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MLTC NEWS

1) MA Land Conservation Conference Request for Proposals - Due 11/1

28th Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2017 - Worcester, MA

Proposals due - November 1, 2017

We are seeking proposals for workshops for the 2018 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference. This year's theme is "Leading Locally in a Changing World." This annual, day-long training and networking event provides land trust board members and staff, parks administrators and advocates, watershed organizations, trails and friends associations, municipal commission members and others interested in land conservation with the information, skills, and connections they need to be most effective. We welcome your workshop proposals addressing land conservation topics in these categories:

- Theme & Emerging Issues
- Land Management & Stewardship
- Land Protection Tools & Techniques
- Legal, Tax & Compliance Matters

- Organizational Management & Fundraising
- Urban & Community Conservation

We need more proposals on communication topics, fundraising and member/donor relationship management for our Organizational Management & Fundraising track. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have an idea regarding a topic and/or (a) potential presenter.

To submit a workshop proposal, [click here](#). The Conference Program Committee will consider all submissions received by November 1, 2017. If you have questions about the submission process or problems submitting your proposal online, please contact Miriam Scagnetti at miriam.scagnetti@gmail.com.

We are very grateful to the organizations who have been conference sponsors in the past. If you would like to be a sponsor, get details [here](#). Get a sponsorship form [here](#).

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2) *Article 97 is Affirmed in Smith v. Westfield Case*

On October 2, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court strengthened protection of conservation land in the case of [Smith v. Westfield](#). In 1972, Massachusetts voters approved [Article 97](#) to the Massachusetts Constitution, granting people the right to a clean environment and, among other things, creating protection for publicly held conservation lands by requiring a two-thirds vote of the state legislature before the sale or conversion of open space to other uses.

Westfield clearly broadened Art. 97, stating that "dedication" for the purpose of Article 97 may be accomplished by means other than a formal acquisition for that purpose or a recorded document. The holding is "**...A city or town dedicates land as a public park where there is a clear and unequivocal intent to dedicate the land permanently as a public park and where the public accepts such use by actually using the land as a public park**". Click [here](#) to read more.

MLTC would like to thank Colin Van Dyke of Mintz Levin who drafted the brief on behalf of MLTC, Mass Audubon, and The Trustees. In addition, MLTC would like to thank Jeff Porter, also of Mintz Levin, Jen Ryan of the Trustees and Jack Clark of Mass Audubon for their contributions.

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3) *14th Annual Joint Land Trust/State Agency Retreat*

October 19-20, 2017

Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA

The Annual Joint Land Trust/State Agency Retreat is next week! **There are a few spaces left, so please RSVP soon.** This year's retreat will focus on how to ensure conserved land remains in perpetuity. There are 35 spaces for Land Trust representatives at the Retreat. They will be reserved in the following order on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis with priority given to MLTC Sponsoring, Supporting & Sustaining Members & Friends. *Don't*

know your land trust's member status? Check [here](#). If you wish to attend, please respond to Kathy McGrath at kmcgrath@massland.org.

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4) *Massachusetts Dinner at Rally*

Friday, October 27, 2017

Appaloosa Grill, at the corner of 16th and Welton Streets, Denver, Colorado

Going to Rally? Join your colleagues from back east for the Massachusetts dinner at Rally on Friday, October 27th. Dinner will be at the Appaloosa Grill at the corner of 16th and Welton Streets. Please bring cash to contribute to the meal. To save your place at the table, please RSVP to Kara Campbell at kcampbell@massland.org and include a cell phone so we can send final details. See you there!

~ The MassLand Team

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5) *Parks & Water Lobby Day*

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Massachusetts State House

Join us, along with your friends and fellow park and water advocates from around Massachusetts for an exciting Lobby Day at the State House this fall! The event will be focused on advocating for funding for the Department of Conservation & Recreation and the Department of Environmental Protection. Once you sign up, organizers will contact you with details. To register, click [here](#). Stop by our table and say hello!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

6) *"What's Your MA Park Story?" Campaign*

The Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition is proud to partner with the Environmental League of Massachusetts to collect stories from park users and activists from across the Commonwealth to build a collection of images, videos, audio files and short messages that showcase why our state parks matter. **We're looking for your best photos, videos and audio files to tell your personal story about why Massachusetts state parks matter to you.** Submit your story [here](#) to have it featured on social media throughout the fall.

