



MASSACHUSETTS
LAND TRUST
COALITION

21st Annual (2024) Land Trust & State Agency Retreat Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Agenda as of Oct. 11

WEDNESDAY, October 16th (IN PERSON at Harvard Forest (HF), Fisher Museum, Petersham)

Registration is now fully subscribed, but there are still overnight spots available for people who have already registered for the Retreat. Reserve your overnight spot [here](#).

- **Overnight option available for up to 23 people for \$95 (double or triple), \$120 (single). Reserve via link above.**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Gathering, coffee

9 :00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome / Introductions

Morning Focus: Coordinating Land & Habitat Management Across Sectors

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Why consider coordinated management? (5 min)

Brief presentations on examples of cooperative management (5 -7 min each)
Topics include:

- Prescribed burns
Caren Caljouw, Prescribed Fire Manager, DFW and Janet Milkman, Executive Director, Barnstable Land Trust
- Forest reserve designation
Ken MacKenzie, Director of Natural Resources, DCR Division of Water Supply Protection
- Landscape-scale forest management
Thomas Brulé, Lead, Management Forestry Program, DCR Bureau of Forestry
- Invasives management
Julia Flanary, Conservation Agent, Town of Maynard
- Wetlands restoration
Russell Hopping, Lead Ecologist, Coastal Ecology, The Trustees
- Trail usage
Kristen Sykes, Northeast Regional Director for the National Parks Conservation Association

- Habitat management
Tom Wansleben, Habitat Biologist, DFW
- Deer management
Susan McCarthy, Wildlife Biologist, DFW

Breakout instructions for next session (10 min)

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break and move into groups

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Discussion: Where and how might management across property ownerships be possible/desirable?

Topics may include:

- Prescribed burns
- Forest reserve designation
- Landscape scale forest management
- Invasives management
- Wetlands restoration
- Habitat & deer management

Discussion prompts:

- From the land trust/state agency/tribal perspective, how much interest is there in collaborating across property lines?
- Where is this happening already, and what lessons have we learned?
- What could additional collaboration look like?
- What would it take to move forward?

Large group summary (15 min): Take-aways and suggested next steps for working across borders

11:45 – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

Afternoon Focus: Long-Term Funding for Conservation

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Environmental Bond

- Brief status report on Bond expected to be filed early in 2025
- Large group discussion (*guided by Stephanie Cooper, Undersecretary for Environment and Emily Myron, TNC*) on "What are key elements to include in the Bond bill, and how can we maximize its land conservation benefits?"

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Conservation Finance Coalition's proposed campaign for a new dedicated funding source for land conservation.
Hosted by Rand Wentworth

- Background and status of the Coalition and campaign
- Discussion: Timely input on key issues

- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Conservation Trivia, led by Russ Cohen
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Optional Informal social hour at Fisher House

THURSDAY, October 17th

(IN PERSON at Harvard Forest, Fisher Museum, Petersham AND via Zoom)

If attending via Zoom, pre-registration is [required here](#).

Focus: State CR and Grant Programs

- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Introductions (live and virtual attendees)
- 9:10 – 10:15 a.m. Possible CR Alternatives to Ensure Perpetuity
- Identify why alternatives to traditional CRs might be desirable
 - Guided brainstorming on possible alternatives (i.e., charitable trust, deed restriction, "CR lite", recording grant agreement, etc.)
 - Next steps
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. CR Model Improvements: Early input for next iteration of CR Working Group
Hosted by Bob Wilber, EOEEA
- Guided discussion to identify specific sections of the current CR model that might warrant revision in the next version of the model
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Issues in Accessing State Funding Programs
- Representatives of DCS, DER, NRCS, and MDAR will provide guided discussions.
- 12:30 p.m. End