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"Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was." ~ Dag Hammarskjold

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MLTC News

1) JOIN US FOR DINNER AT LTA RALLY

October 29, 2016, 6:30pm

Lyon's Pub, Nicollet Mall, 16 South 6th St, Minneapolis, MN

Going to Rally? Connect with friends! Join us for the Massachusetts Dinner at Lyon's Pub on Saturday, October 29th. *Cash or check only.* To save your place at the table, send your rsvp to info@massland.org. Include your cell phone number in case we have to reach you

last minute. Our thanks to Colin Novick for organizing.

~ All of us at MLTC

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2) **SAVE THE DATE - FREE MLTC WORKSHOP - KEEPING AN EYE ON STEWARDSHIP**

November 14, 2016, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Stockbridge Town Hall - Community Room - Stockbridge, MA

MassLand's next workshop will be coming to Western Massachusetts with the focus of overcoming stewardship challenges. Brought to you by the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, the Land Trust Alliance, Berkshire Natural Resources Council and Great Barrington Land Conservancy, this workshop will address tackling that mountain of baseline documentation and annual monitoring visits. It will offer guidance and resources for growing volunteer monitoring programs and strengthening your conservation restriction enforcement.

Our discussion will be led by the Land Trust Alliance's New England Program Manager, Becca Washburn. *The evening will include many opportunities for problem solving your specific stewardship needs so come armed with questions! Bring one of your real life stewardship challenges to discuss.* We will conclude with handouts and direct you to the resources available to make stewardship a manageable and fun process.

Free pizza, salad, and refreshments will be served at 5:00pm; program begins at 5:30pm. RSVP by emailing your name to info@massland.org with the subject "Stewardship Workshop." Click [here](#) for the flyer.

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3) **MLTC MEMBER/STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - OPEN TO ALL**

November 18, 2016

Time & Place To Be Announced

All MLTC Members are invited to attend and participate. These valuable gatherings host a wide range of topics that help promote land protection and stewardship for your land trust. Look for an agenda in an upcoming E-News and plan to attend! You will not be disappointed.

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4) **LAND TRUST ALLIANCE RALLY 2016**

October 28-30, 2016

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Land Trust Alliance is hosting this year's Rally - where 2,000 people who share your passion for conservation will re-energize and inspire you. Gather to learn about diverse conservation topics in more than 100 workshops and seminars, share with friends and colleagues from across the country, and gain the skills you need to take your conservation work further. Register today - because there's no better time or place to

invest in your future. Online registration has closed, but walk-in registration is still available. See event details [here](#).

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Local Land Trust News

5) PASCOMMUCK CONSERVATION TRUST OPENS MUTTER'S FIELD ACCESSIBLE NATURE TRAIL IN EASTHAMPTON - DRONE VIDEO TOUR

Pascommuck Conservation Trust completed the 1800-foot Mutter's Field Accessible Nature Trail in Easthampton this past August. The trail accommodates members of the general public with strollers as well as those with mobility challenges. Additionally the trail features an accessible picnic area, an improved stream crossing and improved access to the property via handicap accessible parking. It is ecologically non-invasive. Next up, Pascommuck plans to add interpretive signs and restore a 2-acre meadow along this accessible trail.

To watch a video capturing the beauty of the Trail, click [here](#).

If you have a success story you would like to share with the MassLand Community submit a 200-300 word summary to enews@massland.org.

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Legal/Legislative News

6) LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND COALITION SIGN-ON LETTER

With Congress now back in session and opening statements starting on the Energy Bill Conference Committee a few weeks ago, a major push on a new Land & Water Conservation Fund support sign-on letter is essential. Since permanent authorization of the LWCF passed the Senate, but not the House, it is going to be on a shorter list of issues that MUST be addressed before the end of this Congress. It is part of the Energy Bill Conference Committee right now, but it could also be included on any other legislative vehicle that is moving at the end of the Congressional session - such as an Omnibus funding bill or other large package that comes together after the election. To sign onto the letter, click [here](#).

