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*"Has joy any survival value in the operations of evolution? I suspect that it does; I suspect that the morose and fearful are doomed to quick extinction. Where there is no joy there can be no courage; and without courage all other virtues are useless."*

-- Edward Abbey (1927-1989) American author and environmentalist -- from *"Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness"* (1968) --

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**Important Dates:**

- MLTC Workshop on *Conservation Restriction & Land Management*: November 10<sup>th</sup> (Hadley, MA)
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News

## 1) EEA ANNOUNCES SCORP PUBLIC MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) today announced a series of public meetings in November to solicit input from the public for updating Massachusetts' Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Each state is required to complete a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every five years to remain eligible for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is administered by the National Parks Service.

Since the creation of the LWCF in 1964, over \$98 million has gone to support 495 open space and recreation projects in every county in the Commonwealth. Funding for the LWCF is generated through revenue from offshore oil drilling, so no tax dollars are involved.

Through the SCORP process, EEA is seeking to identify the recreation needs of the state's residents. The resulting plan will help guide the use of future funding toward projects that fulfill the public's outdoor recreation priorities.

In addition to the public meetings, EEA will also be conducting a phone survey to ensure that a scientifically valid sample of data regarding residents' recreational preferences is collected. After the data is collected and discerned, Massachusetts' plan will be submitted to the National Park Service for approval in early 2012.

*The meetings are listed below:*

**November 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Worcester Public Library Banx Room  
3 Salem Square, Worcester

**November 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Department of Conservation and Recreation's Melnea A. Cass Recreation Complex  
120 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Roxbury

**November 15, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Pollard Memorial Library Meeting Room  
401 Merrimack Street, Lowell

**November 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Pittsfield City Council Chambers  
70 Allen Street, Pittsfield

**November 17, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Department of Agricultural Resources' Amherst Office  
101 University Drive, Suite C4, Amherst

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## 2) PROTECTING ANCIENT TREES AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF OLD GROWTH FORESTS

*--From The Beacon Hill Weekly Roundup 10/21/2011*

Protecting Ancient Trees An Act Relative to the Protection of Old Growth Forests ([H. 236](#)), which provides needed permanent protection for our remaining ancient trees found on state lands, took a major step forward through the legislative process this week. The bill was reported favorably by the Environment Committee and we expect that it will be referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means shortly for further review. Stay tuned for action alerts on this important bill! For more on the bill, see our [fact sheet](#).

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## Workshops

### 3) CONSERVATION RESTRICTION & LAND MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, November 10  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Northeast Regional Office  
300 Westgate Center Drive  
Hadley, MA  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

All land trust board, staff and volunteers are invited to an evening workshop on *Conservation Restriction & Land Management: Challenges and Opportunities* presented by Wil Hastings (Hilltown Land Trust) & Alain Peteroy (Franklin Land Trust). Network over refreshments, join the discussion on land management challenges and successes and participate in a discussion on opportunities and challenges facing small land trusts.

Please RSVP to MLTC by email to [LSarquilla@MassLand.org](mailto:LSarquilla@MassLand.org) with subject line: "Valley Event" and pass this invitation on to your board, volunteers, and staff.

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### 4) LEASING YOUR LAND TO A FARMER: AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS

Making land available for farming is essential for our community's agriculture. Having a farmer on your land can be rewarding for you, too. At this information session we will go over the basics, including finding and working with a farmer, information and leases, legal aspects, and community considerations. Presenters include staff from the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project and Land for Good. **Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30. The Groton Grange, 80 Champney St, Groton, MA.** RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/landleasing>. Contact Becca Weaver at [bweaver@comteam.org](mailto:bweaver@comteam.org) with questions.

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### 5) HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Registration is Now Open!  
**Deadline:** November 10, 2011

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be presenting a Historic Cemetery Preservation Workshop on November 18, 2011 in Lowell, Massachusetts. Technical sessions and outdoor cemetery labs will provide attendees with a foundation of knowledge for protecting the historic character of these significant public landscapes. From documentation and planning, to partnerships and funding, the workshop is designed to help municipal staff, cemetery managers and crews, volunteers, consultants and anyone interested in the preservation of the Commonwealth's rich cultural landscape. The workshop is made possible through support from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) and the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Inc.

