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*"The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders."*

-- Ed (Edward Paul) Abbey (1927-1989), American author and essayist - from "The Journey Home" (1977) --

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## MLTC News

### 1) MLTC IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

*Please mark your calendars now for these two crucial meetings*

#### **Friday, December 10, 2010 - Steering Committee Meeting**

- \*Set up a Nominating Committee which will recommend candidates for the Board of Trustees to the Annual Meeting
- \*Post-election wrap-up and strategy discussion
- \*First report of the Wind Power Discussion Group

#### **Friday, February 11, 2011 - MLTC Annual Meeting**

##### **\*Election of the Coalition's first formal Board of Directors.**

*It is essential that as many Coalition land trusts send representatives for vote for the Board.*

- \*Guest speaker and informative discussions.
- \*Year-end reports by Staff
- \*Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval

We hope your land trust will decide to participate in the important work of the Steering Committee.

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## News

### 2) SEN. SCOTT BROWN BACKS LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Some issues are truly bipartisan. Land and water conservation is one. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been a critical engine for the development and preservation of outdoor public recreation places across Massachusetts such as the Cape Cod National Seashore, Minuteman National Historic Park and dozens of local conservation projects.

Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown has signed on to a letter with other Senate Republicans urging Senate leadership to move forward to achieve full and dedicated funding for LWCF (text of letter below).

Representatives from the Mass. Land Trust Coalition, The Nature Conservancy and Mass Audubon, along with long-time conservation champion Bob Durand, met with Senator Brown in Boston in mid-October and had an engaging and fruitful dialogue on LWCF. The meeting followed on the successful efforts of a statewide grassroots campaign to secure Senator Brown's support. MLTC wishes to thank TNC-MA for their diligent work in briefing Senator Brown's staff and arranging the meeting with him.

Senator John Kerry also deserves praise for his long-time support and advocacy for LWCF, as does the Massachusetts delegation to the House of Representatives which unanimously supported full funding for LWCF over the summer

Please take a moment to thank Senators Brown and Kerry for their support of LWCF and to ask them to co-sponsor Senate Bill 2747, which would fully fund it. MLTC hopes the leadership of our senators inspires the two parties come together and support LWCF.

The best way to contact the Senators is through their email portals at:

<http://kerry.senate.gov/contact/email.cfm>

<http://scottbrown.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/emailscottbrown>

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Text of Republican joint letter to Senate leadership supporting LWCF

Dear Senator Reid and Senator McConnell:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of our nation's most successful land conservation programs. The original promise of the LWCF was to balance the use of one of America's natural resources - development of offshore oil and gas resources - with long term investments in the nation's land and water resources. We believe we have an opportunity to secure this vital balance, and to protect the places Americans care about, by providing robust dedicated funding for LWCF in a fiscally responsible manner, honoring the commitment that Congress made when it first authorized the program.

The LWCF has enjoyed strong bi-partisan support since it was authorized more than 45 years ago. Americans throughout the nation have enjoyed the national parks, forests and refuges that have benefited from the program, as well as state and local neighborhood parks in countless communities in every state.

Hunting, fishing, camping, climbing, hiking, paddling, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, wildlife viewing and other activities contribute a total of \$730 billion annually to the economy, supporting 6.5 million jobs and stimulating eight percent of all consumer spending according to the Outdoor Industry Foundation. Numerous conservation, sportsmen and industry groups support full and dedicated funding for this program.

As the 111th Congress concludes, we urge you work in a bipartisan manner on a path forward to achieve full and dedicated funding for the LWCF. Any proposal to do so should also include appropriate budgetary offsets so that we can protect these cherished landscapes for future generations without passing the cost along to them. Further, we believe that any vehicle designed to achieve this should be brought up for consideration under regular order and be subject to a fair debate and amendment process.

We stand ready to work with you and our colleagues to ensure that the nation and communities in each of our states will benefit from an adequately funded Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sincerely,

Senator Richard Burr (NC)  
Senator Scott P. Brown (MA)  
Senator Judd Gregg (NH)  
Senator George V. Voinovich (OH)

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### **3) STATE ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO PROTECT 880 ACRES IN 19 COMMUNITIES**

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Ian Bowles has announced \$6.3 million in grants to help 19 Massachusetts municipalities purchase 880 acres to protect recreational land, drinking water aquifers, wetlands, and wildlife habitat.

