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MASSLAND NEWS

1) **Steering Committee Meeting September 28**

Please join us at the MassLand Steering Committee Meeting this Friday, September 28, 2018, 10:00am - 12:30pm, at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA). Agenda [here](#).

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2) **Join Us at Rally!**

Are you attending the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Pittsburgh next month? We hope you'll join the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition for a happy hour on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:30 at [Southern Tier Brewing Company](#) (316 North Shore Drive)! Please RSVP to Carolyn Sedgwick csedgwick@massland.org by October 5th.

We'll also be gathering for dinner on Friday, October 12th at [Local Brewhouse](#) (140 Federal Street)! Space is limited due to seating capacity. Please RSVP to Colin Novick cnovick@gwlt.org by October 5th if you would like to join us for dinner. First come, first served.

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3) **Land Trust-State Agency Retreat November 1-2**

The 2018 Land Trust-State Agency Retreat will be from November 1-2 at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, MA. Please check [here](#) in October for additional details.

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4) **Our Thanks to Kara Campbell**

MassLand is grateful for the dedicated efforts of Kara Campbell, who has served as Outreach Coordinator since 2016. Kara is relocating to South Carolina for her next adventure in the conservation field.

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ACTION ALERTS

5) **Proposed IRS Regulation to Affect MA's Conservation Land Tax Credit if Passed**

Excerpts from the Land Trust Alliance policy news, September 13, 2018 by Lori Faeth

Federal rule makers are considering significant reductions to deductions available to people who donate to charitable organizations and then receive state or local tax credits. This includes the donation of conservation easements. This would eliminate - or

substantially reduce - an important incentive for donors and would slow the rate of land conservation. Please consider submitting comments [here](#) before October 11. For full text of the proposed regulations click [here](#).

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6) Land and Water Conservation Fund Scheduled to Expire September 30

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is scheduled to expire on September 30th. To learn about proposed legislation that would support the LWCF and to take action, please visit the [Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition website](#).

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NEWS

7) Governor Baker Signs Environmental Bond Bill

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, August 21, 2018

Governor Charlie Baker has ceremonially signed bipartisan legislation to authorize over \$2.4 billion in capital allocations for investments in safeguarding residents, municipalities and businesses from the impacts of climate change, protecting environmental resources, and improving recreational opportunities. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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8) State Awards \$3.9 Million for Trailwork

Excerpts from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, August 20, 2018

The Baker-Polito Administration recently awarded \$3,940,000 in grants to fund design, construction, and maintenance for 75 trail projects throughout the Commonwealth. The grants, which will benefit projects located in over 60 communities, are being awarded through the Recreational Trails Program and state capital funds. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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9) What Can Actually Be Recycled?

Excerpts from [recyclesmartma.org](#)

Single recycling bins make it easier for Massachusetts residents to recycle, but also make it easier to mistakenly recycle non-recyclable material. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is launching a new program to help residents make more informed recycling decisions that aid efficiency at Massachusetts's eight Material Recovery Facilities. Learn more about recycling and this initiative [here](#).

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10) Environmental Impact Report Released for Wind Farm to be Sited Off Martha's Vineyard

Excerpts from capecod.com/newscenter, September 6, 2018

Vineyard Wind has released its [Environmental Impact Report](#) to the MA Environmental Policy Act Office, summarizing studies of a 800-megawatt wind farm planned off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. This will be the nation's largest wind farm. The public comment period for the report is open until October 5th. For the full story and how to submit comments , visit [here](#).

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11) Massachusetts Leaders Receive Awards from Environmental Protection Agency

Excerpts from the Environmental Protection Agency Region 01 news release, September 12, 2018

This month, local community members and organizations received recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency's New England regional office for their outstanding environmental service in Massachusetts. To learn about the individuals and organizations who received 2018 Environmental Merit Awards, please click [here](#).

