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"For one species to mourn the death of another is a new thing under the sun. The Cro-Magnon who slew the last mammoth thought only of steaks. The sportsman who shot the last [Passenger] pigeon thought only of his prowess. The sailor who clubbed the last auk thought of nothing at all. But we, who have lost our pigeons, mourn the loss. Had the funeral been ours, the pigeons would hardly have mourned us."

-- Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), American wildlife ecologist, from "A Sand County Almanac, and Sketches Here and There", 1948 --

MLTC urges you to call your Legislators immediately on these THREE crucial bills!

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Action Alert!

Please Call Your Legislators By Feb. 4 and Urge Them to Co-Sponsor All Three Bills!

SUPPORT THE "PUBLIC LANDS PRESERVATION ACT"

The Public Lands Preservation Act (PLPA, aka Article 97 bill, aka No-Net-Loss bill) continues to be a priority for the Coalition, because the bill would provide needed protection for public parks, forests and other natural resource lands covered by Article 97 of the State Constitution. The PLPA would require an alternatives analysis and replacement land for any disposition or change in use of Article 97 land to occur. The bill is being re-filed in the legislature, and we need lots of co-sponsors. Please ask your Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor the PLPA.

A refresher on the bill is available [here](#)

For your legislators, go to <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.php>

SUPPORT "AN ACT TO SUSTAIN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION"

-- from CPA Action Alert January 18, 2011

State Senator Cynthia Stone Creem and Representative Stephen Kulik have re-filed An Act to Sustain Community Preservation, the CPA legislation that seeks to stabilize the statewide CPA Trust Fund and make other improvements to the Community Preservation Act. To see a bill summary, the text of the legislation and a list of legislators who sponsored this bill last session, click [here](#).

Legislators have until February 4, 2011 to sign on as co-sponsors; even if they sponsored last session, they must sign on again. Please contact your state Senator and Representative and ask them to co-sponsor *An Act to Sustain Community Preservation*, filed by Senator Creem (Senate Docket #82) and Representative Kulik (House Docket #474). Click [here](#) for all the information you need to contact your legislators.

SUPPORT THE "COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REFORM AND PARTNERSHIP ACT"

--from Coalition for Zoning Reform

State Senator James Eldridge (D-Acton) and Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) have filed the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act (CLURPA) for the 2011-2012 Massachusetts legislative session. CLURPA is the bill that was favorably reported out of the Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government last year. It combines elements of the Community Planning Act, which was drafted by the Zoning Reform Working Group, and the Land Use Partnership Act (LUPA), which came out of Economic Development Secretary Greg Bialecki's Planning & Zoning Reform Task Force. CLURPA would update zoning and planning statutes for the first time in over 35 years. Zoning and planning reform are particularly important for communities wishing to enact smart growth initiatives.

You can help by contacting your state legislators before February 4 to inform them about the need for state zoning reform and request that they become co-sponsors of the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act.

For further information about the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act, please [visit the website](#) to read the entire bill. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Coalition for Zoning Reform Coordinator Don Keeran at dkeeran@apcc.org or (877) 955-4142.

MLTC News

1) 2011 MASSACHUSETTS LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE - [REGISTER NOW!](#)

When: Saturday, March 26, 2011 | 8AM - 4:00PM

Where: Worcester Technical High School, Worcester, MA

Register now for the 21st Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference, featuring 30 workshops on all aspects of land conservation. The conference is convened by the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition and The Trustees of Reservations' Putnam Conservation Institute. This year we are very pleased to welcome co-sponsors Mass Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, and the Land Trust Alliance.

The 2011 Conference Theme is "Climate Change and Land Conservation" with a focus on raising awareness about climate change and ways in which land protection and stewardship can contribute to adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Who should attend?

- * Land trust volunteers, staff and *especially Board members!*
- * Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission members,
- * State, Federal & municipal agency staff
- * Elected & appointed officials
- * *Anyone else committed to land conservation in Massachusetts!*

Download the 2011 conference brochure and list of workshops at www.massland.org/files/MALandTrustConf2011.pdf

Registration information and further details are available at www.massconservation.org and check out the conference [facebook page!](#)

Questions about the Conference? Contact [Miriam Scagnetti](#) (978.840.4446 x1935)

Let Us Know If You Can Help

Pitching in behind the scenes not only helps to keep the conference affordable, but it's also a great way to meet others who care about land conservation in Massachusetts. If you are interested in volunteering for conference projects, see <http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/special-events/massachusetts-land-conservation-conference/volunteer-opportunities.html> or contact Volunteer Coordinator Josiah Richards (jrichards@ttor.org 978.840.4446 x1905).

