiveness of the Chapter. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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27) Deputy Director - Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

The Department of Fish and Game seeks applicants for the position of the Deputy Director (Program Manager VIII) of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The Deputy Director is a senior manager for the Division reporting to the Director. The Deputy Director is a senior policy making position and works closely with the Division's scientific staff to advise the Director on policy and regulatory matters for consideration to be presented to the Fisheries & Wildlife Board which oversees the Division. The Deputy Director supervises four M6 Assistant Directors. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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