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12) Opinions Differ About How to Clean Up the Housatonic River

Excerpts from WBUR News, September 19, 2018, by Nancy Eve Cohen

A mediation process is underway to try to develop a clean up plan for additional sections of the Housatonic River. General Electric contaminated the river with PCBs in Pittsfield, MA in the 1970s, and while some sections have been cleaned, a plan is needed for additional restoration. Many public and private stakeholders are involved with this complex issue that affects multiple states. For the story, click [here](#).

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13) Work Begins on Proposed Transmission Line in Sudbury

Excerpts from Metrowest Daily News, September 21, 2018, by Zane Razzaq

Eversource has started working on a new nine-mile, high-voltage transmission line in Sudbury. The majority of the tree removal and soil boring work is scheduled for November and December. For the story, click [here](#).

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14) Sweden Makes Energy Out of Trash

Excerpts from the New York Times, September 21, 2018, by Amy Yee

Sweden boast 24 "waste-to-energy" power plants which burn trash to make energy. Less than one percent of household trash goes to landfills. For the full story, visit [here](#).

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EVENTS

15) Connecticut River Conservancy's Source to Sea Cleanup

September 28 and 29, 2018

The Source to Sea Cleanup is an annual trash cleanup of the Connecticut River system - rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more. Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities head out to places of their choice all along the four-state watershed (NH, VT, MA, CT) to clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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16) COASTSWEEP Clean Ups

September-November 2018

Volunteer with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management as part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Join volunteers across the globe and remove trash and debris from the coasts of Massachusetts. For more information and a list of the many events throughout the fall, visit [here](#).

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17) Lincoln Land Conservation Trust Scarecrow Classic

October 14, 2018

The Scarecrow Classic 5K is celebrating its 6th year running! Join the Lincoln Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Lincoln and run/walk the 5K course which winds through the scenic roads, fields and trails of historic Lincoln. Proceeds from this event support LLCT. To register, visit [here](#).

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CONFERENCES/TRAININGS

18) Webinar: Supporting Local Ecology: Native Plants for the Small Home Gardens

October 9, 2018 12:30-1:30 pm

This presentation includes resources for residents developed over a five-year program that make it easier for residents to include natives in their home landscapes. Kate Brandes will present an array of simple landscape design templates as well as resources on common weeds and invasive plants that residents may encounter in the home garden. To register, click [here](#).

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19) Massachusetts Green Careers Conference

October 4, 2018

MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Westborough, MA

Explore career advancement and sustainable development. Enjoy cross-sector dialogues with stakeholders from government, business, education, and nonprofits. Learn about current trends and resources. For more information and to register click [here](#).

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20) Land Trust Alliance Rally

October 11-13, 2018

Pittsburgh, MA

Rally is the exciting annual gathering of nearly 2,000 inspired and passionate land conservation practitioners from the US, Canada, South America and beyond, who are dedicated to conserving cherished places in local communities. The Land Trust Alliance is proud to be hosting its 31st year of Rally: The National Land Conservation Conference, being held this year in Pittsburgh, PA, October 11-13, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. For more information, click [here](#).

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21) Northern Woodlands Conference

October 12-14, 2018

The Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, Vermont

Enjoy a fun, informal weekend with the Northern Woodlands crew at the Hulbert Outdoor Center on Lake Morey, while engaging with writers, scientists, artists, and educators. Writing workshops, natural history presentations, woods walks, and more. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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22) Northeast Wildlife Trackers Conference

October 20, 2018 8am-4pm

MassWildlife Headquarters, Westborough, MA

The Northeast Wildlife Trackers are a group of enthusiasts who share a passion for collaborative exchanges on all aspects of wildlife tracking in the Northeastern United States. Their mission is to convene, network, motivate, and inspire wildlife trackers across the Northeast. Through their conference, they aim to develop long-term connections and strategies for inspiring wildlife habitat protection by bringing together a range of issues and experiences connected to wildlife. This year's presentations and topics include lifelong learning, the enigmatic Eastern Coyote, camera trapping, and more! For more information click [here](#) and to register click [here](#).