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7) ELM NEEDS SUPPORT FOR FY18 GREEN BUDGET

As you know, Massachusetts environmental agencies have seen substantial funding and staff cuts in recent years. At the same time, responsibilities are growing. Agencies like DCR and DEP are having a hard time fulfilling their missions. ELM has been leading a collaborative effort to gather material for the FY18 Green Budget, which will advocate for funding for key programs and highlight specific needs and opportunities.

ELM is seeking to grow the Green Budget Coalition to 85 member organizations so they can speak powerfully with a unified voice about statewide environmental funding needs.

Click [here](#) to see who's already a member of the Coalition.

To help the Coalition grow to 85 organizations, connect ELM with organizations that are not yet part of the Coalition that you think might like to endorse.

[Green Budget Update](#): The Green Budget Steering Committee has determined that the following eight line-items will be included in the FY18 Green Budget:

EOEEA: Climate Change Adaptation & Preparedness

DEP: Administration & Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup

Dep't of Fish & Game: Division of Ecological Restoration

DAR: Administration

DCR: Watershed Management, State Parks & Recreation, & Retained Revenue

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Nature News

8) IMPACTS OF THE 2016 DROUGHT

Excerpts from the Ecological Landscaping Alliance, October 16, 2016

Across the country, 2016 has brought challenges to landscapes and the businesses that help sustain them. ELA checked in with a few members to find out about their season, their businesses, and the direction of ecological landscapes. To read their stories, click [here](#).

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9) BEST NATIVE PLANTS IN A DROUGHT

Excerpts from the Ecological Landscaping Alliance, October 16, 2016

This year's drought has challenged all of our plants, but native plants seem to show more resilience. We asked a few ELA members to name their top five native plants and describe how they "weathered" the season. To read what they have to say, click [here](#).

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Workshops

10) WATER INNOVATION WORKSHOP

Monday, October 24, 2016, 8:30am - 5:30pm

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Ruben Campus Center

This one-day workshop, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, will bring together 150 individuals from academia, industry and the government to identify issues in a variety of water related areas (such as drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, industrial water, and water sustainability), and then discuss solutions and potential areas of research to help address those issues.

The Water Resources Research Center is helping to coordinate the breakout session

titled "Water Sustainability Management", which will focus on ensuring sufficient quantity and quality of our region's water supplies, which is especially important in drought years like the one we're currently experiencing. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Registration is free!

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11) THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREST STEWARDSHIP: BIRD HABITAT & BEYOND

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Ashland Public Library, Ashland, MA

8:30am-11:00am: Light breakfast and speaking program at Ashland Public Library

11:30am-1:00pm: Walking tour of Ashland Town Forest

This program, sponsored by Mass Audubon will include a discussion on the "Shaping the Future of Your Community" program. It will cover the overall value of forests, touching on the challenges of current land use patterns and how to target land protection with a conservation mapping tool. This will be followed by talks on the importance of being a good steward to the land and taking management actions when necessary. Finally, Mass Audubon will present on the conservation of forest bird species, what their habitat needs are, and briefly introduce the "Foresters for the Birds" program. Ashland is home to the first forest stewardship program to promote Eastern Bird Habitat. Invited speakers include Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and Mass Wildlife.

Free and open to the public. [Registration required](#). Questions? Contact Stefanie at scovino@massaudubon.org or 508-640-5618.

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Conferences

12) LANDSCAPE HEROES: CARBON, WATER, & BIODIVERSITY

January 31, 2017, 8:00am - 5:00pm

UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA

Join the Ecological Landscape Alliance along with Biodiversity for a Livable Climate, the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA/Mass), and the Organic Land Care (OLC) of NOFA/CT for a day-long carbon conference that offers practical tips and applications for how you can be part of the climate solution. Featuring carbon expert, rancher, activist, and author Courtney White with his new book Two Percent Solutions for the Planet and Eric Toensmeier with his new book The Carbon Farming Solution. Additional carbon experts include Eric "T" Fleisher, Chip Osborne, Paul Wagner, and Bryan O'Hara.

Early discounts just \$59 for members and \$79 for non-members - includes organic luncheon. To read more and register, click [here](#).

