

**Protecting Special Places for Everyone, Forever** 

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Career

PASSION FOR BRINGING SCIENCE TO POLICY

# Trustees President and CEO

**MOVING FORWARD** 



#### What We Protect

#### **SPECIAL PLACES**

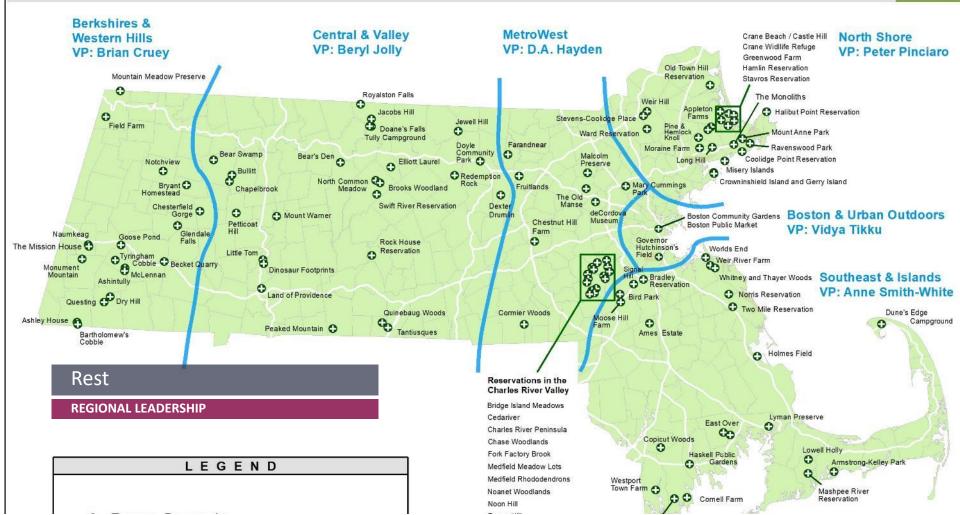
- Nation's oldest conservation organization (1891), largest in MA
- 27,000 acres (123 reservations) owned, managed, and permanently protected
- Committed to protecting places of scenic, historic, cultural or ecological significance
- All for public use and engagement
- 98,000 member households, 2,500 volunteers, 2+ million visitors



Challenges

THE FUTURE TRUSTEES





# THIS MOMENT



Over 130 years ago, Charles Eliot proclaimed we could no longer afford to wait to protect our beautiful landscapes and special "bits of scenery." We are at another moment where we can no longer wait. Climate change is ravaging our coasts and heating up our cities. We lose an astonishing 13.5 acres of open space in Massachusetts everyday, our water is filled with pollutants, we are lonelier and less connected than ever before, yet it is hard to find time to connect with each other, much less nature.



## THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

#### New Acquisitions

MORAINE FARM – BEVERLY, MASS.



#### STANDING UP



### New Acquisition

MILLBORN FARM – SHERBORN AND MILLIS



### New Acquisition

COOPER HILL – SHEFFIELD AND SALISBURY



# Thank You

SWIFT RIVER RESERVATION, PETERSHAM