

10:22:35 From Janet Milkman, Barnstable Land Trust to Everyone:
It's helpful if everyone could put their affiliation in their name! Right click on your name and Rename option will come up in drop down.

10:25:43 From Rachel Bruce, Wildlands Trust to Everyone:
Is there a theme for field trips?

10:26:11 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Everyone:
No theme.

10:26:16 From Rachel Bruce, Wildlands Trust to Everyone:
Thanks!

10:26:37 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
Will the land protection course include tools that municipalities can employ like Natural Resource Protection Zoning or Open Space Residential Design zoning?

10:27:13 From Emily Johnson (Harvard Forest; FRCOG) to Everyone:
Will the Land Protection course have a cost? (I'm writing a grant and would love to add it in, if so!)

10:27:16 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Everyone:
to submit interest in an MLTC Board position, email info@massland.org

10:28:37 From Emma Ellsworth to Everyone:
Thank you to MLTC! What great programming. Excited about this coming training

10:30:18 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
No need to address further in the conversation here, but there is so much that municipalities can do to protect important lands without having to purchase them. Connecting the local open space plan with local zoning tools has tremendous potential - some communities have protected hundreds or even thousands of acres of land with these tools.

10:35:39 From Alain Peteroy, Franklin Land Trust to Everyone:
Sounds to me like a great stand along course-- very specific work and very "meaty"

10:36:22 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
Thanks Heidi -- Yes, we would love to think about great programs -- besides an intro course for aspiring land protection folks -- to address the critical topic of working with municipalities

10:36:41 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
Thanks Robb

10:38:22 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
FYI everyone, here are some existing resources: <https://www.massaudubon.org/our-work/climate-change/local-climate-resilient-communities>

10:39:38 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
<https://snepnetwork.org/bylaw-review/>

10:41:24 From Vanessa Johnson-Hall | Greenbelt to Everyone:
This sounds excellent, Jen!

10:42:22 From Donald Maciver, Littleton Cons Trust/ Sustainability Comm to Everyone:
I also think that you should include working with municipal Planning boards (an untapped resource). Current zoning bylaws such as Open Space Residential Subdivision (cluster zoning) provide open space set aside parcels. Usually Con Coms and Land Trusts are absent in those decisions and should get involved. Likewise with some other activities where open space people can benefit. Open Space folks need to develop relationships with Planning Boards. Much work with MVP and Mass Natural Hazard Planning process - Don Maciver

10:44:05 From Kristin DeBoer to Everyone:
A shout out to LTA for continuing the Excellence Program. Kestrel Land Trust participated in these trainings circa 2012-2015. It was an exceptionally useful program!

10:45:05 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
Here's the policy update Jen just mentioned: https://massland.org/sites/default/files/files/mltc_policy_update_2023_dec.pdf

10:46:02 From Jen Plowden (she/her), Land Trust Alliance to Everyone:
Thanks, Kristin! I'm really excited to bring more resources to the MA community :-)

10:52:32 From Bernie McHugh to Everyone:
Colleagues - I encourage you to consider applying to the Boston-based William P. Wharton Trust for funding of land acquisition and bird conservation projects. We've noticed a decline in quality requests that meet our guidelines in the past few years and want to increase our outreach efforts, especially in the Northeast and Atlantic Canada. For more info on our guidelines see williamwharton.org. You can also contact me at berniemcugh@earthlink.net. I can't discuss individual projects with you but can help you understand the Trust's priorities.

10:53:44 From Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust/Conservation Partners chair to Everyone:
Thanks Bernie!

11:01:29 From Alain Peteroy, Franklin Land Trust to Everyone:
Climate Forestry Effort-- PILOT payments to small towns in western MA need to be considered if the state wants support from communities and to recognize the value \$\$\$ of forests in this region.

11:02:19 From Trish Settles|CMRPC to Everyone:
Ditto to What Alain said

11:04:05 From Colin Novick to Everyone:
These program/report details are deeply appreciated Kurt, thank you for this briefing. This will have major impacts on the work we do.

11:07:20 From Emma Ellsworth to Everyone:
Thank you Kurt & Team for working so efficiently and comprehensively

11:07:38 From Alain Peteroy, Franklin Land Trust to Everyone:
yes- thank you EEA team

11:09:30 From Celeste Venolia to Everyone:
Thank you, Kurt & team. Is there a plan for a public comment period around a draft? Or is it a finalized document coming out next week?