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Events

13) MASSACHUSETTS TRAILS CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 9:30am - 1:00pm (registration begins at 9:00am)

Mount Tom State Reservation, 125 Reservation Road, Holyoke, MA

Let's get together outdoors and celebrate our work and accomplishments on trails in Massachusetts with friends, food, and fun. Join the Department of Conservation & Recreation for a festive gathering, immediately followed by optional trail expeditions in this remarkable pocket of the Pioneer Valley led by trail enthusiasts from across the state, to both celebrate and enjoy the monumental efforts of the few - you! The event will be held in an informal, meeting-room style for the purpose of discussing trail issues, challenges and successes of the Massachusetts trails community.

The cost for this event is \$10, including drinks and food for the morning and for lunch. You do not need to pre-pay. Please bring cash or check - they will not be accepting credit cards. Participants are invited to set up tables to share information about a particularly successful trail project and/or to spark conversation and discussion about a trail idea or construction method. Please contact Amanda Lewis at Amanda.lewis@state.ma.us or 413-586-8706 ext. 19 if you are planning to do so.

Please pre-register [here](#) so they can get an estimate of the number of participants.

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14) NASHUA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION'S 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:00pm - 9:15pm

Devens Commons Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA

Join NRWA in celebrating the work that they do to protect water, land, and communities. Enjoy social time to meet and mingle with NRWA Board & Staff and fellow NRWA supporters followed by dessert. The evening's program will include:

- [Recognition of Business Members](#), including Watershed Circle & River Club Awards*
- Presentation of NRWA 2016 Annual Awards:
 - Land and Water Conservation Award to Ed McNierney
 - Environmental Education Award to Janet MacFarland
- Election of NRWA Officers and Directors
- Keynote Address by Christopher A. Williams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geography, Clark University, on the subject of "Forests and Climate Change: Vulnerable Protectors of the Planetary Life Support System."

Reservations: Reservations are required; RSVP deadline is October 26th. Ticket price is \$20 per person which includes reception and dessert. As always, the business meeting and speaking portions of the evening can be attended at no charge. [Make reservations online today](#), or call NRWA at (978) 448-0299.

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15) 2016 REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP NETWORK GATHERING

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 8:00am - 4:30pm

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, NH

Registration is now open for the 2016 Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Network Gathering on November 16, 2016 in Nashua, New Hampshire at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This event will bring together more than 200 innovators representing RCPs, land trusts, government agencies, colleges and universities, conservation organizations, foundations, smart growth and wildlife advocates, water supply managers, and foresters. The agenda features 15 workshops and roundtables designed to promote how the power of teamwork advances regional conservation. The keynote speaker this year will be Jason Weller, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, who will be introduced by Lyme Timber's Peter Stein.

To register free of charge, fill out the form [here](#).

To view the event agenda, click [here](#).

For additional information about RCPs, the RCP Network, or the RCP Network Gathering, visit the [Wildlands and Woodlands](#) website.

Don't delay-- register before October 27th to receive a discounted hotel rate!

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16) ELM FALL RECEPTION

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, 101 Huntington Avenue #1300, Boston

Join the Environmental League of Massachusetts for drinks, appetizers, and conversation at the 2016 Fall Reception. Get a chance to meet colleagues and friends, as well as hear a prominent speaker. Celebrate their shared achievements, including Green Star Awards to Senator Dan Wolf, CEO of Cape Air for extraordinary leadership on environmental protection, Triumvirate Environmental for industry leadership on hazardous waste & recycling, and Mothers Out Front for inspiring community work on climate change.

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

Interested in sponsorship? Click [here](#).

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Trainings

17) WEBINAR: URBAN TREE SELECTION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

November 1, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Presented by Dr. Bert Cregg



Based on current climate projections urban trees will experience dramatically warmer temperatures during their lifespans than the climates under which they evolved. In this program, Dr. Bert Cregg, Associate Professor of Horticulture and Forestry at Michigan State University will discuss on-going research and the challenge of identifying landscape trees for a warmer world. To read Dr. Cregg's article, click [here](#). For more information about the webinar and to register, click [here](#).

