



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual (2022) Land Trust & State Agency Retreat Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Agenda** (as of November 8, 2022)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> (VIRTUAL via Zoom. Advance [registration required here.](#))

**Focus:** Innovative land management projects

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Lightning Presentations: Innovative land management projects: How did you overcome challenges/obstacles?

**Laura Mattei** -- Invasive plant program derailed, how we adapted, results

**Emma Ellsworth** -- Landscape Level Collaboration for increasing forest habitat and climate resilience

**Anna Wilkins** -- North County LT partnering with Templeton to use CPA funds for land stewardship

**John Sangermano** -- Invasives management at a small land trust, and how can regulations and insurance expectations could better fit the need

**Karen C. Beattie** -- Balancing beach access with rare resource protection as sea levels rise on Nantucket

**Leah McFarland** -- Responsible dog walking on public lands: from land management issues to solutions

2:00 - 2:15 p.m.: Break

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.: Panel: Funding and Staffing Your Management/Restoration Work

In-lieu fee program:

**Aisling O'Shea**, In-Lieu Fee Program Administrator, MA Department of Fish and Game

**Elisabeth Cianciola**, Aquatic Mitigation Specialist, MA Department of Fish and Game

MassWildlife funding program:

**Marianne Piché**, Habitat Biologist, MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

NRCS funding programs:

**Rita Thibodeau**, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, NRCS

Community Preservation Act (CPA):

**Mark Robinson**, Executive Director, The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts

**Karen Grey**, President and Executive Director, Wildlands Trust

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.: Break

3:45- 4:45 p.m.: Best Practices in Communication and Outreach about Land Management

**Brian Hawthorne**, Habitat Program Manager, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Dalton MA  
**Beth Lambert**, Director, Division of Ecological Restoration, Massachusetts Dept. of Fish and Game  
**Sally Loomis**, Executive Director, Hilltown Land Trust  
**Ian Walsh**, Land Stewardship Manager, Buzzards Bay Coalition

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> (IN PERSON at Harvard Forest, Fisher Museum, Petersham)

Cost: \$10 (includes morning coffee) Limited to 75 attendees. Advance [registration required](#) via Eventbrite. Registration for Day 2 will close at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8.

**Focus:** Strengthening conservation collaborations between municipalities, land trusts and state agencies

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.: Gathering, coffee

9:00 - 9:10 a.m.: Welcome / First-timers/ new organization introductions (if you're a first timer **OR** this is the first time you're attending since changing organizations, come prepared to tell us what your fave food is to make and/or eat)

9:10 - 9:50 a.m.: Lightning Presentations: Identifying and navigating obstacles to successful conservation partnerships with cities and towns.

**Christa Collins** -- Cooperation to enable land protection AND affordable housing

**Kristin DeBoer** -- CPA CRs: Land trusts and municipalities together forever

**Jen Soper** -- Conserving Bear Hole - a town, a non-profit and a state agency walk into a bar....

**Bob Wilber** -- One land trust's role in conceiving and achieving an outcome with multiple community benefits

9:50 - 10:30 a.m.: Small group break-outs: Introductions and reactions to lightning presentations

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Update and discussion on Conservation Restriction review backlog

**Kurt Gaertner**, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy

**Bob Wilber**, Director of Conservation Services

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Forest walk followed by brown bag lunch (bring your own brown bag lunch)

12:45 - 2:15 p.m.: Municipal Panel: Goals, constraints, considerations, and keys to success when partnering with cities and towns

**Trish Settles**, Deputy Director, CMRPC (Central MA Regional Planning Commission)

**Michelle Smith**, Assistant Chief Development Officer - Planning & Regulatory Services, City of Worcester

**Wayne Feiden, FAICP**, recently retired Director of Planning & Sustainability, City of Northampton

**Freddie** (Frederica) **Gillespie**, Chair, Southborough Open Space Preservation Commission

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.: Brainstorm: What could we do collectively to encourage more and better conservation partnerships with municipalities?

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.: Break, set up for Trivia

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Conservation Trivia with Russ Cohen

4:30 p.m.: Social time, departures