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"How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when it is quite clearly Ocean." ~ Arthur C. Clarke, British science fiction writer, science writer and futurist, inventor, undersea explorer, and television series host, 1917-2008

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MLTC NEWS

- 1) *Save the Date: Fall Member Meeting***

Friday, September 15, 2017
Location to be announced

Save the date for the Fall MLTC Member/Steering Committee Meeting on Friday, September 15, 2017. These valuable gatherings host a wide range of topics that help promote land protection and stewardship for your land trust. They are also great opportunities to connect with fellow land professionals. Stay tuned for an agenda and location.

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2) Save the Date: FREE Stewardship Workshop at Greenbelt

Thursday, September 21, 2017
Cox Reservation, Essex, MA

Does your municipality or land trust have conservation restrictions that need monitoring? Are you wondering where to start? Attend this FREE workshop hosted by Greenbelt, MLTC, and the Land Trust Alliance. You'll learn:

- The what, when, and how of monitoring CRs
- How to efficiently produce Baseline Reports
- The key to effective landowner relationships
- How to create a volunteer monitoring program

Presenters include Becca Washburn, New England Program Manager, Land Trust Alliance, and Dave Rimmer Greenbelt's Director of Land Stewardship. Contact [Vanessa Johnson-Hall](#) for more information.

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3) Save the Date: Fall Retreat

October 19-20, 2017
Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA

Save the date for the Fall Retreat for Massachusetts land trust and state agency staff. This two-day gathering is a valuable and enjoyable experience for all who attend. Spend this autumn Thursday and Friday away from the noise and busyness of your everyday lives in a cabin in the woods with your fellow conservation practitioners. Stay tuned for more information.

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NATURE NEWS

4) Great Barrier Reef Dead at 25 Million

Excerpts from New York Post, October 16, 2016 by Tom Gillespie, The Sun

The Great Barrier Reef has been declared dead by scientists at 25 million years old - bringing an end to the colorful life of the world's largest single structure of living organisms. The incredible Coral Sea wilderness, which stretches for roughly 1,400 miles over an area of roughly 133,00 square miles, has finally succumbed to bleaching. Click

[here](#) for the full story.

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NEWS

5) Carbon in Atmosphere is Rising, Even as Emissions Stabilize

Excerpts from The New York Times, June 26, 2017 by Justin Gillis

For more than two years, a monitoring station in Tasmania, along with its counterparts across the world, has been flashing a warning: The excess carbon dioxide scorching the planet rose at the highest rate on record in 2015 and 2016. A slightly slower but still unusual rate of increase has continued into 2017. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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6) Northeast Natural-Gas Pipeline Project Suspended

Excerpts from ecoRI news, June 30, 2017 by Tim Faulkner

A natural-gas-infrastructure project slated for southern New England came to a screeching halt June 29, when Houston-based Spectra Energy Partners announced it is suspending the controversial Access Northeast project. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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7) Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates 150 Miles of New Trails for Walking and Biking

Excerpts from MassDOT Blog, June 28, 2017

Continuing to prioritize a high level of access to the Commonwealth's natural resources, and recognizing the economic, recreational, environmental, transit and public health benefits of a state trail network, Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced additional funding commitments to further develop the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) and increase the budget of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) by 60%, from \$1.1 million to \$1.8 million. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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8) Templeton Sportsman, Gun Rights Advocate Named Head of Mass. Fish and Game

Excerpts from telegram.com, July 5, 2017 by Andy Metzger, State House News Service

Gun rights advocate and sportsman Ronald Amidon of Templeton will take over as the Baker Administration's Fish and Game Commissioner. Mr. Amidon is president of the Gun Owners Action League and has worked on identifying "cold water refuges for trout and the restoration of upland bird habitat," according to the Baker Administration, which on Wednesday announced Mr. Amidon's appointment to head the state Department of Fish and Game and the retirement of Commissioner George Peterson Jr. of Grafton. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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9) *The Dutch Have Solutions to Rising Seas. The World is Watching.*

Excerpts from The New York Times, June 15, 2017 by Michael Kimmelman

In the waterlogged Netherlands, climate change is considered neither a hypothetical nor a drag on the economy. Instead, it's an opportunity. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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10) *Youth Brigade Aims to Close Tree Canopy Gap in East Boston*

Excerpts from WBUR News, July 5, 2017 by Simon Rios

In April, 10 high school students started working on a tree project through the nonprofit [Neighborhood of Affordable Housing](#), or NOAH. The project sprouted from NOAH's climate program. The students are from East Boston, and they see the need for trees every day as they walk along the streets. The students used Google software to map the tree cover in their neighborhood. They calculated East Boston sidewalks have just 15 percent of the ideal number of trees. Their goal is to double that. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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11) *The Unsustainable Whiteness of Green*

Excerpts from Grist, June 20, 2017 by Nikhil Swaminathan

Aaron Mair's story starts out all too familiar to people of color who have encountered any of the big green groups: He asked one for help dealing with an issue of critical importance to the health of his family and community - and was turned away. This was back in the 1990s, when - as has been well-documented - large environmental organizations were mostly run by well-off white people concerned about conserving critters and our country's natural beauty, not the health and welfare of its people.