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18) WEBINAR: DIRTY STREETS TO DIRTY BMPS: MAINTAINING RAIN GARDENS ALONG ROADWAYS

November 4, 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Presented by Mary Travaglini

The use of stormwater LIDs are increasing along roadways, which are subject to harsh impacts from sediment, pollutants, salt, pedestrian, and vehicular impacts. They require structural maintenance of inlets, curbs, and media, but also require non-structural maintenance of plants, mulch, and aesthetics. Mary Travaglini provides direction and oversight for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of green stormwater infrastructure in Montgomery County, Maryland, including green roofs, pervious pavement, bio-retention, and raingardens. In this presentation, she will provide examples of the types of maintenance, frequencies, costs, equipment, and man-hours required to do the job right. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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19) WEBINAR: TRAIN YOUR BOARD TO ASK

November 7, 2016, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Learn how to train your board to increase their comfort with fundraising, and how you can help them become better askers. In this webinar, Andy Robinson & Andrea Kihlstedt will show you how to:

- Build a stronger fundraising culture on your board
- Train board, staff and volunteers and ask for gifts, face to face
- Prepare every board member to help raise money

Includes four great exercises you can download and use with your board immediately. And it's only \$20!

Sign up today & invite your board members to join you. Seats are limited, so buy your webinar tickets now. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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Grants

20) MASSWILDLIFE ANNOUNCES \$300,000 IN HABITAT MANAGEMENT GRANTS

November 15th deadline

For the second year in a row MassWildlife is awarding grants to support private and municipal efforts to manage conservation lands for the benefit of wildlife. The goal of the MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to private and municipal landowners of conserved lands to support active habitat management and expand public recreation on these lands. The program also aims to improve habitat for game species, to manage habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the [State Wildlife Action Plan](#) (with special emphasis on State-Endangered and State-Threatened Species), and to expand public recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife-associated activities on conserved lands.

To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

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21) SUDBURY, ASSABET, & CONCORD WILD & SCENIC RIVER COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council announces the availability of Wild and Scenic River Community Grants for up to \$10,000. The grants are intended to advance projects supporting and enhancing the protection and enjoyment of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers and its outstanding resources.

Applications for funding may be submitted from August, 2016 through June, 2017 for work undertaken through September, 2017. The first set of proposals will be reviewed beginning on November 11th for decisions to be made at the Nov 29th meeting. Applications are then processed on a rolling basis, and subject to funds still being available.

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

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22) INNOVATIVE URBAN PROJECTS RECOGNIZED

December 8, 2016 deadline

The Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, an initiative of the Bruner Foundation, is a national design award that recognizes transformative urban places distinguished by their economic and social contributions to cities throughout the United States. The award seeks to promote innovative thinking about the built environment and to advance conversation about making cities better by celebrating and sharing the stories of creative and inspiring urban development projects. Eligible projects must be located in

the contiguous United States; not in Alaska or Hawaii. The Gold Medal winner will receive a \$50,000 award, and four Silver Medal winners will receive \$10,000 each.

To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

December 6, 2016, 3:00pm deadline

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs announces the FY17 Landscape Partnership Grant. The Landscape Partnership Grant Program seeks to preserve large, unfragmented, high-value conservation landscapes including working forests and farms. The program offers competitive grants to municipalities, non-profit organizations, and EEA agencies acting cooperatively to permanently protect a minimum of 500 acres of land.

* New! Funding available for the completion of forest inventories and preparation cost for carbon credit sales for forests within or adjacent to the grant project area.

To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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24) DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM

December 6, 2016, 3:00pm deadline

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs announces the Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant. The Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant program provides financial assistance to public water systems and municipal water departments for the purchase of land or interests in land for the following purposes: 1) protection of existing DEP-approved public drinking water supplies; and 2) protection of planned future public drinking water supplies. It is a reimbursement program.

To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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Jobs

25) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Rhode Island Executive Assistant provides direct administrative support to the Rhode Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. It is a part-time position (28 hours/week). Responsibilities will be split between providing executive support to the RI Director of Philanthropy, the chapter's core team and for the Board of Trustees. The Executive Assistant will be responsible for a variety of administrative support tasks in the following areas:

- Support for Director of Philanthropy to manage and coordinate donor strategies, tasks, activities and logistics.

