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**"When the grasslands crave the water, and the harvest needs sunlight;
those are times when I am helpless, Mother Earth makes all things right."**

~ Eric Kaz, American singer/songwriter

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ACTION ALERT

1) Action Alert: Conservation Land Tax Credit

Please contact your Massachusetts State Senator ASAP and ask him/her to support an amendment (to be filed by Senate Minority Leader, Senator Bruce Tarr) to the State Operating Budget, which would increase the annual cap for the Conservation Land Tax Credit (CLTC) program.

All it takes is a quick call or email to their office (under five minutes). The land community needs to make contact now as legislative offices will be flooded with requests from other advocates. Contact information for your legislator (searchable by municipality) can be found [here](#). For a fact sheet on the CLTC program and proposed changes, please click [here](#). The amendment will be identical to that which passed the House.

Below is a sample call "script" and email that you can send to your State Senator (feel free to augment it with the additional information in the fact sheet or a story about a landowner you worked with who has been able to take advantage of, or is on the wait list for, the tax credit).

Dear Senator _____: As part of a [land conservation organization] in your district, I am contacting you to ask you to co-sponsor and support an amendment to the Senate

budget for the Conservation Land Tax Credit program filed by Senator Bruce Tarr. The amendment would increase the annual cap to eliminate the backlog of this successful program and enable our organization to collaborate with private landowners to conserve land for farming, forestry, wildlife and clean water.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Your Name and Org/Group [Give your home address or org address, whichever is in their district]

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MASSLAND NEWS

2) *MassLand Steering Committee Meeting Tomorrow*

Friday, May 11, 2018, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA

Tomorrow is the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition Steering Committee Meeting! Come join your fellow colleagues and engage in the latest updates in land conservation, as well as an interactive discussion on pursuing an updated report on the economic benefits of open space. Click [here](#) for the agenda.

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3) *MassLand's Young Land Professionals Event on May 17*

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Housatonic Flats, 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Barrington Brewery, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

MassLand's Young Land Professionals, a group of about 100 land trust and state agency conservation professionals in their first 10 years of their careers, has scheduled the next training and networking event. It will be in Western Massachusetts with speakers from the Great Barrington Land Conservancy and Berkshire Natural Resources Council on Thursday, May 17, 2018, 5:00pm - 6:15 at Housatonic Flats, followed by a social event at the Barrington Brewery, 6:30pm - 8:00pm. RSVP to Mariah Auman at mauman@bnrc.org. Click [here](#) for more information.

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4) *Protecting Biodiversity in a Changing Climate Workshop on June 12*

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Brigham Hill Community Farm, 37 Wheeler Road, Grafton, MA

Are you looking to build climate resilience into your priorities? Learn where plants & animals can adapt in a changing climate? Gain experience with online mapping tools to

help prepare for changes? Then this workshop is for you! Hosted by the Mass Land Trust Coalition, the Land Trust Alliance, Open Space Institute, Nature Conservancy, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, & Mass Audubon. Bring your laptop for interactive mapping exercises. Cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided. RSVP to Kara Campbell at kcampbell@massland.org. Space is limited. Click [here](#) for more information. Full Agenda [Here](#).

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5) Leadership Workshop Rescheduled to June 20!

Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 3:0pm - 6:30pm

Fidelity Bank Community Room, 9 Leominster Connector, Leominster, MA

Please join us for a Leadership Workshop on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. This workshop was previously postponed due to snow. Board Members and Executive Directors should attend. Discussions include challenges facing land trusts and solutions, and opportunities to strengthen connections. RSVP to Kara at kcampbell@massland.org. Click [here](#) for more information.

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NEWS

6) MassWildlife Director Jack Buckley Retires

Excerpts from Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, April 30, 2018

After 30 years of service with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), Director Jack Buckley retired April 30, 2018. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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TRAININGS

7) Killer Graphics & Compelling Narratives: Science Communication Workshop

May 16-18, 2018

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

This 2.5-day course provides participants with a science communication toolbox for effectively communicating their research. At the end of the course, participants will have been introduced to the principles of effective science communication, used hands-on sessions to create their own science communication products, and gained experience learning how to create integrated assessments. For more information and to register,

click [here](#).

