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## 2024 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

### Schedule

As of February 20, 2024

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### **Sponsor Talks**

Various dates, via Zoom

Wednesday, March 13 | noon – 1 00 p.m. | [Free registration here](#)

Managing New England Forests Threatened By Emerald Ash Borer / Paul Catanzaro (UMass Extension / MassWoods)

Thursday, March 14 | noon – 1:00 p.m. | [Free registration here](#)

Stewardship Strategies – How We Prioritize, Plan For, and Resource Our Property Care / Fran Blanchard (The Trustees) and Ross Moran (Westport Land Conservation Trust)

Tuesday, March 19 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | [Free registration here](#)

An Integrated Approach to Land Use, Conservation & Climate / Stephanie Cooper (EOEEA), Amy Sheldon (Vermont State Representative), Mark Wamsley (Kestrel Land Trust), David Foster (Wildlands and Woodlands)

Wednesday, March 20 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | [Free registration here](#)

Conserving Healthy Rivers & Lands in Massachusetts: TNC Goals for 2030 / Barbara Charry and Rich Cavanaugh (The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts)

### **Saturday, March 23**

UMass Amherst Campus Center, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst. (Live, In-person.)

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, light breakfast, networking, visit exhibitors

8:15 – 8:50 a.m. Newcomers' drop-in (more about [Early Career Conservation Network](#))

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1 h 15 m)

- Stewardship Tips and Trends from Terrafirma
- Diversify Your Data – New Perspectives in Conservation Planning
- Terrestrial and Marine Cultural Resource Management for Land Managers
- Planned Giving 101: Strategies for All Land Trusts
- Recalibrating Forest Stewardship with Climate & Justice Priorities
- Hosting a TerraCorps Member at Small Land Trusts
- Case Studies on Improving Land Access for Underserved Communities
- Working with AllTrails to Improve Public Use of Conserved Properties

## 2024 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference: Schedule

- 10:15 – 10:35 a.m. Break, visit exhibitors (20 minutes)
- 10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1 h 15 m)
- Funders Panel: Perspectives on Successfully Applying for Grants
  - Getting to Yes with Private Landowners
  - Experiences and Resources from a Recent Land Trust Merger
  - Land Trusts & Long-Term Partnering to Build a Greenway
  - CR Stewardship: What Can and Will Go Wrong
  - Aboriginal Rights and Land Conservation
  - Passive Forest Management
  - Increasing the Pace of Farmland Protection: Funding Opportunities & Strategies
  - Land Trusts as Partners in Ecological Restoration
- 11:50 – 1:55 p.m. Lunch / Networking / Keynote
- 11:50 – 12:45 p.m. Visit exhibitors, lunch (55 minutes)  
*Optional lunch networking by interest group in side rooms: Development staff, Small-Staffed Land Trusts, All Volunteer Land Trusts, Stewardship, Early Conservation Career Network*
- 12:45 – 1:55 p.m. MLTC Welcome;  
Remarks by Rebecca Tepper, Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs;  
Keynote address by Dr. Darren Ranco: Centering Indigenous Peoples and Nations in Land Protection and Conservation: Wabanaki Possibilities
- 1:55 – 2:15 p.m. Break, visit exhibitors (20 minutes)
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1 h 15 m)
- Let's Talk Legal Topics
  - Team Up with Your Municipality: DCS Open Space & Recreation Grant Programs
  - Watershed-Scale Collaboration: Advancing Climate Resilience
  - Give Back to the Land Day: A Case Study in Collaborative Fundraising
  - Forest Vulnerability to Climate Change and Opportunities for Stewardship
  - Using Community Science Programming to Support Your Conservation Efforts
  - Creative Approaches to Hiring and Retaining Staff
  - Striving to Create an Antiracist Land Trust
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Networking reception (Free soft drinks, cookies, cash bar)

### **Friday, April 26**

Field trips around the state. Included in conference registration. Times and maximum number of participants will vary.

Floodplain Restoration at Bartholomew's Cobble  
Sheffield – Berkshires / West

River to Mountain: Bridging Landscapes, Bridging Partnerships  
(Mt. Tom Trailhead Park and the Old Pascommuck historical trail)  
Easthampton – Connecticut River Valley

Revitalizing Wetlands in an Urban Watershed: Broad Meadow Brook Restoration  
Worcester area

Wheelwright Dam Removal Project  
Hardwick – Central

Mattapoissett River Valley Partnership: Coordinated Watershed Scale Land Conservation and Habitat  
Restoration on the South Coast  
Mattapoissett area - Southeast

Landscape Scale Restoration in the Great Marsh  
Ipswich – North Shore

**Bonus: Friday, May 17**

Community Science Helping Grassland Birds  
Ipswich - North Shore

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