The new Green 2.0 report, titled "Beyond Diversity," indicates that environmental groups seem to grok the need for inclusive staffs, but many have failed to transform. Derived from interviews and surveys of close to 100 high-ranking officials at NGOs and foundations, the study shows that more than 70 percent of respondents said increasing diversity would widen their reach, allow them to address green issues on multiple fronts, and bring a greater focus on environmental justice. Still, nearly three-quarters of staffers are white. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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12) *Environmental Groups Push to Shorten Offshore Wind Timeline*

Excerpts from Governors' Wind and Solar Energy Coalition, July 11, 2017 by Frank Phillips

After a recent major regulatory decision on offshore wind, environmental groups are imploring the Baker administration to accelerate the state's nearly 10-year timeline to establish a pioneering clean energy industry in Massachusetts. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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13) Philly Doctors are Now Prescribing Park Visits to City Kids

Excerpts from Philly.com, Wednesday, July 5, 2017 by Samantha Melamed

In a darkened room at CHOP Primary Care, Cobbs Creek, physician Chris Renjilian set up a projector and debriefed doctors, nurses, and other staff on a new intervention that the office will begin offering to patients in its care. The medical breakthrough in question? Prescription-strength outdoor play. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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14) Pignatelli Takes Over Cariddi's Chairmanship of Environment Committee

Excerpts from iBerkshires.com, July 18, 2017 by Andy McKeever

State Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli is taking over the House chairmanship of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture for the late Rep. Gailanne Cariddi. Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo appointed Pignatelli to the seat that was previously chaired by his former Berkshire delegation colleague, Cariddi, who died earlier this year.

"Clearly, I am very honored. This is a key legislative position in leadership," Pignatelli said. "I am humbled by the honor and excited for the opportunity to work on the many challenges ahead, not only for Western Mass but for the entire commonwealth," said Pignatelli. "As someone who grew up surrounded by the most beautiful landscapes in the commonwealth, I know the importance of preserving open spaces. I look forward to working in this new capacity to protect Massachusetts' finite natural resources, look after our local farms, and implement policies to support responsible environmental stewardship for future generations." Click [here](#) for the full story.

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15) What's Up With All the Rain?

Excerpts from Mass Audubon, July 13, 2017 by Daniel Brown

On July 12, Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, recorded about an inch of rain in a mere 7 minutes, and 2.44" in 35 minutes. The average total precipitation for July is usually around 2.5 inches. Very heavy precipitation events like this are becoming more severe and more frequent, especially in the Northeast. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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16) Analysis of MA Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008

Excerpts from Mass Audubon, July 13, 2017 by Daniel Brown

The Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act was passed back in 2008. It capped a whole suite of environmental legislation passed during that period, and required that Massachusetts cut greenhouse gas emissions sharply. By 2020, they have to be 25 percent lower than they were in 1990. And by 2050, they have to be 80 percent lower. In

this WGBH article, they analyze its progress so far. Today, those emissions are down significantly - enough that Massachusetts should either hit that 2020 limit, or come very close. But the picture isn't entirely rosy. From 2009 to 2010, and again from 2012 to 2013, emissions actually rose. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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Trainings

17) Wilderness First Aid Course

September 21-22, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm
Cape Wildlife Center, Barnstable, MA

Do you enjoy hiking, cross-country skiing, kayaking or spending time outdoors? Then the Wilderness First Aid course is perfect for you! This introductory 2-day course features hands-on training in the prevention, recognition and treatment of wilderness emergencies. Sessions cover basic topics related to common outdoor illnesses and accidents, such as how to:

- Provide effective first aid treatment
- Manage environmental emergencies
- Make appropriate evacuation decisions...and more!

Approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, American Camp Association and other state and federal agencies, this course is a great experience for camp counselors, land managers, and anyone who enjoys spending time outdoors in nature. Space is limited. Registration and pre-payment required. Cost: \$225. To learn more about this fun, educational and essential course, click [here](#).