- Support for the philanthropy team in donor meetings and events.
- Manage planning and logistics for core team's management meetings and full staff meetings and retreat.
- Manage core team preparations for board and executive committee meetings.
- Manage scheduling, planning, logistics, and prepare materials for Board of Trustees quarterly meetings and for standing committees of the Board.

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

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26) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - ENVIRONMENT AMERICA

Environment America is seeking an Executive Assistant. The Executive Assistant works directly with the Executive Director and closely with the organization's national program staff, digital team, development department and regional directors to ensure that our organization is efficient, effective and powerful. S/he helps set organizational and programmatic goals and tracks our progress; coordinates and evaluates our power-building, and facilitates fundraising, communication, information sharing and staff development throughout the organization and with our allies. A member of the leadership team, the Executive Assistant has input into decisions about the short and long-term direction of Environment America. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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27) CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR - TOWN OF ARLINGTON

The Town of Arlington is seeking a part-time Conservation Administrator. The Conservation Administrator assists the Conservation Commission in its administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Arlington Bylaw for Wetlands Protection and management of property under Conservation Commission management or control. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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28) DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR - SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, RHODE ISLAND

Southside Community Land Trust improves health, economic security and the environment in Rhode Island by providing thousands of families with access to land, resources, and education to grow food. They support a network of 50 community gardens and 17 sustainable farms in Rhode Island. They offer nutrition, food preparation and gardening workshops for adults; youth employment and environmental education; beginning farmer support and training; and advocacy for sustainable agriculture. The Development and Administrative Coordinator works closely with the Executive Director and Development Director. This person is responsible for providing administrative support for all fundraising appeals and events. He or she is also responsible for maintaining appropriate communications with donors, maintaining all organizational records and filings as well as an efficient, welcoming office environment. For more

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

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29) COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH COORDINATOR - AQUIDNECK LAND TRUST, RHODE ISLAND

The Aquidneck Land Trust (ALT) is seeking a full-time communications and outreach coordinator. Responsibilities include assisting staff in planning and developing a new communications and outreach plan and overseeing its implementation via events, educational activities and a wide variety of print, web and social media communications. Combined, these activities will support the ALT in accelerating the rate of land protection on Aquidneck Island and ensure positive visibility in the region. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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30) COMMUNITY PROJECT COORDINATOR - RHODE ISLAND TREE COUNCIL

[The Rhode Island Tree Council](#) is looking to hire a community project coordinator. Responsibilities include developing and implementing the community service component of the organization's public outreach mission; expanding opportunities for public engagement; increasing volunteer participation. Qualifications include excellent communication skills; ability to engage the public, businesses and nonprofits in community service projects; knowledge and training in proper tree planting and stewardship practices.

To apply: Send resume to Rhode Island Tree Council, PO Box 6144, Providence, RI 02940 or send an e-mail to ritree@ritree.org.

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Resources

31) LAND TRUST ALLIANCE "LAND IS MY..." VIDEO CONTEST UPDATE

The Land Trust Alliance is halfway through their "Land is My..." Video Contest. There is still time to post your own unique video and vote for your favorite. The contest deadline is November 11th, and voting ends November 18th. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Videos only need to be two minutes or less ([FREE guide on how to make a video](#))
- All land trust staff and board are eligible to enter
- The prizes are: 3rd place, \$1,000; 2nd place, \$2,000 and 1st place, \$4,000
- Plus the first prize winner gets to designate the land trust of their choice (you!?) to win \$10,000

Click here to watch videos highlighting [Cape Cod](#) and the [Town of Wellesley](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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32) FROM TECH SOUP - LIMITED TIME: SAVE ON SELECT DELL GEAR THROUGH OCTOBER 31st

Your organization can save big on new computers and accessories from Dell! Through the end of October, you can save up to 44% on select Dell Latitude laptops, OptiPlex desktops, Precision workstations, and PowerEdge servers. Take an extra 10% off select XPS laptops and Inspiron desktops and laptops, and take an extra 5% off select Dell electronics and accessories. A \$10 admin fee lets you take advantage of these awesome deals. Don't wait - [get in on these great savings today!](#)

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