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23) Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Conference

October 20, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton, Leominster, MA

The Fall Conference-MACC Academy offers two trails related workshops, one on forestry and a forth on the riverfront area regulations. There will also be units in fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners. For more information click [here](#).

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24) Mass Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network Conference

October 30, 2018

Framingham State University, Framingham, MA

Join Mass ECAN for its conference on October 30th. Mass ECAN is a community of climate adaptation practitioners and researchers working in Massachusetts and interested in ecosystem resilience and natural resources conservation. For the agenda click [here](#), and to register click [here](#).

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25) Cape Coastal Conference

December 4-5, 2018

Hyannis Resort and Conference Center, Hyannis, MA

Save the date for the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve conference. Visit [here](#) later this fall for more information.

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GRANTS

26) MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program

October 17, 2018 deadline

The MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program provides financial assistance to private and municipal landowners of conserved lands to improve and manage habitat for game species (species that are hunted, fished, and trapped) and other Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan. Click [here](#) for the grant announcement and [here](#) for application details. Changes to the program this year include an expansion of eligible lands, and the use of a fillable form for an application. Questions regarding this program can be directed to the Program Coordinator, James Burnham, at james.burnham@state.ma.us or (508) 389-6343.

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27) CLIF Bar Family Foundation: Small Grants Program

October 1, 2018 deadline

The CLIF Bar Family Foundation supports nonprofit grassroots organizations that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions. Grants are provided to organizations throughout the United States, with some emphasis on California. Through the Small Grants Program, the Foundation supports innovative small and mid-sized groups working to protect the Earth's beauty and bounty, create a healthy food system, increase opportunities for outdoor activity, reduce environmental health hazards, and build stronger communities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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28) Fish and Wildlife Service: The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

September 30, 2018 deadline

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is an incentive-based program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through September 30, 2018. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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29) Landscape Partnership Grant Program

October 18, 2018 deadline

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services is seeking applications for the FY 2019 Landscape Partnership Grant. This program seeks to protect large blocks of conservation land. Local, state, and federal government agencies and non-profit groups can use this grant to work together to protect at least 500 acres of land. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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30) Recreation Hazard Mitigation Grants

October 1, 2018 deadline

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Department of Conservation and Recreation have announced the availability of three Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs. These programs include the 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, the 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as a result of the recent federal disaster declarations. For more information, click [here](#).

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JOBS

31) Volunteer, Board of Directors - Merrimack River Watershed Council

The Merrimack River Watershed Council is seeking qualified candidates to join its volunteer Board of Directors. Candidates for the Board with water resource, natural resource or science background are preferred but not mandatory. Candidates with professional or corporate skills are also useful as we grow and diversify. Affection for the river and time to devote are the most important qualities. The full board and subcommittees meet monthly, usually in the evenings. For more information click [here](#).

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32) Manager of Membership and Operations - Grow Native Massachusetts

Grow Native is seeking a person to build membership and promote member engagement with its programs. This job is focused on fundraising, member services, managing events, and day-to-day nonprofit management. S/he will work collaboratively with the Manager of Programs with a special focus on supporting the ecological work of members in their local communities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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33) Conservation Associate - Connecticut Farmland Trust

Connecticut Farmland Trust seeks a Conservation Associate. The successful candidate will assist state and federal partners in implementing farmland preservation program, prepare maps and documents for preservation projects, work with farmers to complete preservation applications, assist state partner in implementing clearinghouse to connect farmland owners with beginning farmers seeking land to lease or buy, and conduct outreach and site visits to farmland owners and seekers. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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34) Internships - New England Wild Flower Society

The New England Wild Flower Society has provided rewarding internships and fellowships for several decades. Based at Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA, or at Nasami Farm in Whately, MA, these opportunities are intensive and on-the-job. Internships are offered by the Horticulture, Public Programming, and Conservation departments. The following opportunities are currently available for the 2018 season:

- 2018 Conservation Internships (three positions)
- 2018 Native Plant Records Internship
- 2018 Native Plant Horticulture Internship
- 2018 Chester B. Allen Native Plant Nursery Propagation and Horticulture Internship
- 2018 Marketing Internship

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

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35) Conservation Agent - Town of Canton

The Town of Canton is seeking a Conservation Agent. Position serves as professional staff for the Conservation Commission and performs technical inspection work including field visits, inspections of site work, drafting of Orders of Conditions, attending Commission meetings, and otherwise ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state and local wetlands, stormwater management and erosion control regulations, codes, and bylaws, issuing findings and recommendations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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36) Chapter Director - Sierra Club Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club seeks a Chapter Director. The Chapter Director develops and oversees or implements all programs, policies and initiatives for the Chapter; performs long-range planning; and makes appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding short- and long-term priorities and strategies to develop and strengthen the effectiveness of the Chapter. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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37) Community Engagement Coordinator - Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) is looking for one AmeriCorps member to come and spend a year as the Community Engagement Coordinator. The Community Engagement Coordinator will have the chance to engage different partner groups, expand SVT's trail presence, and help to increase SVT's brand awareness to communities they represent. This position with Sudbury Valley Trustees is an AmeriCorps position through TerraCorps! Members serve in full-time (38 hour/week) positions from mid-September to July 26, 2019. These 1,700 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award and additional AmeriCorps benefits. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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38) Conservation Agent - Town of Winthrop

The Town of Winthrop is looking for a part-time Conservation Agent to perform administrative duties to assist with the Wetlands Protections Act (WPA). Responsibilities will include investigating inquiries and complaints, preparing inspection reports, and assisting the public by providing information regarding the WPA. For more information, click [here](#).

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39) Director - Division of Wetlands and Waterways, MA Department of Environmental Protection

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is seeking a Director for the Division of Wetlands and Waterways. The Director of the Division of Wetlands and Waterways (DWW) is a critical leadership position within the Bureau of Water Resources. The Director oversees the DWW programs, all of which are central to some of the highest priorities of MassDEP and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Director is responsible for overseeing the Wetlands Protection Programs - including 401 Water Quality Certification activities, Chapter 91 Waterways Programs, and ensuring the projects, goals, and priorities for each of these programs are met. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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40) Structures and Landscapes Project Manager - The Trustees

The Trustees of Reservations is looking for a project manager to oversee construction projects for building, structures, and designed landscapes. This position will track project expenses, ensure work adheres to original plans and codes, provide routine updates on project status. The manager will work with other teams and property managers to design management practices and standards. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in landscape management and five years of experience managing projects. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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41) Executive Director - Brewster Conservation Trust

The Brewster Conservation Trust is a not-for-profit land trust, created in 1983 with a strong history of land preservation, an active board of directors, and a well-developed partnership with the Town of Brewster. This is a new position. Salary is commensurate with experience, and a part-time arrangement is negotiable. For more information, click [here](#).

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42) Land and Projects Planning Assistant- City of Northampton

The city of Northampton is seeking a Land and Projects Planning Assistant to work in its Planning and Sustainability Office. This position would assist in the management of over 3,000 acres of conservation land owned by the city. Responsibilities would include coordinating with volunteers and contractors, inspecting agricultural land for compliance, recreational land assessments for future purchases, and multiuse trail management. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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43) Land Protection Specialist - Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon is looking for a Land Protection Specialist to identify, evaluate and complete compelling land protection projects located throughout Massachusetts. This position will involve planning, due diligence, and negotiation relative to the acquisition of land and rights to land to respond to climate change, provide opportunities to connect people with nature, and enhance Mass Audubon's more than 38,000-acre statewide network of conserved lands. For more information and to apply, visit [here](#).

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