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EVENTS

18) Save the Date - Walk and Talk in Westport

Friday, September 8, 2017, 11:00am - 2:00pm
Westport, MA (Details TBD)

Come explore water quality issues in the Westport River and Buzzards Bay that are caused by elevated nitrogen levels, and learn what property owners can do to help solve the problem. The event will involve a walking tour and/or boat tour, as well as a picnic lunch. This invitation is for members of the MA Environmental Collaborative, local stakeholders, government officials, and members of the legislature. Hosted by Representative Paul Schmid and Senator Michael Rodrigues of Westport, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Mass Rivers Alliance, Westport Fishermen's Association, and Westport River Watershed Alliance. This is a free event, but registration is requested. Stay tuned for the registration link in a few weeks.

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CONFERENCES

19) Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Summer Conference

August 11-13, 2017

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

Join the Northeast Organic Farming Association at their Summer Conference. Dr. Don Huber and Michael Phillips are the 2017 keynote speakers. They will be hosting a collection of organic minded professionals that will enliven our potential to create robust, healthy food systems that provide real food for all. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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20) Land Trust Alliance Rally 2017

October 26-28, 2017

Denver, Colorado

Registration is now open for the Land Trust Alliance Rally: 2017. Rally: 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 and to register.

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GRANTS

21) National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund

July 31, 2017 deadline

The Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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22) Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program

September 11, 2017 deadline

The Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Department of Fish and Game has announced the availability of approximately \$1,000,000 in grant funding for selected municipalities to advance one culvert replacement project toward completion. Click [here](#) for more information.

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23) David Rockefeller Fund: Address Criminal Justice & Climate Change

The David Rockefeller Fund aims to foster and embody a more just, creative, and flourishing world. The Environment Program focuses on funding new ideas, initiatives, and policy breakthroughs in support of bipartisan U.S. climate leadership. Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year. Click [here](#) for more information.

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JOBS

24) In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program Administrator - Department of Fish and Game

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is accepting applications for their new In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program Administrator position. The ILF Program Administrator will be responsible for developing a comprehensive framework for ILF Program planning and implementation including: identification, prioritization, selection, review, and approval of proposed mitigation projects; monitoring and tracking implementation, performance, and completion of approved mitigation projects; and managing all financial, accounting, budgeting, and reporting activities and requirements related to DFG's administration of the ILF Program consistent with Department policies and the ILF Program Instrument.

For additional information and details about the ILF Program Administrator position, and to apply, click [here](#) and search for Job Number 170003IV or click [here](#). The job is open until filled. However, applicants within the first two weeks typically receive preference. For additional information about DFG's In-Lieu Fee Program click [here](#). Questions? Please contact Christy Edwards at christy.edwards@state.ma.us or 617-626-1518

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25) Land Protection Specialist - Mass Audubon

Experienced individual sought to work collaboratively with an inspired team in Mass Audubon's Land Conservation Department to identify, evaluate, and complete compelling land protection projects throughout the Commonwealth. Based at Mass Audubon Headquarters in Lincoln, MA, this position will involve planning, due diligence, and negotiation relative to the acquisition of land and rights in land to respond to climate change, provide opportunities to connect people with nature, and enhance Mass Audubon's 31,000+ acre statewide sanctuary system. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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26) 2017-2018 Position Openings with TerraCorps

TerraCorps, formerly MassLIFT-AmeriCorps, is an innovative national service program helping communities conserve and secure land for the health and well-being of people and nature. This year we are looking for 36 members to serve in full-time, 11 month positions. Members will carry out capacity building projects; educate or train individuals; recruit, train, manage, and support community volunteers engaged in land-based

activities; and identify new individuals and groups to participate in education, recreation, or service opportunities centered around land access and conservation.

Members serve as: Land Stewardship Coordinator, Regional Conservation Coordinator, Youth Education Coordinator, or Community Engagement Coordinator. These 17,000 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits. The 2017-2018 program will run from 8/28/17 - 7/27/18. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin mid-April, and we aim to fill all positions by the beginning of June.

Application specifics, position descriptions, and information about organizations hosting TerraCorps members can be found at terracorps.org.

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27) Superintendent - Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission, the island's public land conservation agency, seeks a superintendent to oversee its 3400 (and growing) acres. Experience required in natural resource management, staff supervision and field labor. Job description and application materials available at mhill@vineyardlandbank.com or 508-627-7141 or 167 Main Street, P.O. Box 2057, Edgartown MA 02539

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28) Fulcrum Fellowship Program - Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

The Center for Community Investment at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is shepherding the Fulcrum Fellowship Program. They are actively recruiting for applicants and would like you to share with your networks, especially with any individuals you believe would make outstanding candidates for the program.