Statewide map of grant recipients

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/masseea/5158657303/in/set-72157625215406797/>

Matched by \$8.9 million in municipal, private and nonprofit funding, these Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grants will fund projects in Amherst, Andover, Barnstable, Belchertown, Brewster, Dennis, Fairhaven, Falmouth, Groton, Harwich, Lexington, Northampton, Orleans, Provincetown, Scituate, Templeton, Upton, Ware, and Yarmouth (PROJECT LIST BELOW)

"Investments like these conserve and protect urban parks, farmland and forests across the Commonwealth for generations to come," said Governor Deval Patrick. "Our open spaces are among the things that make Massachusetts such a desirable place to live. What we protect is as important as what we build."

Over the past four years, the Commonwealth has protected nearly 75,000 acres of land - the equivalent 54 acres per day. Among the administration's conservation accomplishments are the creation of 44 new urban parks, the protection of 5,700 acres on 95 farms, preservation of land with nearly 30,000 acres of prime farm and forest soils, and protection of 14,000 acres in 10 areas of critical forested landscape habitats. In addition, the Commonwealth has protected 9,300 acres within a half mile of drinking water reservoirs across the state.

Massachusetts now has more than 1.2 million acres permanently protected. For the first time in decades, the acres of land protected from development in Massachusetts are greater than acres that have been developed.

"These grants will allow communities to create more open recreational spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy," said Senate President Therese Murray. "These areas like the ones in Falmouth and Barnstable are perfect examples of how we can utilize unused space for the enjoyment of the community."

"These grants enable municipalities across Massachusetts to set aside land specifically for recreation, habitat conservation and farming and preservation of precious water resources," said Secretary Bowles. "With the hard work of state and municipal officials, land trusts, community organizations, and private citizens, we have protected wetlands, fields and woodlands throughout our state."

Since 1961, EEA's LAND (formerly known as Self-Help) grants have helped cities and towns acquire land for conservation and outdoor recreational uses such as hiking, wildlife watching, biking, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. Funding for the fiscal year 2011 LAND grants comes from the \$1.7 billion Energy and Environment Bond Bill signed by Governor Patrick in August 2008.

To qualify for the reimbursement grants, communities must fund the projects upfront. Municipalities may use grant funds for outright land purchases or partial interests, such as conservation restrictions, and for land surveys and fees associated with the transactions. The grants reimburse municipal conservation commissions between 52 percent and 70 percent of project costs up to \$500,000.

The following communities have been selected to receive LAND grant funding this year worth a total of \$6,289,699:

Amherst - Cushman Brook Riparian Corridor: 7 acres  
Andover - Fosters Pond: 5 acres  
Barnstable - Fuller Farm: 23 acres  
Belchertown - Holland Glen Forest: 290 acres  
Brewster - Clay Hole Woodlands: 23 acres  
Dennis - Old Fort Field: 8 acres  
Fairhaven - New Boston Road: 59 acres  
Falmouth - Little Pond at Teaticket: 10 acres  
Groton - Baddacook Pond II: 52 acres  
Harwich - Fratus Project: 20 acres  
Lexington - Cotton Farm: 4 acres  
Northampton - Mineral Hills: 30 acres  
Orleans - Putnam Farm: 14 acres  
Provincetown - Hawthorne Wildlife Sanctuary: 3 acres  
Scituate - Bates Lane Conservation Area: 54 acres  
Templeton - Stonebridge Pond: 97 acres  
Upton - Sweetwilliam Farm: 87 acres

Ware - Frohloff Farm: 86 acres

Yarmouth - Alms House Road: 7 acres

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#### **4) CPA WINS FOUR OF FIVE ON ELECTION DAY**

Voters adopted the Community Preservation Act in four of the five communities on the ballot in the recent election. Belmont, Gosnold, Middleborough and Sunderland all approved CPA, bringing the statewide total of CPA communities to 147 (42% of the municipalities in the Commonwealth). The greatest margin of victory came in tiny Gosnold, where the vote was 43 to 23 (65% approval), while Belmont's vote of 5,371 (yes) to 5,163 (no) was the tightest race (51% approval). The city of Marlborough also had a very close race, but CPA was defeated there by a margin of 52% to 48%. For more election details, visit the History of CPA Votes page of our [website](#). To view a map of all CPA communities, click [here](#).