Registration materials are available at [www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland) Registration is limited. For more information contact Wendy Pearl at 617-626-1389 or [wendy.pearl@state.ma.us](mailto:wendy.pearl@state.ma.us)

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## Conference

### 6) 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS TRAILS CONFERENCE

*Building Connections*  
November 12, 2011  
Doyle Center

Leominster, MA

The Massachusetts Recreational Trail Advisory Board (MARTAB) in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) presents the 1st Annual Massachusetts Trails Conference to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Doyle Center in Leominster. The conference is funded through the Recreational Trails Program, a federal grant program which offers funding for trails and trail-related facilities to communities across the state and among all recreational trail user groups.

The goal of this one-day conference is to build a statewide-based coalition of trail advocates in Massachusetts by focusing on strengthening capacity and community across the spectrum of trails enthusiasts and supporters. Concurrent sessions in the morning focus on building capacity through education and discussion of issues like funding, permitting and economic impacts. The afternoon's more participatory workshops will focus on strengthening community, as we celebrate, share and plan for the future of trails in Massachusetts.

*There is no fee to register for this conference, although a \$10, or more, donation to your local trail group is encouraged in lieu of the registration fee. Participants must register in advance to attend. Registration will be limited, so please register now if you would like to attend.*

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, November 4, 2011

**Contact:** Amanda Lewis, Recreational Trails Program Coordinator (DCR) - 413-586-8706 ext. 19  
[amanda.lewis@state.ma.us](mailto:amanda.lewis@state.ma.us)

**To Register:** Please call or email Amanda Lewis to register. Indicate your full name, affiliation (or specific trail interests), address, phone number and email address. If you are no longer able to attend the workshop but have already registered, please contact Amanda as soon as possible, as potential participants may be waiting for openings. If the registration limit of 100 people is met, a wait list will be started and you will be informed as soon as possible if any openings become available.

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## Events

### 7) THE EMERGENT FOREST OF NEW ENGLAND

--From Harvard Museum of Natural History E-News

Lecture by Peter Del Tredici

Thursday, October 27, 6:00 pm

New England is a naturally forested landscape and has been for thousands of years. Peter Del Tredici, botanist and senior research scientist at the Arnold Arboretum, will present an overview of the recent history of the forests of southern New England as impacted by natural disasters, shifting land-use patterns (urbanization and suburban sprawl), introduced pests and pathogens, invasive species, acid rain, and climate change. He will speculate on how the "emergent" forests that develop in response to these factors will differ from those that dominated New England in the past. *Free and open to the public, Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street. Cosponsored with the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Part of the [Challenges and Choices](#) lecture series.*

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### 8) HOW MUCH CAN TREES AND FORESTS SLOW THE GLOBAL WARMING INCREASE?

--From Harvard Museum of Natural History E-News

Lecture by Steven Wofsy and Andrew Richardson

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 pm

Much research and debate in the scientific community is devoted to question the impact forests have on in the capture or sequestration of carbon dioxide, the primary gas that causes the climate-warming “greenhouse effect.” Are more forests the key to slowing the rate of rising global temperatures or is it too optimistic to think they can capture enough of the world’s CO2 emissions to solve the problem? Hear two of Harvard’s most active climate researchers tackle this question from different perspectives, atmospheric chemist Steven Wofsy and forest ecologist Andrew Richardson. *Free and open to the public, Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street. Part of the Challenges and Choices lecture series.*

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## 9) 495/METROWEST REGIONAL PLAN

Join us for evening presentations about a regional vision for economic prosperity, preservation of open space, and improved transportation in the 495/MetroWest region. The **495/MetroWest Development Compact** kicked off in the spring in 2011. Through meetings with each city and town and regional forums, input was gathered on priorities for preservation and development. That input is the foundation for a regional vision intended to guide the investment of limited public sector resources in the future.

At either presentation, learn more about the vision for the 495/MetroWest region; see maps and other information to help us plan for the future; and hear perspectives from a panel of experts in conservation, transportation, local government, and private sector development.