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7) *Land Protection Continuing Education Interest Survey*

The University of Massachusetts Amherst and the Land Trust Alliance are investigating the possibility of initiating an online land protection and stewardship continuing education program. The courses of this proposed program could be enrolled in

individually for university credit or combined toward earning a Certificate in Land Protection from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

UMass and LTA would like you to complete a short survey [here](#). Your answers will be kept confidential and will only be used to help shape this program. Contact [Paul Catanzaro](#) if you have any questions.

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8) Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Request for Proposals

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is seeking additional proposals for environmental workshops and presentations for their spring environmental conference on March 3, 2018. Please consider sending them your ideas for a workshop or a presentation on an interesting environmental topic. Click [here](#) for more information.

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TRAININGS

9) Mass Audubon Trail Building & Stewardship Training Series

Mass Audubon presents its second annual trail building and stewardship training series. The workshops are for Massachusetts land managers, conservation professional and volunteer trail stewards and are very low cost (\$25/day) thanks to a grant from the DCR Recreational Trails Education Program. The following remaining workshops will be offered:

1. Cutting, Shaping and Building with Stone, Friday and Saturday, October 20 & 21 at Franklin Land Trust's Guyette Farm in Plainfield, MA
2. Game of Logging Level 3 focused on storm damage removal, Friday, November 10, 2017 at Graves Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Williamsburg, MA

Click [here](#) to learn more and to apply.

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EVENTS

10) 40th Anniversary of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Legislation

October 20, 2017, 1:30pm

Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation Pavilion, 300 Sugarloaf St South Deerfield, MA

Please join MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux, past Commissioners of Agriculture, state and federal officials and individuals involved in the passing of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) program's original legislation with a speaking program at Mount Sugarloaf in South Deerfield, Massachusetts on Friday, October 20th at 1:30

PM. Since inception, the APR program has permanently protected over 906 farms and a total land area of over 73,000 acres. Please e-mail Rose Arruda at Rose.Arruda@state.ma.us for more information on the event. For more information on the APR Program please visit the MDAR website.

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11) North County Land Trust Annual Gathering

October 21, 2017, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Doyle Community and Conservation Center, Leominster, MA

Join the North County Land Trust (NCLT) at their Annual Gathering. NCLT is celebrating 25 years of preserving and promoting the landscapes that define their region. All are invited to join gather for refreshments on the Doyle Center Patio to meet other nature enthusiasts and hear about NCLT's progress over the years. They will also be raffling off exciting prizes, from local farm products to brewery baskets. Tom Wessels, renowned ecologist and author, will give the feature presentation based on his book, "Reading the Forested Landscape." The event is free and open to the public.

For more details about North County Land Trust and its events, click [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns call their office at 978-466-3900 or email them at info@northcountylandtrust.org.

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12) Mass Rivers Alliance Annual Meeting

December 6, 2017, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Belmont, MA

Join the Mass Rivers Alliance for their Annual Meeting, a wonderful evening of great company, good food and lots of talk about water. It is Mass Rivers' annual tradition to bring together all of our friends and colleagues for a warm and lively evening of celebrating our rivers and the year's achievements. The guest speaker will be former Administrator of the EPA, Gina McCarthy. Click [here](#) to register.

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CONFERENCES

13) 3rd Annual Berkshire Natural History Conference

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA

Head out to the Berkshires for this great conference. The Conference will feature researchers Jim Cardoza, who was responsible for the return of the wild turkey in Massachusetts and Bob Leverett who identified and helped conserve the remaining Old-Growth forests in the Berkshires. In addition, local field biologists and naturalists will discuss topics ranging from Berkshire Winter Weather to rare plant communities, to a remarkable BCC student who has a design to fit the entire solar system within the confines of Berkshire County. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

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14) Land Trust Alliance Rally 2017

October 26-28, 2017

Denver, Colorado

Online registration is now closed. Registration will be available on-site at the Registration Desk. The National Land Conservation Conference is a special place where you can gather round with fellow land conservationists from near and far to catch up and find out what's new in land conservation, discuss opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and get re-energized and inspired by folks who share your passion for conservation. Click [here](#) for more information.