The Fulcrum Fellowship, a 15-month program for rising executives in the fields of population health, climate resilience, community development, urban planning and community investment, is designed to position fellows to help disinvested communities achieve their environmental, social and economic priorities. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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29) Senior Conservation Specialist - The Trustees

The Trustees are seeking a Senior Conservation Specialist. The Senior Conservation Specialist will manage a diverse portfolio of land conservation projects, with a focus on strategic reservation acquisitions and including additions to existing reservations, CRs, and other transactions. Seeking out and developing new projects, in collaboration with colleagues, is a key focus of this position. She/he will maintain and expand strong partnerships with local conservation organizations appropriate to this work, build broader support for conservation, work with other regional staff and volunteers to implement the organization's strategic plan, and support the operations of the Land

Conservation program. The Senior Conservation Specialist works as part of the Land Conservation team and also works collaboratively with Regional staff and Stewardship staff on land conservation initiatives. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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30) Director of Sustainability - Town of Concord

Concord, Massachusetts, a town that takes pride in being environmental leaders and stewards, is excited to announce this opportunity to become their first Director of Sustainability. They are seeking a progressive, forward-thinking manager who desires to be at the forefront of creating a low carbon, sustainable community with measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors of the economy. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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31) Dean of Natural & Health Sciences - Quincy College

Under the direction of the Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean of Natural & Health Sciences is the academic leader for programs and courses offered in Sciences at all campus locations, and as such oversees all aspect of the operations, faculty and courses. The Dean is responsible for new program development, program review, and the hiring of all Adjunct Faculty and their evaluation. The Dean is also responsible for budget development, management, enrollment projections and semester scheduling. Ensuring the maintenance of high academic and ethical standards; appropriate and timely resolution of student concerns; program planning; works with the program chairs and coordinators to ensure ongoing compliance with all regulatory, licensing, and accreditation requirements In addition to day-to-day management of all science programs, the Dean serves as a liaison between students, other division Deans, and senior administration. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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32) Manager of Operations - Grow Native Massachusetts

Grow Native is seeking a talented professional to take lead responsibility for nonprofit administration, fundraising, and member engagement, working closely with the President and Board of Directors. As one of only two staff members, s/he will also take a leadership role in running programs, working in tandem with our Program Coordinator. Their programs rely on a strong volunteer base, and building relationships with members and volunteers is an important part of their work and operations overall. This is a full-time exempt position and a great opportunity for a professional who cares about ecology and biodiversity to further develop skills in nonprofit management and organizational development. To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

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33) Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Openings

The Rose Kennedy Greenway, a roof garden atop a highway tunnel, is a contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The non-profit Greenway Conservancy maintains, programs, finances, and improves the 1.5-mile Greenway on behalf of the public. They have three open positions, including a [Director of Finance and Administration, Office and Human Resources Coordinator](#), and a [Programs Coordinator](#).

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RESOURCES

34) The Nonprofit Network Invites You to Post Your Jobs

The [Nonprofit Network](#) allows free posting of your nonprofit jobs including Internships, volunteer positions, and regular positions. Each job is posted for 90 days. After that you have the option to repost the jobs again for another 90 days. You may also edit your job or disable the display of the job using the Job Filled option. Have similar jobs in more than one location? Use the Duplicate Job feature which will save you job posting time. Do not know where to start or how to post a job? Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions section FAQ](#). This is a free resource. The Nonprofit Network will not charge anything later and there are no hidden fees. If you need any assistance, email or call them at 310-677-8301, you can ask for Mario Araujo.

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35) Boston 25 News Honors Environmental Volunteers

The Boston 25 News Cox Conserves Heroes program is underway! Nominations for Boston area environmental volunteers are being accepted through July 24th. \$10,000 will be donated to the winner's environmental nonprofit organization of choice and two finalists will receive \$5,000 to donate to their environmental nonprofits of choice! Click [here](#) for more information.

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36) Union of Concerned Scientists Releases New Report

The Union of Concerned Scientists has released a new report, "When Rising Seas Hit Home: Hard Choices Ahead for Hundreds of US Coastal Communities (2017)." This national analysis identifies when US coastal communities will face a level of disruptive flooding that affects people's homes, daily routines, and livelihoods. Click [here](#) for more information.

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37) Mass Audubon Releases MAPPR 2.0

Mass Audubon, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and LandVest, developed Mapping and Prioritizing Parcels for Resilience (MAPPR) to allow Massachusetts conservationists to rapidly identify specific parcels that, if protected, could contribute the most to achieving land protection goals. MAPPR 2.0 has been

enhanced to evaluate properties that include prime farmland as well as parcels critical to surface water supplies and wellhead protection zones. In addition, all open space and parcel data was updated to the September, 2016 versions. They also added Multi-town Land Trusts and MassWildlife Districts. Click [here](#) to check it out.

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