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#### **5) LAND DEDICATION HONORS GENEROUS BEQUEST OF FARRELL FAMILY**

*--from MassWildlife News*

In early October, state officials, conservation organizations, community leaders and close friends of Calvin and Annette Farrell gathered at the Ashfield Rod and Gun Club to honor the couple, formerly of South Easton, for their generous bequest of approximately \$375,000, which made possible the acquisition of a 278-acre tract of wildlife habitat in the towns of Ashfield and Hawley. At the land dedication ceremony, the group viewed the unveiling of a plaque honoring the couple to be permanently mounted at the entrance of the new Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

"The Farrell's gift is an extraordinary example of the commitment outdoorsmen have to conservation," said DFW Director Wayne MacCallum. "In the late 1980's, a few forward-looking sportsmen and women happened upon a truly great idea – to create a fund within the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for the conservation of wildlife lands dedicated to hunting, fishing and other wildlife-related recreation. The Wildlands Fund is supported by private donations and by the sale of so-called Land Stamps, which license holders may buy when they acquire their licenses. Although we imagined generous private donations being made to this Fund, I can honestly say that we never imagined a gift as generous as the bequest received from the estate of Calvin Farrell. We thank and honor the Farrell family for their generous gift and for ensuring future generations enjoy wildlife and related recreation in this area."

The new 278-acre Ashfield-Hawley WMA) primarily consists of northern hardwoods with over 3,000 feet of frontage along the West Branch of the Swift River. Not to be confused with the Swift River associated with the Quabbin Reservoir, this Swift River begins in Hawley and flows into the East Branch of the Westfield River in the town of Cummington. This western Swift River is a Coldwater Fisheries Resource (CFR) stream, annually stocked with salmon fry as part of the Division's salmon restoration effort. The river is also stocked with trout and mapped as Priority Habitat for state-listed reptiles. The combination of forest and wetlands on the property provides excellent habitat for many kinds of other wildlife including bear, moose, turkey, grouse, deer, beaver, and bobcat. The new WMA is situated among other parcels of protected open space. It abuts two tracts protected by Agricultural Protection Restrictions and is located across Plainfield Road from the 5,000-acre Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest in Hawley.

"The gift of land or funds to protect critical habitat does more for wildlife conservation than anything else people can do," said Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Mary Griffin. "I would like to thank the Farrell family and especially recognize Calvin and Annette Farrell for their foresight and incredible generosity."

To make a donation to the Wildlands Fund, a check made out to: Comm. of Mass – DFW Wildlands Fund and send to: DFW Wildlands Fund, MassWildlife Field HQ, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough MA 01581.

For a listing of wildlife lands acquired by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife through the Wildlands Fund and other funding sources go to the DFW website at:

[www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/habitat/land/land\\_acquisitions.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/habitat/land/land_acquisitions.htm)

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## **6) AVOID INVASIVE PLANTS FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING**

--from *MassWildlife News*

As part of the upcoming holiday season, many people are using plant material to decorate their houses or businesses. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) and the Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) highly recommends that people avoid using certain exotic, invasive plants such as Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) and Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) in holiday decorations. Though these plants are attractive, it is best to refrain from using them. Birds eat and carry away the fruits from wreaths and garlands and the digested but still-viable seeds sprout where deposited. Exotic, invasive plants create severe environmental damage, invading open fields, forests, wetlands, meadows, and backyards, and crowding out native plants. Bittersweet can even kill mature trees through strangling. Both plants are extremely difficult to control: when cut off, the remaining plant segment in the ground will re-sprout. It is illegal to import or sell bittersweet and multiflora rose in any form (plants or cuttings) in the state of Massachusetts.

Backyard gardeners, nursery staff, landscapers and conservationists can learn more about invasive plants from the DFW *A Guide To Invasive Plants*. In the *Guide*, each invasive plant description includes a photograph, the plant's regulatory status, key identification characteristics, habitats where the plant is likely to be found, type of threat the plant poses to native species and habitats, and its current distribution and place of origin. Similar plant species are also briefly described to aid in plant identification. The *Guide* includes definitions of three categories of invasiveness, brief explanations of how invasive plants are introduced and spread, why invasives are a problem, how to learn more about controlling invasive plants, and the state agricultural [regulations regarding their importation, sale and propagation](#). Useful invasive plant websites are also referenced.

