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## MASSLAND NEWS

### **1) Protecting Biodiversity in a Changing Climate Workshop Next Week!**

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](mailto:kcampbell@massland.org). Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **NATURE NEWS**

### **3) Planet or Plastic?**

This story is part of "Planet or Plastic?" - National Geographic's multiyear effort to raise awareness about the global plastic waste crisis. Although many passionate land conservationists are aware of the problem, this article and the captivating photos truly bring more attention to it and raise the issue among the general public. Please share. Click [here](#) for the full story.



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#### **4) Rare Turtles Released into Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge**

Excerpts from MetroWest Daily News, May 22, 2018 by Zane Razzaq

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with students from Bristol County Agricultural High School, released about 50 threatened Blanding's turtle hatchlings into the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. Since 2010, sophomores in the school's Natural Resource Management Program have raised hundreds of Blanding's turtle hatchlings, guiding them through their first nine months of life. By giving them this "head start" in life, the turtles have a higher survival rate after release than their wild counterparts. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **NEWS**

#### **5) Excellent Examples of Environmental Education in Massachusetts**

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, May 14, 2018 by Katie Gronendyke

Back in May, the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs honored 32 energy and environmental education programs at Massachusetts schools and nonprofits for the 24th Annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Energy & Environmental Education. Winners competed for \$5,000 in awards, funded by the Massachusetts Environmental Trust with the intention to fund further environmental education initiatives at the schools. EEA solicited Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education Award nominations in early 2017.

"The initiatives we are recognizing today range from garden projects and outdoor

classroom programs, to watershed and vernal pool projects, to teaching about the environment through art and music," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beaton. "As we face many ongoing environmental challenges, including a changing climate, it is more important than ever that we prioritize environmental literacy and teach the next generation the importance of protecting our natural resources." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **6) More Communities in Massachusetts Receive Funding for Climate Resilience**

Excerpts from Energy and Environmental Affairs, May 29, 2018 by Katie Gronendyke

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) was introduced in Massachusetts in 2017 to provide support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to plan for resiliency and implement key climate change adaptation actions for resiliency. The state awards communities with funding to complete vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. The program builds on Governor Baker's Executive Order 569. In the first round of funding, 71 communities were awarded. There was a second round of funding this year, in which 82 more communities were awarded funding. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **7) Vineyard Wind Selected to Bring Offshore Wind Energy to the Commonwealth**

Excerpts from Energy and Environmental Affairs, May 23, 2018 by Katie Gronendyke

Vineyard Wind has selected by the Commonwealth's Electric Distribution Companies to move forward to contract negotiations to finally bring offshore wind to Massachusetts. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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## **CONFERENCES**

### **8) Land Trust Alliance Rally Registration Now Open**

October 11-13, 2018

Pittsburgh, PA

Registration is now open for Rally 2018. Register before August 13 and save \$90 on the basic registration rate. Rally brings together conservationists from around the world to discuss trending topics, innovations and opportunities for the entire land trust community. There will be 100+ workshops, 16 seminars and 10 field trips covering a variety of conservation topics. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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## **EVENTS**

## **9) Climate Adaptation Forum: Design World Views on Adaptation and Resilience**

Friday, June 8, 2018, 7:30am - 11:30am

UMass Club, 32nd floor, One Beacon Street, Boston, MA

Design leaders and urban design exemplars from around the world offer a wealth of inspiration and instruction for climate adaptation and carbon neutrality. This fourth installment in the series of quarterly Climate Adaptation Forums, organized jointly by the Environmental Business Council and the Sustainable Solutions Lab at UMass Boston, will focus on design on an international, regional, and local scale. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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## **10) RiverFest 2018 Kick-off Party**

Friday, June 15, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sudbury Valley Trustees Headquarters, 18 Wolbach Road, Sudbury, MA

RiverFest is an annual celebration of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers. This year is the 50th anniversary of America's Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Kick-off Party is an invitation to celebrate the collaborative work with partners, colleagues, family, and friends. Click [here](#) for more information.

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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](mailto:melissa.cryan@state.ma.us) or (617) 626-1171.

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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) National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Bring Back the Natives**

June 28, 2018 deadline

The Bring Back the Natives program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), invests in conservation activities that restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species across the United States, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. The program emphasizes coordination between private landowners and federal agencies, tribes, corporations, and states to improve the ecosystem functions and health of watersheds. Priority will be given to projects that address the leading factors in native fish species decline such as habitat alteration, environmental change, and invasive species. Grant awards will generally range in size from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and require at least one-to-one matching funds. Eligible applicants include local, state, federal, and tribal governments and agencies; special districts; nonprofit organizations; and schools and universities. For more information, click [here](#).

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## **17) Captain Planet Foundation: ecoSolution Grants**

July 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 innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. Public 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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## **18) Department of Agriculture Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program**

July 9, 2018 deadline

The Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program is intended to increase knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children, and to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## **19) National Park Service Cultural Resources Management Services Program**

July 13, 2018 deadline

The Cultural Resources Management Services program allows the National Park Service to work collaboratively with partners on a variety of cultural resource activities, including studies, planning, inventory reviews, exhibit design, teaching projects, and

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

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## **JOBS**

### **20) 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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### **21) 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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### **22) 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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### **23) 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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## **24) 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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## **25) 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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## **26) 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](http://www.nature.org/careers). Posting closes 5/10/18.

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## **27) 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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### **28) 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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### **29) 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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### **30) 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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### **31) 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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## 32) 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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