

Conservation Partners Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 20, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In person at Mass Audubon's Brewster's Woods, Balls Hill Rd, Concord*
To attend via Zoom, advance registration is required: here.

After registering, you'll receive a unique link needed to join the meeting.

10:00 Welcome, call to order and chair report - Kathy Orlando, Partner Engagement Chair

- Meeting logistics and introductions
- Review of March Minutes (available online at <u>June 2025 Conservation Partner Meeting |</u>
 Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
- Next meeting: Friday, September 12, 10 a.m. (Hybrid: location TBD and via Zoom)
- 10:15 MLTC Annual Meeting (Election of Trustees) Kathy Orlando
- 10:25 Staff Report Robb Johnson, MLTC Executive Director
- **10:35 LTA Report Jen Plowden**, New England Program Manager
- 10:45 <u>Featured Topic: What conservationists need to know about pending state regulations for energy facility siting and permitting</u> Michelle Manion, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy, Mass Audubon; and Steve Long, Director of Policy and Partnerships at The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts.
- 11:25 <u>State Agency Updates</u> **Kurt Gaertner**, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy, EEA; **Bob Wilber**, Director of Conservation Services; **Katharine Otto** MDAR Farmland Action Plan Coordinator; **Ron Hall** -- MDAR APR Acquisition Lead; and other agency staff
- 11:45 MLTC Policy Priorities Update Robb Johnson (MLTC)

(Quarterly Policy Update memo available here after June 17: <u>June 2025 Conservation Partner Meeting | Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition</u>

11:55 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Early Career Conservation Network **Mariah Fogg** (Land Trust Alliance)
- Amicus Committee **Buzz Constable** (MLTC Board))
- Agriculture **Kathy Orlando** (Sheffield Land Trust)
- 12:10 Other announcements
- **12:15: Adjourn**

^{*} Parking is limited so carpooling highly encouraged. From Monument Street, turn onto Balls Hill Road and proceed straight for approximately 0.4 miles. When you reach a set of three mailboxes (#165/203/221), turn left into the Brewster's Woods driveway. Park in the trailhead parking lot on the left after the welcome booth. If this lot is full, someone will direct you to overflow parking.