



Land Trust Alliance Updates

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Land Trust Alliance

Massachusetts Conservation Partners Meeting, September 25, 2026

Rally 2026

- Sept 16-19, Denver, CO
- Nearly 2,200 attendees
 - Over 200 from New England
 - Nearly 80 from Massachusetts
- Awarded scholarships to all Massachusetts land trusts that applied
- Massachusetts gathering



Groundswell: Advancing the Next Era of Conservation

Strategic Plan 2027-2037

- Launched at Rally
- 10-year plan
- PEOPLE. Cultivate land trust leadership
- SYSTEMS. Strengthen conservation infrastructure
- PRESENCE. Amplify our collective impact
- STRENGTH. Build the Alliance's resilience

Advancing Conservation Excellence

Strategic Planning for Small Organizations Short Course

- **Three-part Zoom series:** October 15, 22, and 29 (Thursdays)
- For **small land trusts** exploring strategic planning
- For both **board and staff**
- Guest speakers:
 - Karen Grey, Wildlands Trust
 - Adam Moore, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation
 - Emma Ellsworth, Mount Grace Conservation Land Trust
 - Davnet Conway, Sudbury Valley Trustees
 - Jenny Hansell, Berkshire Natural Resources Council
- **Cost:** \$50 members | \$75 non-members
- [Register here](#)