11:18:20 From Sarah LaValley, City of Northampton to Everyone:
The questions highlight that tools for land protection need to be multi-faceted and include combinations of incentives, regulation, and others

11:20:15 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
FYI -- MLTC and LTA slides now posted here: <https://massland.org/programs/meetings-retreats>

11:26:01 From Dave Viale, MDAR APR to Everyone:
Massachusetts Farmland Action Plan | Mass.gov

11:26:59 From Dave Viale, MDAR APR to Everyone:
<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=23000BTD>

11:27:28 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Everyone:
Here's the link to the Farmland Action Plan: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-farmland-action-plan/download>

11:27:31 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
There are several transmission line rehab projects under review in MEPA now. They include hundreds of acres of forest clearing and creation of new, permanent access roads where there were formerly only narrow dirt tracks accessible to pickup trucks. Projects cross DCR lands, municipal lands, land trust lands, long distance and local public recreational trails.

11:27:33 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/home>

11:28:38 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
The deadline is today on several projects.

11:28:54 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
16567 WT-02 Transmission Right-of-Way Reliability Project HANCOCK, LANESBOROUGH, HINSDALE, CHESHIRE, DALTON

11:29:09 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
16607 A1/B2 Asset Condition Refurbishment (ACR) Project FITCHBURG, GARDNER, WINCHENDON, LEOMINSTER, STERLING, ROYALSTON, WARWICK, ATHOL, WESTMINSTER

11:29:32 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
16663 E131 Asset Condition Refurbishment (ACR) Project FLORIDA, NORTH ADAMS, MONROE, ADAMS

11:29:50 From Dave Viale, MDAR APR to Everyone:
a. ResilientMass Plan Action Tracker

11:30:21 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
<https://resilient.mass.gov/actiontracker>

11:32:11 From Dave Viale, MDAR APR to Everyone:
â€¢ State Tech Subcommittee Please register and save-the-date for the next ACEP-ALE program subcommittee call on Jan 17th from 1-3pm on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoF-Cqrz0pE9MX-ph0So5DlrkzTxOYk7tn>

11:36:17 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm>

11:36:31 From Mark Robinson to Everyone:
would like to see the Drinking Water Grant max increased to \$500K

11:36:47 From Melissa Cryan, DCS to Everyone:
Thank you Robb!

11:42:07 From Trish Settles|CMRPC to Everyone:
Such an informative meeting. Got to run. Happy Friday everyone.

11:45:35 From William Constable to Everyone:
Thank you, Bob, for the idea of preliminary reviews of CRs by an outside law firm. ERODE THE PILE OF SUBMITTED CRs

11:48:00 From Janet Milkman, Barnstable Land Trust to Everyone:
Thanks for the update on the ancient but not pressing backlogged CRs - so great to know there is a plan! Much appreciated.

11:49:52 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
Thanks so much for the updates from the state and for all the work you are doing!

11:53:25 From Bernie McHugh to Everyone:
Truly an awesome meeting! Incredible value to everyone. Thanks to all!

11:55:53 From Vanessa Johnson-Hall | Greenbelt to Everyone:
Thank you all for a great meeting. Happy Holidays!

11:57:33 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
<https://www.massaudubon.org/programs/shaping-the-future/90299-growing-solar-protecting-nature-local-events-southeast-region>

11:58:28 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Everyone:
<https://offshorewind.tufts.edu/research/transmission>

12:01:11 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon(Direct Message):
What's the name of the offshore commission you participate in?

12:02:29 From Mariah Fogg (she/her), BNRC to Everyone:
Early Conservation Career Network Survey:
<https://forms.gle/p5pXubFbypEBFH7Q7>

12:03:38 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Barbara Chrenko, MLTC(Direct Message):
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/clean-energy-transmission-working-group-cetwg>

12:05:18 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Barbara Chrenko, MLTC(Direct Message):
<https://www.mass.gov/news/healey-driscoll-administration-launches-commission-on-siting-and-permitting-interagency-offshore-wind-council-to-expedite-clean-energy-development>

12:05:21 From Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust/Conservation Partners chair to Everyone:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoF-Cqrz0pE9MX-ph0So5DlrkzTxOYk7tn>

12:05:54 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Barbara Chrenko, MLTC(Direct Message):
The second one references the Interagency Offshore Wind Council. That is an internal working group and I don't have any other info beyond this announcement.

12:06:40 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Barbara Chrenko, MLTC(Direct Message):
I have more info on how the offshore interconnected grid could greatly reduce impacts on land - can't paste that here in the format I have though.

12:06:45 From Robb Johnson, MLTC (he/him) to Everyone:
lfaeth@lta.org Lori Faeth for joining Farm Bill monthly call

12:07:37 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Everyone:
bchrenko@massland.org

12:07:52 From Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon to Barbara Chrenko, MLTC(Direct Message):
Please include the clean energy commissions links too when you send to all

12:08:12 From Barbara Chrenko, MLTC to Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon(Direct Message):
Will do thanks!

12:08:23 From Karen Beattie to Everyone:
Great meeting- thank you to all!!

12:08:35 From David Ciernia (he/him), SCA Massachusetts Conservation Corps to Everyone:
Thanks all!