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MASSLAND NEWS

1) *MassLand Launches New Website & Logo!*

The staff at the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, along with Pete Land of Tamarack Media Cooperative, have been working hard for months to bring you a new, user-friendly website and new Coalition logo. You can view the new website [here](#). We hope the information featured on our new website will be helpful for you in your conservation efforts.

Members should have received an e-mail with instructions for how to log-in and create a password for the MassLand website. Please note that some website content is restricted to MassLand members. For that content, you will need to log-in. Members may log in by clicking "Member Log-in" on the top of any page, or by logging in when prompted. The MassLand membership year runs from July 1-June 30 each year.

If your organization is a member of MassLand and has staff or board members who need their own accounts, please contact us and we will be happy to create as many accounts for your organization as needed.

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2) Please Renew Your Membership or Become a Member!

Please renew your membership or consider becoming a member of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition! Our membership year runs from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. MassLand depends on the generosity of its members in order to strengthen and connect land trusts, and to be the voice of the land trust community on advocacy issues. Please join us in advancing land conservation and become part of the state-wide land conservation community in Massachusetts. For more information, click [here](#).

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3) MassLand Hosts 2 Great Workshops

The Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition hosted two successful workshops in June: Protecting Biodiversity in a Changing Climate on June 12 and Leadership for Board Members and Executive Directors on June 20. Thank you to all presenters, including Kelly Watkinson from the Land Trust Alliance, Andy Finton and Jessica Dietrich from The Nature Conservancy, Abigail Weinberg from the Open Space Institute, Stefanie Covino from Mass Audubon, and Sara Wells and Ed Hood from Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust at the Climate Workshop, and Lisa Vernegaard from the Sudbury Valley Trustees, Cynthia Henshaw from the East Quabbin Land Trust, Colin Novick from the Greater Worcester Land Trust, and Sharon Pacione from Greenbelt at the Leadership Workshop.

Mapping and prioritization tools were shared, and participants learned how to use these tools through interactive exercises at the Climate Workshop, and topics included board recruitment, branding and communications, and transitioning to a staffed land trust at the Leadership Workshop. The wide-ranging backgrounds of participants from all-sized organizations led to engaging and informing discussions.

If you have any ideas for a workshop, please contact us at info@massland.org. We would love to hear your ideas, and continuously look for opportunities to connect and educate the conservation community of Massachusetts.

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LOCAL LAND TRUST NEWS

4) Greenbelt Names New President!

Excerpts from Greenbelt June E-News

Kate Bowditch, who has served in leadership positions at the Charles River Watershed Association for almost 25 years, has been chosen by the Board of Directors to become President of Greenbelt.

Bowditch, a published scientist and nationally-recognized expert in conservation, led efforts to improve the Charles River watershed and parklands in the 35 cities and towns through which it runs, and helped transform the Charles River from a heavily-polluted

waterway to one of the cleanest urban rivers in the country.

In September, Bowditch will succeed Ed Becker, who built Greenbelt from a small, three-person organization to a groundbreaking, national leader in land conservation.

"We are excited to have Kate bring her considerable gifts and skills to the work of Greenbelt," said Philip Lake, Greenbelt Board Chair. "The 'Greenbelt culture' is important to us, and the Search Committee worked long and well to find someone who would be a good fit in addition to bringing the requisite professional qualifications. Kate is that person." Read more about Kate's background and accomplishments [here](#).

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NEWS

5) An Environmental Win on Massachusetts' Highest Mountain

Excerpts from MassLive, June 22, 2018

A piece of public land on the east slope of Mount Greylock in Adams could be developed as an outdoor recreation center with rustic campsites and cottages -- a far cry from previous plans to develop "Greylock Glen" with luxury condominiums and golf links. While environmental groups fought past projects, they are on board with the \$6.5 million Greylock Glen Outdoor Center, reports the Berkshire Eagle, in part because plans would leave 94 percent of the 1,063-acre site untouched. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE NEWS

6) House of Representatives Approves \$3 Billion Environmental Bond Bill

Excerpts from The Shrewsbury Post, June 26, 2018

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has approved a comprehensive bond bill containing nearly \$3 billion in capital authorizations for a variety of local and statewide environmental initiatives. The House Bill 4599, entitled An Act promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity, must be worked under the state's bond cap and ultimately approved by Governor Baker, once it passes to the Senate for further action. Click [here](#) for the full story. Click [here](#) to read testimony from Mass Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, and The Trust for Public Land.