To purchase a guide from DFW, stop in the [Westborough office](#) during business hours or send a request to "Invasive Plant Guide," MassWildlife Field HQ, NHESP, 1 Rabbit Hill Rd, Westborough, MA, 01581, and include a check for \$5 (per copy) payable to: Comm. of Mass.--NHESP. Sorry, but credit cards are not accepted. For more information visit the DFW web page at:

[www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/conservation/invasives/invasive\\_species.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/conservation/invasives/invasive_species.htm), the DAR website of prohibited plants at: [http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/Prohibited\\_Plant\\_Index2.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/Prohibited_Plant_Index2.htm) or visit the New England Wild Flower Society website at <http://www.newfs.org/protect/invasive-plants>.

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## **Of Interest**

### **7) MA FOREST & PARK FRIENDS NETWORK SEEKS REP. TO OHV ADVISORY COMMITTEE Deadline: December 1, 2010**

The Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Deval Patrick recently enacted a bill aimed at increasing the safety of off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding and heightening the protection of natural resources on public and private lands used by OHVs by raising the minimum age requirement for OHV riding and increasing penalties for illegal riding.

The bill, "An Act Regulating the Use of Off-Highway and Recreation Vehicles," also establishes an OHV Advisory Group to increase communication among OHV riders, land owners, law enforcement agencies and other interested parties. The Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network will soon be appointing our representative to the Advisory Group.

If you would like to be considered for the position of the Friends Network Representative, please send a statement of interest to the Friends Network Facilitators at [friend@networkingfriends.net](mailto:friend@networkingfriends.net) by December 1, 2010.

We'll compile a list of candidates and set up a survey vote. Once elected, our representative's name will be submitted to the Council.

The Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network is an independent grassroots organization of volunteer "friends" groups working together to better protect and enhance Massachusetts' state forests and parks. Our goal is to foster mutual support among friends groups and to facilitate communication between friends groups and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and everyone else who cares about public parklands. Because forests and parks thrive under the special care that friends groups provide, we're working to see a friends group for every forest and park in the Commonwealth!

For more information, visit: <http://www.networkingfriends.net/>

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## Events

### **8) BLACK BEARS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

November 17, Groton, MA

Laura Hajduk, Furbearer and Black Bear Project Leader for the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will present a family-friendly program about black bears in the region. This program, offered by the Nashua River Watershed Association at **592 Main Street (Rte. 119) in Groton**, is **free and open to the public**. Seating is limited; pre-registration for this presentation is encouraged. Seating will be held for pre-registrants until 5:55 p.m., at which time walk-in guests will be seated. To pre-register or for more information, call Al Futterman, NRWA Land Programs and Outreach Director at (978) 448-0299, or email [AlF@NashuaRiverWatershed.org](mailto:AlF@NashuaRiverWatershed.org).

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### **9) MEGAREGIONS, LARGE LANDSCAPES, AND AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS**

Embedded within the Wildlands and Woodlands Partnership Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

1 pm to 4 pm

Fisher Museum, Harvard Forest

Petersham, Massachusetts

Armando Carbonell, Senior Fellow and Chair

Department of Planning and Urban Form

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

[acarbonell@lincolninst.edu](mailto:acarbonell@lincolninst.edu)

617/661-3016 or 800/LAND-USE (800/526-3873)

With its joint venture partners, the Lincoln Institute has been working for several years on complementary initiatives dealing with the planning of megaregions (assemblages of metropolitan areas and their supporting ecostructure) and landscape scale conservation. The multi/agency federal program known as America's Great Outdoors is taking shape and, with its linkage of cities with nature and landscape, presents a potential bridge between these two initiatives.

**Format:** A 40-minute talk with additional time for Q&A and discussion

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### **10) 2010 NOFA ORGANIC LAND CARE ANNUAL GATHERING**

*Corridors to Sustainability: Designing Within the Natural Context*

Featuring Keynote Speaker *Doug Tallamy*

The NOFA Organic Land Care Program will hold its Annual Gathering on **Tuesday, December 7th, 2010** at the Student Union Building on the **UCONN Campus** in Storrs, CT from **8:00am - 4:30pm**. This is NOFA OLC's largest event, bringing together many of NOFA's Accredited Professionals and the public for a full day of informative speakers, collaboration, and networking.

**This year's Annual Gathering will focus on BIODIVERSITY.** The NOFA OLC Program has decided to focus its Annual Gathering on ways that land care professionals and others can fight this loss in the way they care for landscapes. Landscape related threats to biodiversity, such as habitat loss, alteration, and pollution from excessive pesticide use, as well as the widespread use of foreign plants will be covered.

