

MASSACHUSETTS LAND TRUST COALITION

Conservation Partners Meeting AgendaFriday, March 7, 202510:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Via Zoom.

advance registration is required: <u>here</u>.

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 December Minutes (available online at <u>March 2025 Conservation Partner Meeting</u> | <u>Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition</u>
- Next meeting: Friday, June 20, 10 a.m. (Hybrid: Brewster's Woods in Concord and via Zoom)
- 10:15 <u>MLTC Staff Report</u> Robb Johnson, MLTC Executive Director
- **10:25 <u>LTA Report</u> Jen Plowden, New England Program Manager**
- **10:40** Featured Topic: Federal Policy Update Lori Faeth, Senior Director of Government Relations for the Land Trust Alliance. Lori will share updates on LTA's federal policy agenda, and insights on the impact of executive orders, agency layoffs and proposed funding cuts, and how LTA is responding.
- **11:20** <u>State Agency Updates</u> Kurt Gaertner, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy, Bob Wilber, Director of Conservation Services and agency staff
 - EEA and agency news
 - Progress report on CR review process and 2024 Conservation Land Tax Credit projects
 - Grant program news
 - APR and Farmland Action Plan updates

11:45 <u>State Policy Update</u> – Robb Johnson (MLTC)

 Updates on MLTC's administrative and legislative priorities (Quarterly Policy Update memo available here after March 5: <u>March 2025 Conservation Partner</u> <u>Meeting | Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition</u>)

11:55 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Early Career Conservation Network Olivia Barksdale (Town of Acton)
- Amicus Committee **Buzz Constable** (MLTC Board))
- Agriculture **Kathy Orlando** (Sheffield Land Trust), **Kathleen Doherty** (American Farmland Trust)

12:10 Other announcements

12:15: <u>Adjourn</u>