2) TRYING TO REACH THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY?

BE AN EXHIBITOR AT THE MASS. LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE!

Share your story, products, or services with conservation practitioners, volunteers, board members and landowners from all across Massachusetts at the Annual Mass. Land Conservation Conference (described above) by reserving a table and being an Exhibitor. The conference offers a broad diversity of workshops that will attract close to 500 attendees, who look forward to this opportunity to learn more about all aspects of land conservation. The participation of our Exhibitors is a key component of this very informative day.

For more information read MLTC's [Exhibitor Policy](#) and check out the [Map of the Exhibition Space](#).

Complete the [Exhibitor Registration Form](#) and return to:

Lindsey Sarquilla
PO Box 629
Lincoln, MA 01773

For more information on exhibiting at the conference, please contact Lindsey Sarquilla at 978-443-5588 (w) or at Lsarquilla@massland.org

News

3) MASS. CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT - CLARIFICATIONS

There is three important clarifications to the Jan. 15 MassLand E-News article titled "Mass. Conservation Tax Credit Goes Into Effect".

- * Donation of a conservation restriction is also eligible, in addition to donation of the land itself
 - * Gifts of either to conservation land trusts and/or the state are eligible, as well as gifts municipalities
 - * The act requires a land trust to be incorporated to be eligible. A number of Mass. land trusts, including more than half on Cape Cod, are set up as trusts and are not incorporated.
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4) GOVERNOR RELEASES BUDGET

-- from *Environmental League of Mass. Bulletin* --

The Governor released his FY 12 budget the other day and as expected we saw additional cuts to the environmental agencies' budgets, although perhaps not as deep as anticipated. The Secretary thanked everyone who came to the budget hearings and advocated for 1% for the environment.

We will be doing more analysis, but from a pre-release phone call with Secretary Sullivan and his staff, we know the following. The overall EEA budget for FY 2012 is \$197 million dollars (includes \$13 million for the energy agencies and \$6.5 million that they hope to raise from an expanded bottle bill-not a sure thing). This represents a 1.2% cut compared to the overall FY 11 budget. Without the funds from the bottle bill, EEA will see a 4.5% cut. The environmental agencies are still receiving a paltry .65% of the entire \$30.5 billion state budget.

The energy agencies are funded through assessments, so these cuts just affect the environmental agencies. The budget is allocated as follows:

EEA-\$22.2 million (3% cut)

DEP-\$51.6 million (would be a slight increase with portion of bottle bill proceeds dedicated to DEP-without these funds, DEP would be cut 7.5%)

DCR-\$71.3 million (2.3% cut)

DFG-\$17.7 million (slight increase due to increased appropriations from the dedicated inland fish and game fund for some line-items, however, both the Commissioner's Office and Division of Marine Fisheries will see significant cuts as they are funded through appropriations from the operating budget and cannot use inland fish and game funds for their functions.)

DAR-\$15.6 million (8% cut)

More to come. ELM's Green Budget will be going to the printer next week and we will be contacting Collaborative and other environmental colleagues for endorsement next week as well.

5) EDWARD LAMBERT JR. APPOINTED DCR COMMISSIONER

--from ELM Bulletin

Former Fall River Mayor to Start on February 7. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rick Sullivan announced today the appointment of Edward M. Lambert, Jr. as Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the post last held by Secretary Sullivan himself. Ed Lambert is a resident and former Mayor of Fall River. Prior to his tenure as Mayor, Ed served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and in various roles, including Director of Social Services, at St. Vincent's Home in Fall River. He also recently served as Director of The Urban Initiative at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Ed Lambert will assume the post of DCR Commissioner on Monday, February 7. On that date, DCR Acting Commissioner of Jack Murray will return to his previous position as Deputy Commissioner of Operations.

6) SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS APPOINTED

--from ELM Bulletin

Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) has been named chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Sen. Steven Baddour (D-Methuen) will serve as his vice chairman and Sen. Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster) will be assistant vice chair of the budget-writing panel. Senate President Therese Murray's leadership team will include: Sen. Fred Berry (D-Peabody) will remain majority leader; Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) will continue as Senate president pro tempore; Sen. Steven Tolman (D-Boston) succeeds Joan Menard as assistant majority leader; Sen. Jack Hart (D-South Boston) succeeds Marian Walsh as majority whip; and Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) succeeds Tolman as assistant majority whip.

Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) will chair the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; Sen. Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) will chair the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; Sen. Thomas McGee (D-Lynn) will chair the Committee on Transportation; Sen. James Welch (D-West Springfield) will chair the Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; Sen. Susan Fargo (D-Lincoln) will chair the Committee on Public Health; Sen. Gale Candaras (D-Wilbraham) will chair the Committee on Revenue; Sen. Kenneth Donnelly (D-Arlington) will chair the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight; and Sen. James Eldridge will chair the Committee on Housing. If there are other committees you are interested in, please contact Nancy Goodman at ngoodman@environmentalleague.org and she will send you the full list.

7) DAVID CASH NAMED EEA UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLICY

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary (EEA) Richard K. Sullivan Jr. has announced the appointment of David Cash as Undersecretary for Policy. Cash, who served as Assistant Secretary for Policy for the last four years, will focus on developing policies that advance the Patrick-Murray administration's goals to create jobs in the clean energy sector, conserve and steward open space and parks, and enhance air and water resources.

"It is an honor to be able to continue to pursue Governor Patrick's agenda of growing a clean energy economy, conserving our cherished natural resources, and assuring clean air and water in the Commonwealth," Undersecretary Cash said. "I thank Secretary Sullivan for giving me this elevated role in advancing the Commonwealth's national energy and environment leadership."

As Undersecretary for Policy, Cash will build on his previous work developing and analyzing policy options to further EEA's mission in areas such as energy; land, water, and ocean management; wildlife and fisheries; air and water quality; climate change; transportation; and waste management. Chair of Governor Patrick's Sustainable Water Management Initiative and the Congressionally-established Boston Harbor Islands Partnership, Cash's achievements during the first Patrick-Murray administration include helping to develop a package of landmark legislation signed into law in 2008 - the Green Communities Act, Clean Energy Biofuels Act, Green Jobs Act, Massachusetts Ocean Act, and Global Warming Solutions Act (GSWA).

8) MASS. TAX FORM 3ABC DUE MARCH 1

If your nonprofit organization owns property in fee simple, you must file Massachusetts Tax Form 3ABC on or before March 1.

Conference

9) MACC ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

March 5, 2011

Hogan Campus Center Holy Cross College

Worcester, MA

The MACC Annual Environmental Conference is the largest yearly environmental conference in New England. Nearly 1000 Conservation Commissioners, local, state and federal environmental officials, consultants, attorneys, students and others enjoy a full day of activities. This year, the Keynote Speakers will be MassDEP Commissioner Ken Kimmell. MACC will be celebrating its 50th year at the Conference and will be providing a special Award to MACC's founder, Davis Stuart DeBard as well as our annual Environmental Service Awards. We offer over 40 workshop and training sessions taught by recognized experts, and over 50 exhibits and displays. The 2011 MACC Conference will be held on March 5, 2011 at the Hogan Campus Center, Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

Conference information, description of workshops, and registration details are available [here](#).

Calls for Presentations

10) RALLY 2011: CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Deadline: February 28, 2011

Are you an expert instructor on land conservation issues? Do you have a unique land trust experience you'd like to share? [Submit a proposal](#) to serve as part of our distinguished faculty for the seminars and workshops at [Rally 2011: The National Land Conservation Conference](#), October 13-16, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI.

Events

11) SAVE THE DATE! EARTH NIGHT AND EARTH FAIR 2011

6:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, April 9

Sheraton Boston Hotel

39 Dalton Street, Boston

Earth Night, a party to benefit the Environmental League of Massachusetts, is Boston's biggest benefit, drawing hundreds of the state's business, environmental, and community leaders. Over the past 14 years, Earth Night has featured award-winning food, networking, and exciting live and silent auctions.

More information available [here](#).

12) MASS AUDUBON: CALLING ALL BACKYARD BIRD OBSERVERS!

Count Birds at Your Feeders on February 5 and 6

Mass Audubon invites bird enthusiasts from across the Commonwealth to take part in its free annual Focus on Feeders Weekend. To join the fun, simply note the diversity and number of each bird species in view at any one time visiting your household bird feeder **during the weekend of February 5 and 6**. Then submit a simple report form to Mass Audubon and your name will be entered in a random drawing to win one of several prizes. And get your camera ready. Prizes will also be awarded in several categories for those who submit wildlife photos of any species along with their bird count results.