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8) Staying Above Water: Land Protection in a Changing Climate

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington Street, Bath, Maine

Are you looking to understand the underlying concepts of coastal resilience, understand where to protect coastal and in the face of rising sea levels and storm surges, learn how other land trusts are integrating coastal resilience into land protection decisions, and gain experience with online mapping tools? Then this workshop is for you! Thanks to the generous support of Jane's Trust Foundation, there is no cost to you for the workshop, but registration is required as space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Register by Friday, May 18, 2018 to Donna Bissett at dbissett@mcht.org or 207-729-7366. Click [here](#) for more information.

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GRANTS

9) Energy & Environmental Affairs Park & Conservation Grants

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications for the FY 2019 [Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities](#) (PARC), [Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity](#) (LAND), and [Conservation Partnership](#) grants. PARC grants help communities acquire parkland, develop new parks, and renovate existing parks. LAND grants provide funds to municipal conservation commissions to purchase conservation land and conservation restrictions. Conservation Partnership grants provide funds to nonprofit organizations for land acquisitions. DCS will hold two workshops for the PARC and LAND grants-on May 16 at 11:00 am in Amherst and on May 17 at 11:00 am in Boston. PARC and LAND grant applications are due by July 12. Conservation Partnership applications are due by July 16. RSVP for one of the LAND grant workshops to emmanuel.owusu@massmail.state.ma.us and for the PARC grant workshops to melissa.cryan@state.ma.us.

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10) MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program

Excerpts from Energy & Environmental Affairs, April 13, 2018 by Peter Lorenz

Continuing its commitment to working with communities and local partners to prevent and prepare for climate change, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced \$5 million in supplemental funding for the [Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness \(MVP\) Program](#). The grant and designation program, which was created last year as part of Governor Baker's [Executive Order 569](#), provides communities with funding, technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards, develop strategies to improve resilience, and implement priority actions to adapt to climate change. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

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11) FY19 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Round Open

June 11, 2018 deadline

This year, eligible projects include the acquisition of land to support the development of trails, the renovation of existing trails, and the construction of trails in an existing recreation or conservation area. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

A grant workshop will be held on May 22, 2018 at 11:00 am at the DFW Headquarters in Westborough. For more information and to RSVP for the workshop, please contact Melissa Cryan at melissa.cryan@state.ma.us or (617) 626-1171.

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12) The Solution Search Contest: Climate Change Needs Behavior Change

Rare, Conservation International, National Geographic, The Nature Conservancy, The United Nations Development Programme, and the World Wildlife Fund have teamed up to launch The Solution Search Contest: Climate Change Needs Behavior Change. This contest is designed to reward successful strategies for helping consumers reduce their carbon footprint through behavior change. The contest is open to all organizations worldwide who have a proven solution in working with people to adopt climate-friendly behaviors. The focus is on sustainable solutions that could be replicated by other communities and can continue into the future. Two grand prizes of \$25,000 will be awarded, in addition to a prize of \$5,000 given to the best entry received by June 1, 2018. Finalists will also receive support to attend a capacity building workshop and the awards ceremony in Washington, DC. For more information, click [here](#).

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13) Park Foundation

July 12, 2018 deadline

The Park Foundation is dedicated to the support of education, quality media, and the protection of the environment. The Foundation's national grantmaking addresses the following program interests: In the Media category, support is provided for public interest media that raises awareness of critical environmental, political, and social issues to promote a better informed citizenry in the United States. The Environment category considers efforts that work to ensure that the country's drinking water is clean, affordable, and accessible and is protected and managed as a public necessity. The Animal Welfare category focuses on nationally significant programs to ensure the humane treatment of domestic animals and the protection of endangered wildlife and wildlife in captivity. Both letters of inquiry and full proposals are reviewed quarterly; the upcoming proposal deadline is July 12, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

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14) Open Space Institute: Community Forest Fund

June 18, 2018 deadline

The Open Space Institute (OSI) protects scenic, natural, and historic landscapes to provide public enjoyment, conserve habitat and working lands, and sustain communities. OSI's Community Forest Fund awards grants in the northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The focus is on projects that integrate community, economic, and conservation goals, such as efforts that create and retain jobs, promote sustainable forestry, conserve land, and increase and deepen community involvement in land stewardship. The Fund awards matching capital grants to support the purchase of conservation easements and fee interest in land. Smaller support grants of under \$30,000 are available for planning, transaction, and stewardship activities directly related to community forest projects. For more information, click [here](#).

