



# Southeastern Massachusetts Land Trust Convocation

Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Upper Cape Technical High School

220 Sandwich Road, Bourne MA

Co-sponsored by The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts,  
Buzzards Bay Coalition, & Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition

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8:15 a.m.

**ARRIVAL:** free coffee, danish, muffins

9:00 a.m.

**KICK-OFF:** welcome; *Mark Rasmussen, President, Buzzards Bay Coalition*  
*Leonard Johnson, President, The Compact*

**9:15 – 10:00 a.m. SESSION ONE (choose A or B workshop, each includes time for O&A)**

**WORKSHOP A.**

Engaging the broader community

Many in our communities are disconnected from our natural lands and waters. Learn about ways to better involve groups of people that have not traditionally been engaged with conservation.

*Mary Doucette, Land Stewardship Manager, Buzzards Bay Coalition*

*Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director, Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council*

**WORKSHOP B.**

Land Trusts and Ecological Restoration

There are exciting new opportunities and funding at the state and federal levels to acquire and restore blighted or developed areas, especially cranberry bogs. What are some examples and how best to partner with these agencies?

*Michael Lach, Executive Director, Harwich Conservation Trust*

*Jason Clermont, Watershed Restoration Coordinator, Buzzards Bay Coalition*

**10:00-10:20 a.m.** 20 min. break

**10:20 – 11:15 a.m. Plenary Session: CAN HOUSING AND CONSERVATION WORK TOGETHER?**

*Bob Wilber, President, Stow Conservation Trust (MA)*

Mr. Wilber will recount a successful partnership in Stow MA for redevelopment of part of a historic golf course for public recreation, conservation and housing. Bob will also offer comments in his other role as the Director of Conservation Services for the State.

**11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. SESSION TWO (choose A or B workshop, each includes time for O&A)**

**WORKSHOP A.**

Conservation Land and Property Taxes

A general understanding of local taxes is important both for managing your land trust and talking with landowners about conservation options. Questions answered about how local property is assessed and tax implications for land trust and private property owners who choose to conserve their land.

*Mark Robinson, Executive Director, The Compact*

**WORKSHOP B.**

Strategic Planning for Land Trusts

All-volunteer and even staffed land trusts have limited time and capacity to get the things done they want to get done. A good strategic plan can position the group to take effective action. How do we set priorities? Who should be involved as stakeholders? How do we find and do we need consultants/facilitators?

*Ross Moran, Executive Director, Westport Land Conservation Trust*

*Jessica Whritenour, Executive Director, The 300 Committee Land Trust (Falmouth)*