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15) Massachusetts Trails Conference

November 3-4, 2017

Hilton Double Tree Inn, Leominster, MA

Make plans now for the 2017 Massachusetts Trails Conference, "Building Trails: A Path to Vibrant Communities." The Massachusetts Trails Conference is hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in partnership with the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board (MARTAB) with funding provided by the Recreational Trails Program. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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16) Climate Reckoning: Paths to an Earth Restored

November 17-19, 2017

Harvard University, Museum of Natural History, Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Join Biodiversity for a Livable Climate at this exciting conference, which addresses the Earth System, and the universe of solutions that systems thinking makes possible. In their previous nine conferences they helped usher in a new climate conversation, transforming gloom and doom into inspiration and action. In this conference, they will connect many dots linking biological systems, human endeavor and climate to expand this new and compelling story. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register.

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GRANTS

17) Temper of the Times Foundation

December 15, 2017 deadline

Temper of the Times Foundation promotes the use of standard marketing concepts to increase awareness about environmental issues. 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 the conservation and restoration of native wildlife, plants, and ecosystems 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. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Grants to Protect Species Important to Tribes

November 1, 2017 deadline

The Species Recovery Grants to Tribes program recognizes the unique importance of many protected species to tribes and supports efforts to conserve and protect endangered, threatened, and candidate or proposed species, as well as post-delisting monitoring of recovered species. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Environmental Protection Agency Support for Brownfield Sites

November 16, 2017 deadline

The Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants programs provide support to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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JOBS

20) Conservation Restriction Reviewer - MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

The Division of Conservation Services at the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is seeking candidates for the Conservation Restriction Reviewer position. The Conservation Restriction Reviewer is responsible for providing required EOEEA review of 125-175 Conservation Restrictions (CR's) covering 2- 4,000 acres per year, and recommend to the Secretary of EOEEA whether the Conservation Restriction are in the public interest. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) President - Berkshire Natural Resources Council

Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Inc. (BNRC) is seeking a conservation champion and experienced executive-level leader to fill the role of BNRC President. The ideal candidate will have interest in and knowledge of the Berkshires and possess exceptionally strong interpersonal skills to form and sustain mutually supportive and beneficial relationships. The next President must be committed to BNRC's strategic vision of pursuing conservation work that contributes positively to the social, cultural,

and economic lives of Berkshire County. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Land Steward - Sudbury Valley Trustees

Sudbury Valley Trustees seeks a full-time Land Steward to join their team. The Land Steward will manage the stewardship of Conservation Restrictions (CRs) and assist with all aspects of the management of SVT's reservations. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Executive Director - The Esplanade Association

The Esplanade Association seeks an experienced and charismatic Executive Director to lead the organization and build upon its track record of revitalizing and enhancing the Esplanade and building support for this unique public space. Working with an engaged Board and committed team, the Executive Director will establish a clear strategic direction for deepening the organization's impact and reach. A natural relationship builder, the Executive Director will establish, cultivate, and maintain strong working partnerships with staff, key stakeholders, funders, and the DCR. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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24) Government Relations Specialist - MA Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

The Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is recruiting for a Government Relations Specialist who will play a dynamic and catalytic role in the development and implementation of strategies to achieve the Conservancy's public policy and funding goals through influencing government/elected officials and agencies, conservation partners and diverse stakeholders. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) and search for Job #45780. Posting closes 10/24/17.

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25) Coastal Resilience Specialist - MA Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

The Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is recruiting for a Coastal Resilience Specialist to provide technical and policy expertise, leadership to a complex team of regional partners, and project management for advancing and developing TNC's New England coastal resilience program and strategies. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) and search for Job #45779. Posting closes 10/24/17.

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26) Outreach & Stewardship Coordinator - Harwich Conservation Trust &

Dennis Conservation Trust

The nonprofit Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) and Dennis Conservation Trust (DCT) are seeking qualified applicants for the position of Outreach & Stewardship Coordinator. The full-time shared staff position is structured such that the Outreach & Stewardship Coordinator will work on a rotating bi-weekly schedule where in week 1 the person will spend three days with the HCT and two days with the DCT and in week 2 they will spend three days with the DCT and two days with the HCT. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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