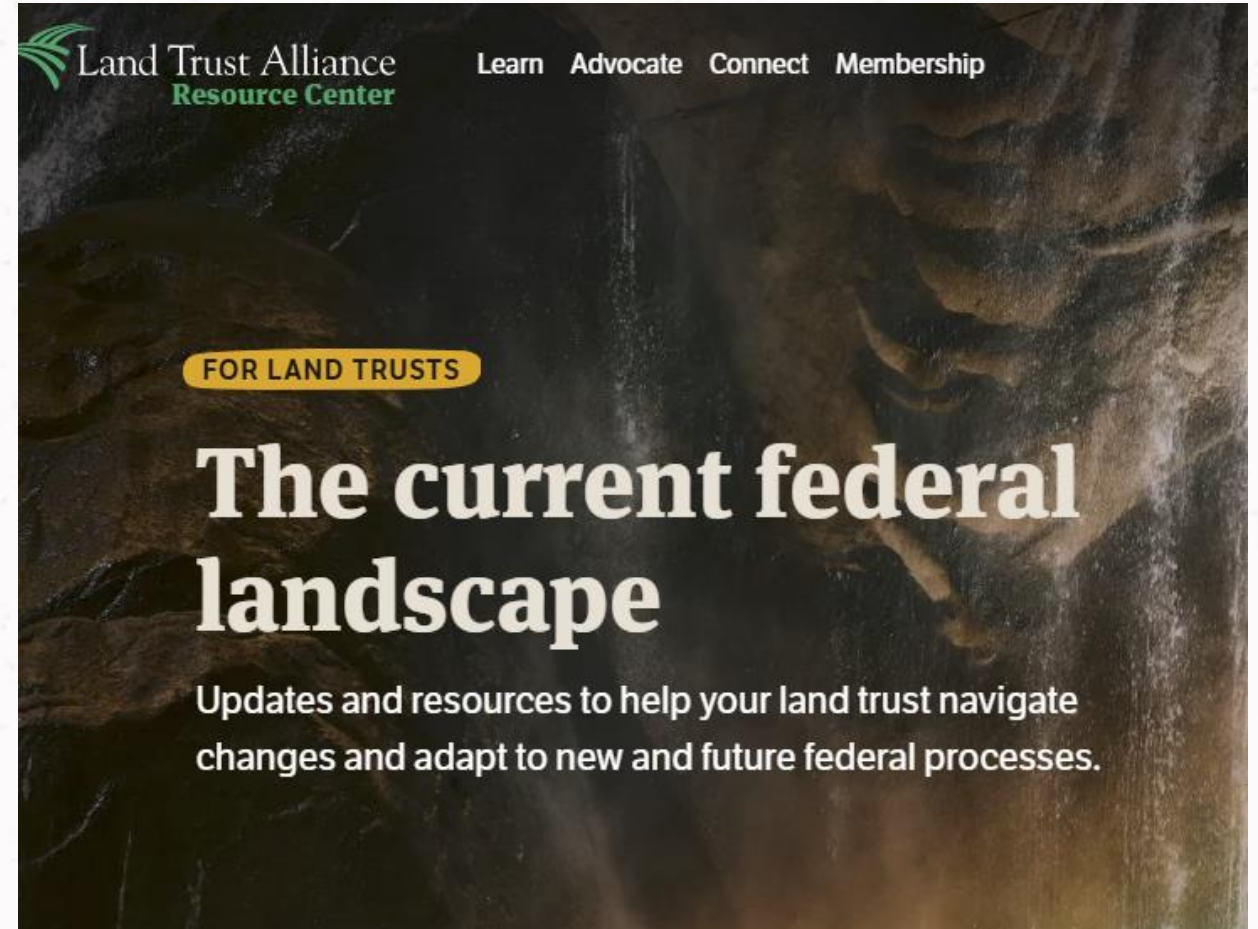
Advancing Conservation Excellence

Many Hands in Action: Strategies for Managing Stewardship Volunteers

- **Webinar:** November 15, 4-5 pm
- Practical strategies for **building and sustaining stewardship volunteer programs**
- Connect with peers and share ideas
- **Real-world examples from Massachusetts land trusts**
- Guest speakers:
 - Kelly Barber, Barnstable Land Trust
 - Sonja Wadman, Waltham Land Trust
- **Cost:** \$20 members | \$35 non-members
- [Register here](#)

Federal updates

- NRCS & USFS Funding Opportunities
- New Farm Bill Update
- Federal updates are ongoing!
 - Check out [our website](#) for the latest details and positions



New and Updated Practical Pointers

- Addressing Trespass and Encroachments: Prevention, Monitoring and Resolution
 - Trespass Part I: Early Detection and Intervention
 - Trespass Part II: Boundary Monitoring for Timely Intervention
 - Trespass Part III: Conservation Positive Resolution



Upcoming Webinars

- Addressing Encampments on Conserved Land Oct 8
- Get to Know Eastern Trees Oct 14
- Building Relationships with Landowners Across Generations Oct 29
- ArcGIS Fundamentals for Land Trusts Nov 4
- Understanding Rights of Way for Land Conservation Practitioners Nov 17
- New Guidance for Digital Recordkeeping Nov 18



Stewarding Land and Conservation Easements/Restrictions

Nov 9-13 | National Conservation Training Center | Shepherdstown, WV

- Immersive, **in-person course** covering the essentials of land and conservation restriction stewardship
- Combines **practical instruction with hands-on field experience**
- Great for **new staff, those seeking a refresher, volunteers, and board members** overseeing stewardship
- **Space is limited** — [registration is open](#)



Land Trust Alliance Job Board

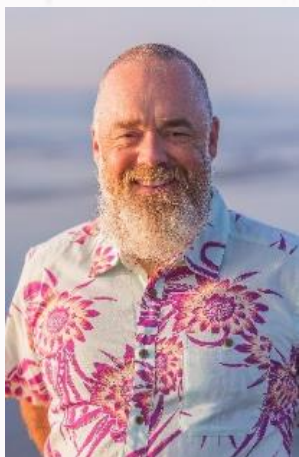
Check out the openings [here](#)!

Submit a job [here](#).

- Assistant Director of Development, Essex County Greenbelt Association
- Development Manager, Manchester Essex Conservation Trust
- Land Protection Manager, Wildlands Trust
- Director of Advancement, Berkshire Natural Resources Council

And more!

Thank you!



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**We'd love to connect.
Please reach out!**