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JOBS

15) Development Assistant - Westport Land Conservation Trust

The Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) is seeking a Development Assistant to be an integral part of the 1,000-Acre Campaign team, providing administrative support for all fundraising activities including but not limited to special events, gift processing, donor coordination, and other donor-related activities. The Development Assistant plays a crucial role on the campaign team coordinating administrative functions as well as providing high quality customer service to the public and WLCT's donor base. The Development Assistant will report to the Executive Director and assist in other WLCT events or programmatic initiatives as assigned. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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16) Deputy Director, Municipal Services - MA Department of Environmental Protection

The MA Department of Environmental Protection seeks applicants for the position of Deputy Director, Municipal Services. This position will be located at One Winter Street, Boston, MA. Duties for this position include: under the general supervision of the Director of the Division of Municipal Services (DMS) and working with other Bureau of Water Resources (BWR) program managers, identify priority areas for investment of Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing, and more. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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17) Project Manager - Greenbelt

Greenbelt seeks a full-time Project Manager to support their land conservation program. The individual will utilize the full range of landowner outreach and cultivation, and conservation real estate tools to advance Greenbelt's goal of protecting another 10,000 acres in the next decade. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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18) Vice President, Engagement - Buzzards Bay Coalition

Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking a Vice President, Engagement. The new Vice President, Engagement will lead all activities related to growing the participation and investment of people. The new VP will take the Coalition to new levels of community engagement, support and presence. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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19) Summer Outreach Manager - Buzzards Bay Coalition

Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking a Summer Outreach Manager. The Summer Outreach Manager will be responsible for staffing and managing the Coalition's Outreach Center in the village of Woods Hole, MA and providing engaging outdoor programming on Falmouth area beaches and conservation properties. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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20) Chief Executive Officer - Nantucket Conservation Foundation

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation seeks a Chief Executive Officer. This individual will lead a land conservation organization that works to preserve the natural character of Nantucket Island at a time of increasing stress on the island's natural resources. The CEO is a person who possesses leadership capabilities to engage staff, board and volunteers in advancing a robust and enduring enterprise. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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21) Loyal Donor Officer - The Nature Conservancy (MA)

The Nature Conservancy (MA) is recruiting for a Loyal Donor Officer to work closely with fundraising staff to secure bequest notifications, steward our most loyal supporters, and uncover major and planned gift potential. Bachelors degree and 5 years experience or equivalent, as well as experience building relationships and managing/tracking prospects and donors. Search for job #46175 on www.nature.org/careers. Posting closes 5/10/18.

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22) Agricultural Lands Acquisition Specialist - Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) mission seeks an Agricultural Lands Acquisition Specialist (Regional Planner III) to support to the Department's Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program. The APR Program Lands Acquisition Specialist (Regional Planner III) will manage projects to be acquired

under the APR program to achieve a closing in a timely manner upon approval by the Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee (ALPC). This includes coordination with the land use field agents, legal staff and administrative staff on appraisal, title, and survey review; development of APR documents; review and tracking of APR transfers and communicating with landowners, partner agencies and organizations and municipalities. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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23) Market Development Specialist - MA Department of Agricultural Resources

The MA Department of Agricultural Resources is seeking candidates for the position of Program Coordinator II/ Market Development Specialist. The position will be based in Boston however, there will be a need throughout the year to regularly work out of the Massachusetts Building which is located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. The position entails four core areas:

- Manage the Massachusetts Building located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.
- Coordinate the Department's involvement with the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs.
- Develop and implement strategies to assist agricultural producers seeking opportunities to market their product through various market venues.
- Assist with the priorities of the Division of Agricultural Markets.

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

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24) 2018-19 Position Openings with TerraCorps

Are you hoping to get into the field of land conservation? TerraCorps is a great program to do so. The organization is recruiting applicants for their 2018-2019 season. Members serve in full-time 11-month positions as: Land Stewardship Coordinators, Regional Collaboration Coordinators, Youth Education Coordinators, or Community Engagement Coordinators. These 1,700 hour AmeriCorps positions receive a living allowance, education award, and additional AmeriCorps benefits. The 2018-2019 program will run from 8/27/18 - 7/26/19. Application specifics, position descriptions, and information about organizations hosting TerraCorps members can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Interviews begin late-April, and we aim to fill all positions by mid-July. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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