

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Land Trust – State Agency Retreat Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Thursday in person at Red Apple Farm, 455 Highland Avenue, Phillipston. Cost- \$35. Register [here](#).  
Friday is free, on Zoom. Register [here](#).

Pre-read: [Resource list](#) for beginning to understand the intersection of land conservation and engaging with indigenous communities

### Agenda

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Accelerating the pace of land conservation in MA.

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| 8:30am      | Gathering time   |
| 9:00am      | Round of Introductions   |
| 9:30am      | State Policy Update – Michelle Manion (VP of Policy & Advocacy, Mass Audubon), Emily Myron (Policy Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter), Linda Orel (Policy Director, The Trustees);  |
| 10:10am     | Mass. EEA’s Resilient Land Initiative – Kurt Gaertner, Asst. Secretary for Environmental Policy, Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  |
| 10:50am     | American the Beautiful (30x30) Initiative/general federal funding update– Amy Lindholm, Appalachian Mountain Club Northeast Regional Coordinator and Coordinator of the LWCF Coalition   |
| 11:30am     | Walk to Thousand Acre Swamp (dress for the weather!)   |
| 12:30pm     | Buffet Lunch prepared by Red Apple Farm  |
| 1:00pm      | Land Conservation Jeopardy, with host Russ Cohen   |
| 2:00-4:30pm | Increasing the Pace of Conservation – discussion facilitated by Melissa Cryan (Grants Program Supervisor, Massachusetts EEA), Bob Wilber (Director of Land Protection, Mass Audubon); Janet Milkman (Executive Director, Barnstable Land Trust) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SWOT Analysis</li><li>○ Brainstorming Session<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ How to close the gaps between state and grant funding available and Town/Land Trust capacity to use available funds?</li><li>▪ Increasing the pace of land conservation with pragmatic discussion of opportunities and resources in front of us</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 4:30pm      | Optional beer and cider social hour (cash bar)   |

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Engaging with Indigenous communities to transform land conservation and stewardship.

- 9:00am Keynote Presentation (Cynthia Henshaw, moderator)  
The Intersection of Conservation and Indigenous Peoples' Access to Land  
Ciona Ulbrich, Co-Founder of First Light, and Senior Project Manager, Maine Coast Heritage Trust.
- 10:20am 10-min Break
- 10:30am Indigenous Partnership Presentations (Cynthia Henshaw, moderator)
- 10:30 – 10:50am Bonney Hartley, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans and Mark Wilson, Curator, The Trustees—  
TOPIC: Re-naming trails at Monument Mountain in Stockbridge.
  - 10:50 – 11:10 Heather Bruegl, M.A. (Oneida/Stockbridge-Munsee) Director of Education, Forge Project Fellowship Program and Mariah Auman, Community Conservation Manager, Berkshire Natural Resources Council  
TOPIC: The active role a land trust can play in helping to expand the narrative of Indigenous People, especially as it relates to their current efforts and goals.
  - 11:10 – 11:30 Elizabeth Cianciola, MassWildlife, In Lieu of Fee Program, and Mark Robinson, Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts  
TOPIC: Town of Mashpee cranberry farm that the Native Land Conservancy will be holding a CR that confers certain rights to the land for the Native Land Conservancy.
  - 11:30 --- 11:50 Andre Strong Bear Heart Gaines, Jr. of the Nipmuc and Jennifer Albertine, Climate and Land Justice Specialist/Conservation & Stewardship Associate, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust; and  
TOPIC: How Cultural Use and Respect Agreements can be a tool to help increase land access.
- 12:00 pm Break-out group discussions:
- What struck you as important regarding how to build relationships?
  - Do you see possible applications in your own work?
  - What are some possible first/next steps?
- 12: 20 pm 10 minute closing remarks (Robb Johnson, MLTC; Kurt Gaertner, EEA)