Report observations by February 28. Report forms are available online or request a form at focusonfeeders@massaudubon.org. Then, submit your completed report online or mail it to Mass Audubon/Focus on Feeders, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. Ask your friends and neighbors to join also, as the value of the data collected increases with the number of participants.

For more than 40 years, participants of all ages and abilities have monitored the number and diversity of birds visiting their backyard feeders for one weekend each winter. Focus on Feeders helps to raise conservation awareness and to further Mass Audubon's efforts to protect wildlife and habitat in Massachusetts. This fun event draws more participants each year. In 2010, over 1,000 birdfeeding enthusiasts from 259 of the 351 towns and cities in the state submitted their observations. For complete rules or to download an observation form, visit <http://www.massaudubon.org/focus>.

Grants

13) WILLIAM P. WHARTON TRUST

Next Preliminary Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 - 2 p.m. ET

General Objective: To support projects that directly promote the conservation, study, and appreciation of nature.

Specific Objectives (in order of priority):

- *Natural areas preservation, primarily in Massachusetts and New England, including funding acquisitions of land for conservation purposes.
- *Management techniques designed to improve environmental quality and species diversity.
- *Bird and forestry research and management, especially at the applied level rather than the theoretical or molecular level.
- *Creation of materials or projects designed to foster an appreciation of and a concern for wildlife and natural systems.

More information available [here](#).

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Telephone: F. David Lucia, Trust Administrator, 617/248-5122

Jobs

14) RHODE ISLAND STATE DIRECTOR, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Put a purpose behind your paycheck! The Nature Conservancy, an international non-profit conservation organization, seeks a dynamic, globally-minded leader to advance its mission to preserve and protect native habitats and species. The State Director manages 23 staff, 2.1M operating budget, and works closely with 22

chapter trustees, supporters & partners to develop and implement global conservation strategies, forge new partnerships, and secure major private and public funds to accomplish stretch goals. Req: inspirational leadership, managerial & team-building skills, conservation/business acumen and political savvy. Proven track record leading a visionary institution, demonstrated success in major-gift fundraising, strong people development skills, and experience collaborating with non-profit boards desired. Location: Providence, Rhode Island. Apply with cover letter & resume by 2/4/11 to job #12751 at www.nature.org/careers. EOE

15) VICE-PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY, THE COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY

Deadline: February 18, 2011

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) seeks a seasoned and energetic professional to serve as Vice-President of Advocacy for this performance-driven and rapidly growing regional conservation organization. The full-time position reports to the President and joins a talented management team and dedicated Board of Directors. This is an exciting opportunity to join CBB at a critical moment as we seek to reverse the decline in Buzzards Bay's health by taking strategic and bold action to dramatically reduce nitrogen pollution, improve the management of sprawl development in our watershed, improve wastewater treatment, prevent oil spills and toxic contamination, and better protect wetlands.

The ideal candidate will bring more than 6 years of environmental law, public policy, scientific or natural resource management experience, a proven track record of success in organizations of equal or greater size than CBB, excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and a passion for the environment and Buzzards Bay. In return, the organization offers a great working environment; the opportunity to contribute to the success of a dynamic organization working to improve our community; and an outstanding quality of life on the shores of Buzzards Bay - all one hour from Boston and half an hour from Providence, Cape Cod and the Islands.

Competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with experience. The position is available immediately. Please send a resume and cover letter, in confidence, by e-mail by **Friday, February 18, 2011** to Mark Rasmussen, President, at rasmussen@savebuzzardsbay.org. For a complete description of responsibilities and qualifications, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/jobs.

16) STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR, EAST QUABBIN LAND TRUST (HARDWICK, MA)

The East Quabbin Land Trust (Hardwick, MA) is seeking a part time person to coordinate and conduct stewardship responsibilities on EQLT owned properties and properties under conservation restriction. Responsibilities include but not limited to preparing management plans; ensuring boundaries are marked; annual monitoring of conservation restrictions; maintaining databases; leading volunteers and/or interns; completing CR baseline documentation reports; and working effectively with contractors, the general public and the Board of Directors. Computer and cartographic skills and knowledge essential; experience with GPS and GIS is desirable, as is a background in natural resources. Please visit www.eqlt.org for the full position description. Send cover letter, resume, and three references to: Stewardship Coordinator Search, East Quabbin Land Trust, P.O. Box 5, Hardwick MA 01037 or chenshaw@eqlt.org.

17) ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR/RESIDENT ADVISOR (PETERSHAM, MA)

Summer 2011 Research Program in Ecology

13-week position available beginning May 16, 2011

For thirteen weeks in May-August 2011, thirty college-age students will join dozens of visiting and staff scientists at Harvard Forest in researching the effects of natural and human disturbances on forest ecosystems. The Program Assistant works closely with the Forest Administrator in organizing the various educational components to the summer program. S/he lives with the students in Fisher and/or Raup House, providing the information, advising, support and discipline required to create a hospitable academic environment.

More information available [here](#).

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and up to three letters of recommendation to the address below. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Additional information about Harvard Forest and the summer program is available at <http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu>

For questions, please contact:

Edythe Ellin, Director of Administration
Harvard Forest
324 N. Main Street
Petersham, MA 01366
hfapps@fas.harvard.edu

18) BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK SEEKS GARDEN EDUCATOR

--from *Conservation Common*

Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) is a 33-year old urban environmental non-profit working to preserve, protect and expand open space in Boston. Working collaboratively with community, public agencies, and non-profits, BNAN combines the environment with cultural and social issues. BNAN offers a wide range of educational, recreational and cultural programs to build constituencies for Boston's community gardens, greenways and urban wilds. We are looking to fill a key position - the Garden Educator - to develop and coordinate garden education programs for BNAN. The Garden Educator will be responsible for developing, implementing and/or presenting programs that increase people's knowledge of gardening, health and nutrition, and ecological concepts while working in collaboration with staff, volunteers and consultants.

More information available [here](#).

Please send resume and cover letter to: Vidya Tikku, Vice President vidya@bostonnatural.org

19) CLF SEEKS ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT LITIGATOR

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) is seeking an experienced attorney to fill the position of Environmental Enforcement Litigator. Working with the director of CLF's Clean Water and Healthy Forests Program Director and CLF's Clean Water Team, the Enforcement Litigator will be responsible for identifying and litigating Clean Water Act citizen suit enforcement cases regionally and obtaining fee and cost recovery. The Enforcement Litigator will be based in CLF's Boston office and will maintain a significant case load intended to enhance Clean Water Act compliance in New England through direct enforcement and the deterrent effect of litigation outcomes. *More information available [here](#).*

Interested candidates are required to send a cover letter and resume to: Human Resources at careers@clf.org or mail to: 62 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110. Candidates of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

20) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

[Assistant Dairy & Livestock Manager](#) - Appleton Farms, Ipswich

Responsibilities include all aspects related to the management of the dairy and beef herds, facilities, and grazing infrastructure at Appleton Farms. The Assistant Manager reports to the Dairy and Livestock Manger and is responsible for the operation in his/her absence. Work schedule is variable and includes work on weekends and holidays and is based on an average 5½ day workweek.

[CSA Manager and Grower](#) - Moraine Farm, Beverly

The CSA Manager has over-all management responsibility for the Community Supported Agriculture operation at Moraine Farm, a property of The Trustees of Reservations. Responsibilities include crop production planning and management, staff and volunteer supervision, budget management, planning, marketing, procurement, and

shareholder relations. The CSA Manager reports to the Operations Manager of the Greater Boston Region, and works closely with other Trustees staff. The position is full-time year round with a seasonally variable work schedule.

[Director of Annual Giving](#)

The Director of Annual Giving reports to the Deputy Director of Advancement and is responsible for leading and managing a comprehensive leadership giving program focused on building annual operating support for The Trustees of Reservations. The Director will directly supervise other members of the Annual Giving team.

More information about employment opportunities at TTOR available [here](#).

21) APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB SEEKS SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER

Under the direction of the Vice President of Communications and Marketing, this key position will define strategies and execute on an annual marketing plan that supports occupancy goals in our full service lodging destinations, youth and program participation, and publication sales in support of AMC's broader mission of promoting the protection, enjoyment and understanding of the mountains, rivers, and trails of the Northeast outdoors. *More information available [here](#).*

To Reply: Please email resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to amcjob167@outdoors.org (preferred) or mail to: Vice President of Communications and Marketing, Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02108. No calls, please.

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