The **495/MetroWest Development Compact** is an initiative of the Patrick-Murray Administration through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in partnership with the 495/MetroWest Partnership, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MetroWest Regional Collaborative, and Mass Audubon to create a shared framework for state, regional, and local strategies for priority development and land preservation as well as transportation and other infrastructure investments in the 37 municipalities within the study area.

### Meeting details:

*Wednesday, November 9, 2011*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open House

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Public Meeting

Union Hall

Second floor at Union Station

Worcester, MA

(parking available at Union Station

Parking Garage, 225 Franklin St.)

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open House

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Public Meeting

Nevins Hall

Framingham Town Hall

150 Concord St.

Framingham, MA

RSVP to [info@495partnership.org](mailto:info@495partnership.org)

For parking information and other event details visit [www.495partnership.org/compactmeetings](http://www.495partnership.org/compactmeetings)

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## Resources

### 10) NEW FROM TECHSOUP

### [Wireless Headsets from Headsets.com](#)

Cut the cord with donated Sennheiser OfficeRunner wireless headsets (admin fee: \$22), now available at TechSoup. These open-box headsets work with almost all office phones (VoIP and PBX). And they can be used for both telephone and PC connections. They feature a 400-foot range, 12-hour battery life, and 64-bit digital signal encryption that keeps calls private.

### [Reduced Admin Fees on Online Courses](#)

Through October 31, 2011, take advantage of reduced administrative fees on online classes from the [Society for Nonprofit Organizations](#) (SNPO). Learn to develop cost-effective marketing strategies, acquire new donors, and get a handle on your planning process with SNPO's Learning Institute program. These courses are intended specifically for nonprofit professionals. They are prepared by academics, practitioners, and consultants to help you manage your nonprofit more effectively.

### [New Versions Available: Adobe Elements](#)

The Elements products are geared towards users looking for basic editing functionality without the professional-level tools included in Adobe's CS5.5 Photoshop and Premiere software.

[Adobe Photoshop Elements 10](#) (admin fee: \$15) lets you remove red-eye; adjust colors, lighting, and contrast; crop photos; change image formats; create composites from multiple photographs; and repair images for print and the web. New in this version: simplified social media integration and over 100 photo enhancements that can be painted onto your images.

[Adobe Premiere Elements 10](#) (admin fee: \$15) allows you to import video from webcams and record it from live sources. Editing takes place in the Sceneline, a visual map in which users can edit clips, add music, narration, text, graphics, and special effects. New in this version: more easily enhance and correct color in your videos, plus burn your videos to DVD at HD quality.

[Adobe Photoshop Elements 10 and Premiere Elements 10 Bundle](#) includes everything your organization needs for digital image and video manipulation. The bundle combines both Adobe Elements products and includes an admin fee that is friendly to your bottom line (admin fee: \$22).

### [Manage Your Donors with GiftWorks 2012](#)

Track donations and build targeted lists of supporters with GiftWorks 2012 (admin fee: \$25). Designed specifically for nonprofits, GiftWorks lets you manage your donor contacts and organize your email outreach by geography, interests, and giving history. Plus, its straightforward interface allows volunteers to take on day-to-day data entry with minimal training. New in this version: GiftWorks lets you map donors by location to better understand regional trends.

### [Back in Stock: Donated Hardware from Cisco](#)

Networking hardware from the Cisco Donation Program is back in stock at TechSoup. Keep your organization connected and protected with donated wired and wireless routers, Ethernet switches, and memory modules for security appliances.

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## Jobs

### **11) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION**

New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) is seeking a self-motivated Executive Director (ED) to be responsible for all major aspects of outreach and administration. Primary tasks include organizational development and supervision of staff to achieve organization and program goals, in cooperation with the 17-

member Board of Directors. The Board has voted to launch new initiatives to become an even more central player in forest conservation and active management. A major goal of the ED will be to gain the respect of landowners, industry representatives and conservation advocates. The successful candidate will be comfortable walking through the woods with these professionals and will know aspects that are important to each stakeholder. S/he will be effective working with academics, industry leaders and governments in promoting enlightened forestland policy.

*More information available [hesre](#).*

**To Apply:** Please send a cover letter, resume and salary history to New England Forestry Foundation, Susan Egmont at [segmont@egmontassociates.com](mailto:segmont@egmontassociates.com).

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