Speakers for the day will include Dr. Michael Klemens (Ecological Thinking), Dr. Claire Rutlage (Emerald Ash Borer Update), Carolyn Summers, author of *Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East* (Gardens Filled with Life), Catherine Zimmerman, author of *Urban and Suburban Meadows* (Meadowscaping), Dr. Kim Stoner (Pollinators in the Landscape), and the Keynote Speaker, Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home; How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in our Gardens* (Maintaining Curb Appeal). There will also be a 45-minute panel discussion with all speakers at the end of the day.

You can register for this event by calling (203) 888-5146. **\$85 for NOFA Accredited Professionals, \$95 for the public.** Lunch will be provided. For more information about the Annual Gathering and the NOFA OLC Program, please visit [www.organiclandcare.net](http://www.organiclandcare.net).

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## **11) SECOND SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCED LEGAL TOPICS IN LAND CONSERVATION**

*Convening leading legal experts and practitioners to address emerging issues in land conservation*

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers

Boston, Massachusetts

February 7-8, 2011

Presented by the Land Trust Alliance

Fees

-Staff and board of Alliance Member Land Trusts - \$475

-Partners and others - \$575

-Students - \$325

### **Who Should Attend?**

\* Attorneys \* Senior Practitioners \* Law School Faculty

This level of advanced discussion on emerging issues in land conservation is rarely available, so take advantage of this opportunity to gather with your esteemed colleagues to discuss and contribute insight on these complex legal issues. **Offering:**

\*Consideration of the implications of IRS scrutiny and strategy

\*Things you might rarely consider in an easement template that are key to effective drafting

\*Ways to help reframe the role of land trusts in balancing multiple global objectives

\*A review of the five most important case developments and their implications

\*Enforcement, prevention and strategies for dealing with angry landowners, aggressive neighbors and apprehensive boards

\*Development of collaborative strategies to anticipate evolving challenges

For more information, and to download faculty bios, please visit [www.lta.org/legal](http://www.lta.org/legal).

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## **Workshops**

## 12) DCR TO HOLD WORKSHOPS ON LANDSCAPE DESIGNATIONS

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold six public workshops in November and December at various locations across the Commonwealth to seek public input on landscape designations for all DCR lands within the state park system.

The landscape designation process involves categorizing 308,000 acres of DCR lands as either “parklands,” “reserves,” or “woodlands” to prioritize the services and values these lands provide to the public and the environment. The designations are a top recommendation of the Forest Futures Visioning process that the agency undertook in 2009-2010 to develop a renewed vision and long-term strategy for managing forest lands in the state park system. The designations will ensure long-term protection of the lands and guide their management.

Of the three new categories, “parklands” would be managed primarily for recreation, human experiences, and the protection of cultural and natural features. “Reserves” would be managed primarily for biological diversity based on natural processes and the protection of large, contiguous blocks of high-value ecosystems. “Woodlands” would be managed primarily for state-of-the-art sustainable forestry, forest products, and active carbon management.

The Plan quadruples the amount of forest land set aside from commercial logging. Under the Plan, at least 60 percent of forest land, or 185,000 acres, will be designated as parklands and reserves.

DCR will hold the public workshops in Worcester, Westfield, Pittsfield, Boston, Dighton, and Danvers to obtain input on the development of criteria to define and select each category and management guidelines that will be applied to each.

The scheduled workshops are:

**Monday November 15, 2010**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Union Hall in Union Station, Worcester

**Tuesday November 16, 2010**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the North Middle School, 350 Southampton Rd., Westfield

**Thursday November 18, 2010**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 1 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield

**Monday November 22, 2010**, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at 100 Cambridge St., Boston

**Tuesday November 30, 2010**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bristol County Agricultural High School, 135 Center St., Dighton

**Thursday December 2, 2010**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Essex Agricultural & Technical High School, 562 Maple St., Danvers

With input from the workshop series, DCR will finalize the selection criteria. A second round of public workshops will be held in spring 2011 to introduce the draft application of the categories and obtain input on the draft before it is finalized.

The workshops are open to anyone interested in the future management of the DCR parks system. To receive information on the process as DCR moves forward, send an email to [Jessica.Rowcroft@state.ma.us](mailto:Jessica.Rowcroft@state.ma.us) and request to be added to the forestry email list.

