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To: Interested Parties

From: Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program

Regarding: Conservationist Pesticide Advisory Council representing Conservationists

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The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program ("Department") would like to announce that it is accepting applications for an individual to fill a vacant seat on the Conservationist Pesticide Advisory Council which currently represents Massachusetts conservationists.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132B, the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act ("Act"), allows the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("Department") to establish advisory councils ("Advisory Councils") to provide the Department and the Pesticide Board advice as it pertains to the development of Department policies and regulations as they relate to the administration of the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("333 CMR"). [333 CMR 4.00 et. seq.](#), establishes the criteria by which an Advisory Council is created and how it functions.

General Overview of The Advisory Council

- Members are appointed by the Department through an application process;
- The Advisory Council is made up of five (5) members;
- The term of an Advisory Council member is three (3) years;
- Members are not compensated and serve in an advisory capacity only;
- Meetings are held at least four (4) times a year prior to the Pesticide Board meetings;
- Advisory Councils and all members must comply with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25, the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

For additional information regarding Advisory Councils please see [M.G.L. c. 132B, Section 5 and 333 CMR 4.00](#). If you would like to apply to be a member, please contact Taryn LaScola-Miner, Director of the Division of Crop and Pest Services at taryn.lascola@mass.gov for an application.