



National Environmental
Education Foundation

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Office of the Governor
Massachusetts State House, Room 280
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Patrick,

On Saturday, September 28, 2013 many in your commonwealth will roll up their sleeves and head for the great outdoors as part of the **20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day**. This annual celebration of service, the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands, attracts volunteers of all ages. In addition to federal public lands, these volunteers restore and enhance state, commonwealth and local public lands.

In 2012, you proclaimed a statewide National Public Lands Day. **We are seeking your support again this year to proclaim September 28, 2013 as National Public Lands Day.** We hope you will help us celebrate two decades of public land volunteerism by participating in the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day. We hope you will consider how your commonwealth can once again benefit from taking part in this far-reaching effort. Your continued support will encourage residents of your commonwealth to volunteer and take additional pride in their community.

The National Environmental Education Foundation coordinates National Public Lands Day along with many local, commonwealth and federal land management agencies. Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. is the national corporate sponsor for the 15th year. We anticipate more than \$18 million in volunteer services will be completed as a result of this effort at over 2,000 public land locations throughout all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in many U.S. territories.

Enclosed is a sample proclamation highlighting many of the educational, environmental and health benefits National Public Lands Day provides to local communities. Also enclosed is the 2012 Massachusetts site list. If you would like to locate this year's participation for your commonwealth, please visit publiclandsday.org/npld-sites. Sites are registered daily.

For more information, please contact Tracey Adams, senior associate for the Public Lands Program at (202) 261-6479 or tadams@neefusa.org. We are happy to work with your staff to increase your commonwealth's volunteerism and visibility on National Public Lands Day.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to adding Massachusetts to the growing list of states and commonwealths celebrating the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day.

Sincerely,

Robb Hampton
Director, Public Lands Program

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PROCLAMATION

- Whereas: America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens and other landmarks throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent our shared irreplaceable national resources; and
- Whereas: Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and
- Whereas: Public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and
- Whereas: Shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, local and commonwealth officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and
- Whereas: Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead a active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- Whereas: Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and
- Whereas: A collaboration among commonwealth and local residents, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and
- Whereas: National Public Lands Day, now celebrating its 20th Anniversary, is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service serve as federal agency partners. This effort has become an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great Commonwealth of Massachussetts

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deval Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachussetts, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2013 as the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day and call upon the people of Massachussetts to recognize and participate in this special observance.



National Public Lands Day



National Public Lands Day 2012 Massachusetts Site List

Massachusetts

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge

Kizette Ortiz-Vanger, USFWS
680 Hudson Rd.
Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776
(978) 562-3527
Kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov
Work Projects: Maintain the trails.

Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

Andrew Petit de Mange, NPS
408 Atlantic Ave.
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
(617) 223-8002
andrew_petit_de_mange@nps.gov
Work Projects: Remove invasive plants.

Bradley Palmer State Park- Essex National Heritage Area

Dominique McLean, Outdoor Programs REI,
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and
Recreation
24 Asbury St.
Topsfield, Massachusetts 01982
(781) 944-5103
dmclean@rei.com
Work Projects: Clean up and repair trails.

Buffumville Lake

Kenneth Hester, COE
48 Old Oxford Rd.
Charlton, Massachusetts 01507
(508) 248-5697
kenneth.w.hester@usace.army.mil
Work Projects: Maintain trails, pick up litter, construct a
foot bridge, remove invasive plants and weeds and create
garden areas.

Edward L Cooper Community Gardening and Educational Center

Jacqueline Maloney, Edward L. Cooper Community
Garden and Educational Center
34 Linwood St.
Boston, Massachusetts 02119
(857) 389-6070
seedsofhope@gmail.com
Work Projects: Plant bulbs, set up children's garden and
clean up the community gardens.

Foxborough State Park

Ron Clough, Massachusetts State Parks
320 Mill St.
Foxborough, Massachusetts 02035
(508) 543-5850
ron.clough@state.ma.us
Work Projects: General maintenance.

Fresh Pond Reservation

Lori Tsuruda, People Making a Difference and Friends of
Fresh Pond
250 Fresh Pond Pkwy.
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
(781) 963-0373
lori@pmd.org
Work Projects: Collect seeds, take hourly visitor census,
mark study areas, weed/maintain trails, etc.

Heritage Trail

Scott Benoit, COE and the Southbridge Trail Committee
Marjorie Lane
Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
(508) 765-3784
earthhouse@hotmail.com
Work Projects: Remove dirt and brush to spread seed on
the new section of the Heritage Trail.

Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area

Randy Redetzke, Sturbridge Trails Committee
Old Sturbridge Village Rd.
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01518
(508) 347-6340
Rredet@charter.net
Work Projects: Maintain the Arbutus and Single Track
trails.

Lowell National Historical Park

JoAnn Marcos, NPS
Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center
Lowell, Massachusetts 1852
(978) 275-1779
JoAnn_Marcos@nps.gov
Work Projects: Clean up the canal at Mark Plaza, maintain
the downtown area and plant fall bulbs.

Middlesex Fells Reservation

Rich Sanford, Friends of the Middlesex Fells
300 Elm St.
Medford, Massachusetts 02155
(617) 335-7310
rich_sanford@alum.mit.edu
Work Projects: Clean up the reservation, remove invasive
plants and brush from the trails.