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## Resources

### 13) NEW FROM TECHSOUP!

[Microsoft Office 2011 for Mac](#) is now available at TechSoup (Admin fee: \$23). The Mac edition of the popular office productivity software includes the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Communicator. This suite of programs was designed with features and interface elements specifically for Mac,

upgrades for co-authoring among multiple users, and Web Apps, which let users post, edit, and share files through any web browser.

### [HD Flip Video Bundles](#)

Take up to one hour of high-quality digital, high-definition video anywhere with the lightweight, pocket-sized Flip Video UltraHD 260 camera. An upgrade from the previous version available to nonprofits and libraries through TechSoup, this camera is ideal for documenting or sharing your organization's work in action. With one-button operation and flip-out USB arm, even staff or volunteers with little technical knowledge can record, edit, and upload video to the web. The discounted bundle (Admin fee: \$175) includes two video cameras and one tripod for capturing steady video on odd or uneven surfaces.

### [Back in Stock: Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 3.0 ESD](#)

Manage and organize entire collections of digital images with Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 3.0 (Admin fee: \$30). This professional image editing and workflow tool is great for photographers, photojournalists, and advanced amateurs within the nonprofit community. This program includes five dedicated modules: Library, which allows users to import and manage large quantities of photos; Develop, which lets users adjust and correct single or entire groups of photos; and Slideshow, Web and Print, which allow users to present photos onscreen, online, or in print.

### [Get Connected with Windows MultiPoint Server 2010](#)

Foster collaboration, reduce overhead and power consumption, and free up personnel from managing technology. Designed for nonprofit environments, schools, and libraries, Windows MultiPoint Server 2010 (Admin fee: \$28) connects multiple users to one computer, while offering simple, out-of-the-box setup and configuration. MultiPoint Server is especially useful for classroom settings: you can create and manage individual, private accounts for several users who can share files, videos, and more across a secure network. [Learn more](#) about Windows MultiPoint server.

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## Grant Opportunities

### **14) SEA WORLD/BUSCH GARDENS ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

*--From Ebb & Flow, newsletter of the Division of Ecological Restoration*

The [SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards](#) recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students, teachers and nonprofit community groups across the U.S. who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Eight projects will be selected to receive \$10,000 grants and all-expense paid trips for selected students and adult leaders to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event. Previous award-winning projects have tackled a wide variety of environmental problems, including habitat restoration, school yard beautification, waste reduction, environmental education, wildlife protection, and natural resource conservation. The application deadline is December 1, 2010; click [here](#) to apply or for more info.

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### **15) TEMPER OF THE TIMES FOUNDATION GRANTS**

*--From Ebb & Flow, newsletter of the Division of Ecological Restoration*

The [Temper of the Times Foundation](#) promotes the use of standard marketing concepts to increase environmental awareness. Recognizing that organizations working to protect the environment often have limited access to paid media, the Foundation **provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States**. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads; to pay for advertising space or airtime; or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. **Applications must be submitted via e-mail by December 15, 2010**. Click [here](#) for application [guidelines](#) and [procedures](#).

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## **16) RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM – STATEWIDE TRAILS EDUCATION GRANTS**

*--From Ebb & Flow, newsletter of the Division of Ecological Restoration*

The Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration is now accepting applications for [Recreational Trails Program - Statewide Trails Education Grants](#). This is the first round of educational grants which will be awarded under the Mass. Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and will likely become an annual offering through the program, dependent upon funding. The RTP will award 2-3 new grants with a maximum award amount of \$10,000 focused on statewide trail education initiatives which address all user groups in Massachusetts (motorized and non-motorized). The deadline for this grant application is February 1, 2011. Click [here](#) or contact Amanda Lewis at (413) 586-8706 ext.19 or [Amanda.lewis@state.ma.us](mailto:Amanda.lewis@state.ma.us) for more info.

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## **17) MAX AND ANNA LEVINSON FOUNDATION GRANTS**

The [Max and Anna Levinson Foundation](#) makes grants to nonprofit organizations committed to developing a more just, caring, ecological and sustainable world. The Foundation seeks people and organizations that combine idealism, dedication and genuine concern with rigorous analysis and strategic plans, and that foster a sense of social connection, mutual recognition and solidarity. The Foundation's environmental funding includes the Protection of Ecosystems and Biological Diversity and the Development of Environmental Movements. While the Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals they do accept letters of inquiry at any time (click [here](#) for the on-line format), and approved grants typically fall within the \$15,000 to \$25,000 range.