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7) Seventeen Governors in U.S. Climate Alliance Mark One-Year Anniversary with New Wave of Climate Actions

Excerpts from United States Climate Alliance, June 1, 2018 by Julie Cerqueira

On the one-year anniversary of President Trump's announcement that he intends to withdraw the U.S. from the global Paris Agreement, a bipartisan coalition of 17

governors committed to upholding the Paris Agreement through the U.S. Climate Alliance are announcing a new wave of initiatives to accelerate and scale up climate action. The U.S. Climate Alliance now represents 40 percent of the U.S. population and a \$9 trillion economy, greater than the third largest country in the world, and U.S. Climate Alliance states are on track to meet their share of the Paris Agreement emissions target by 2025. U.S. Climate Alliance governors are pledging to accelerate climate action in 2018, announcing new areas for collaboration. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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8) Senate Passes Act to Promote a Clean Energy Future

Excerpts from the Reading Patch, June 15, 2018 by Bob Holmes

The Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to pass S.2545, An Act to promote a clean energy future, sponsored by Senators Marc Pacheco and Mike Barrett. This legislation represents a firm stand by the Senate to ensure a healthier, cleaner Commonwealth for future generations of Massachusetts residents. Most importantly, the policies enacted in this legislation will have measurable benefits in the health of the global environment.

This legislation is a forward looking plan that prepares Massachusetts for the inevitable obstacles that will come with climate change. The policies and programs will protect public health, increase the use of renewable energy, reduce greenhouse emissions, implement a price on carbon, and create jobs in the innovative green-energy economy. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

9) How to Talk About Climate Change

Excerpts from the Land Trust Alliance, Conservation in a Changing Climate

Talking about climate change results in increased visibility, relevance, and fundraising for land trusts. This report from the Land Trust Alliance and the Open Space Institute aims to provide helpful guidance on how to connect about this issue, and information to help land trusts respond to the greatest challenge of our time. Climate change communication done correctly no longer carries the risk of alienating communities. Moreover, we hope to inspire and arm land trusts to communicate the valuable role they play in both mitigating climate change and in addressing local impacts of climate change, thus offering a source of hope and attracting new land conservation supporters. To read the full report, click [here](#).

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TRAININGS

10) Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Service Provider Trainings

July 13, 2018, 8:00am - 4:00pm
MassWildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA

August 8, 2018, 8:00am - 4:00pm
Location to be announced

Due to recent significant growth in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, additional vendor trainings are planned for July 13th and August 8th. These trainings are intended for individuals interested in becoming a certified provider to support the MVP Planning Grant program. There will be one session in Westborough on July 13 and anticipate holding the August 8 session in the greater metro Boston or central region of the state.

MVP certified providers will be trained in during a workshop to provide technical assistance to communities in completing the vulnerability assessment and resiliency plan using the Community Resilience Building Framework (CRB) by Adam Whelchel of the Nature Conservancy. Communities completing an MVP Planning Grant will then be able to choose the provider of their choice from a list of certified providers.

To register for the July 13 session, click [here](#). To register for the August 8 session, click [here](#).

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GRANTS

11) Energy & Environmental Affairs Park & Conservation Grants

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY 2019 [Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities](#) (PARC), [Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity](#) (LAND), and [Conservation Partnership](#) grants. PARC grants help communities acquire parkland, develop new parks, and renovate existing parks. LAND grants provide funds to municipal conservation commissions to purchase conservation land and conservation restrictions. Conservation Partnership grants provide funds to nonprofit organizations for land acquisitions. PARC and LAND grant applications are due by July 12. Conservation Partnership applications are due by July 16.

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12) Polaris Industries: T.R.A.I.L.S. Grant Program

September 1, 2018 deadline

The T.R.A.I.L.S. Grant Program, an initiative of Polaris Industries, provides support to national, state, and local organizations in the United States to ensure the future of ATV riding. The grant program encompasses two main objectives-promoting safe and responsible riding, and preserving access. Funds can be used by organizations for trail development and maintenance projects, safety and education initiatives, lobbying, and other projects to increase and maintain land access. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided to nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the

country. (Fire, rescue, and law enforcement organizations are not eligible for this program.) For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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JOBS

13) Community Conservation Specialist - Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a Community Conservation Specialist to help build community support for conservation by liaising with municipal boards and committees and representing SVT on certain conservation issues. The position will involve community outreach and engagement. It requires a bachelor's degree and three years experience in related work, or a master's and one year of experience. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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14) Development Associate - Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury Valley Trustees is seeking a part-time Development Associate to accurately process gift transactions. This individual will also provide other administrative support and help prepare for a variety of outreach events. Requirements include: an associate's degree, a minimum of two years' experience in gifts processing or similar data entry, and attention to detail and a commitment to accuracy. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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15) Development Assistant - Westport Land Conservation Trust

The Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) is seeking a Development Assistant to be an integral part of the 1,000-Acre Campaign team, providing administrative support for all fundraising activities including but not limited to special events, gift processing, donor coordination, and other donor-related activities. The Development Assistant plays a crucial role on the campaign team coordinating administrative functions as well as providing high quality customer service to the public and WLCT's donor base. The Development Assistant will report to the Executive Director and assist in other WLCT events or programmatic initiatives as assigned. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) Deputy Director, Municipal Services - MA Department of Environmental Protection

The MA Department of Environmental Protection seeks applicants for the position of Deputy Director, Municipal Services. This position will be located at One Winter Street, Boston, MA. Duties for this position include: under the general supervision of the Director of the Division of Municipal Services (DMS) and working with other Bureau of

Water Resources (BWR) program managers, identify priority areas for investment of Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing, and more. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) Project Manager - Greenbelt

Greenbelt seeks a full-time Project Manager to support their land conservation program. The individual will utilize the full range of landowner outreach and cultivation, and conservation real estate tools to advance Greenbelt's goal of protecting another 10,000 acres in the next decade. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Vice President, Engagement - Buzzards Bay Coalition

Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking a Vice President, Engagement. The new Vice President, Engagement will lead all activities related to growing the participation and investment of people. The new VP will take the Coalition to new levels of community engagement, support and presence. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Openings with North County Land Trust

The North County Land Trust, a regional land trust based in Leominster, MA is hiring! If you are passionate about nature, love north central Massachusetts, and/or want to work for an organization that makes a difference, consider this land trust. They are seeking a contract Bookkeeper, a TerraCorps member, and a part-time Outreach and Engagement Coordinator. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) Chief Executive Officer - Nantucket Conservation Foundation

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation seeks a Chief Executive Officer. This individual will lead a land conservation organization that works to preserve the natural character of Nantucket Island at a time of increasing stress on the island's natural resources. The CEO is a person who possesses leadership capabilities to engage staff, board and volunteers in advancing a robust and enduring enterprise. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Market Development Specialist - MA Department of Agricultural Resources

The MA Department of Agricultural Resources is seeking candidates for the position of Program Coordinator II/ Market Development Specialist. The position will be based in

Boston however, there will be a need throughout the year to regularly work out of the Massachusetts Building which is located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. The position entails four core areas:

- Manage the Massachusetts Building located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.
- Coordinate the Department's involvement with the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs.
- Develop and implement strategies to assist agricultural producers seeking opportunities to market their product through various market venues.
- Assist with the priorities of the Division of Agricultural Markets.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Membership Coordinator - Kestrel Land Trust

Kestrel Land Trust, a nationally accredited land trust based in Amherst, MA, seeks a part-time Membership Coordinator. This person will plan and implement public programs designed to deepen the community's interest in and commitment to land conservation and will be responsible for year-round management of membership fundraising, including mail and online appeals as well as gift entry and acknowledgement. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Land Protection Specialist/Land Agent - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

The non-profit Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests seeks a self-motivated individual for the position of Land Protection Specialist (Land Agent). This is a full-time position based at the Conservation Center in Concord, NH. The Land Protection Specialist (Land Agent) helps to initiate and implements land conservation activities throughout the state, often in partnership with other conservation groups and agencies. The Land Agent negotiates and manages Forest Society acquisitions, by gift or purchase, of conservation easements and fee interests from private landowners, governmental entities, and other conservation groups. S/he represents the organization in conservation partnerships or coalitions. Occasionally, the Land Agent will assist with the Forest Society's sale or other transfers of real estate. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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24) Program Administrator - Connecticut Land Conservation Council

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council is seeking a Program Administrator. The individual supports the organization's administrative activities and programs and assists the Executive Director in daily operations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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25) Science & Restoration Program Director - Ipswich River Watershed Association

The Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA) seeks a Director for the Ipswich River Science & Restoration Program. The program includes a variety of activities designed to restore aquatic habitat in the Ipswich, Parker and Essex Rivers through flow restoration, water quality improvement, fisheries restoration and physical habitat improvement projects. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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26) 2018-19 Position Openings with TerraCorps

Are you hoping to get into the field of land conservation? TerraCorps is a great program to do so. The organization is recruiting applicants for their 2018-2019 season. Members serve in full-time 11-month positions as: Land Stewardship Coordinators, Regional Collaboration Coordinators, Youth Education Coordinators, or Community Engagement Coordinators. These 1,700 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits. The 2018-2019 program will run from 8/27/18 - 7/26/19. Application specifics, position descriptions, and information about organizations hosting TerraCorps members can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin late-April, and we aim to fill all positions by mid-July. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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