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## **Job Openings**

### **18) CONSERVATION EASEMENT STEWARD, FOREST SOCIETY, CONCORD NH**

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, a statewide land conservation organization, seeks an experienced, enthusiastic, well-organized, articulate, and motivated individual for the position of Conservation Easement Steward. The Easement Steward helps the Society fulfill its perpetual easement stewardship responsibilities on over 750 conservation easements and deed restrictions by monitoring and working directly with private owners of easement protected lands. The Steward also works with other Forest Society staff to ensure compliance with easement terms, cultivate supportive cooperative relationship with land owners, and resolve potential compliance issues. This position is based in the Conservation Center in Concord.

This is a full-time position that requires extensive field work, excellent written and oral communication skills, attention to detail, and familiarity with GIS and data base software. Experience in natural resources management such as forestry, agriculture, and/or wildlife management is important.

Please see <http://www.forestsociety.org/aboutus/employment.asp> for further information and a complete job description.

If you're interested in becoming a member of the dedicated Forest Society staff, mail a resume and cover letter by December 8, 2010 to Paul Doscher, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH, 03301. Please no phone calls.

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### **19) FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE AT NEW ENGLAND WILD FLOWER SOCIETY**

New England Wild Flower Society, the oldest native plant conservation organization in the United States, is a leader in regional plant conservation activities. The Society employs three fellows each year:

The Herbert J. Esther M. Atkinson Conservation Fellowship  
The Lovejoy Conservation Fellowship  
The Marylee Everett Memorial Conservation Fellowship

The Atkinson and Lovejoy Fellowships are detailed below. Full description for the Everett Fellowship opportunity will be available by January 2011 on our website <http://www.newenglandWILD.org>

The Atkinson and Lovejoy Fellows will assist in all aspects of administering the conservation programs of the Wild Flower Society, including conducting training programs, retrieving data from the heritage programs, obtaining landowner permission for rare plant surveys, sending out volunteer assignments, and entering data. Additionally, the Fellows will assist in the planning and implementation of restoration and management activities, invasive species initiatives, general floristic surveys and PCV field trips to botanically interesting locations throughout the region.

#### Preferred Skills

Candidates should have some familiarity with the flora of New England and ecological processes, excellent speaking and writing skills, good phone skills, a willingness to call landowners, and a sense of humor. Fellows must respect and maintain the confidentiality of rare species locations. Additionally some long days in difficult situations (hot, buggy, and wet) are required.

#### Details

Atkinson and Lovejoy Fellowships are full-time, six-month positions (26 weeks)

Lovejoy and Atkinson Fellowship Application deadline: January 15, 2011

Starting date: flexible, as early as March 1st, but no later than June 1st

Stipend: \$6000 and housing is provided

Everett Fellowship is a full-time, three month position (13 weeks)

Starting date: June 1st

Stipend: \$4000 and housing is provided

To Apply Submit cover letter, resume, and reference list to: John Burns, Plant Conservation Volunteer Coordinator New England Wild Flower Society 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701  
[jburns@newenglandwild.org](mailto:jburns@newenglandwild.org)

Questions: Please email or call John Burns at [jburns@newenglandwild.org](mailto:jburns@newenglandwild.org) or (508) 877-7630 ext. 3204

Website: <http://www.newenglandWILD.org>

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## 20) BULLARD FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD FOREST

The Charles Bullard fellowship program is to support advanced research and study by individuals who show promise of making an important contribution, either as scholars or administrators, to forestry and forest-related subjects from biology to earth sciences, economics, politics, administration, philosophy, humanities, the arts or law. The fellowship is a highly competitive program which only accepts 5 to 7 recipients a year from an applicant pool of many dozens.

Applications are currently being accepted for 2011-2012. Deadline is February 1.

For details, go to:

<http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/education/bullard.html>

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## 21) JOB OPENINGS AT MASS AUDUBON - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

For full details on all available positions, go to:

<http://www.massaudubon.org/Jobs/index.php>

- \* Volunteer Coordinator, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary- Wellfleet
- \* Education Coordinator III, Blue Hills Trailside Museum - Milton
- \* Development Administrative Ass't, 30 hours/week - Lincoln
- \* Vice President of Philanthropy - Lincoln
- \* Wildlife Care Supervisor, Drumlin Farm - Lincoln
- \* Education Coordinator - Lawrence

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