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1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WINNERS AND LOSERS

The 1985 legislative session saw several of MACC's priority pieces of legislation make their way through to enactment, while others, despite intensive lobbying efforts, were stopped dead in their tracks.

Those bills which did make it to the Governor's desk include the Administrative Penalties Bill, which authorizes DEQE to assess penalties on persons or businesses who violate environmental laws, regulations, orders, or licenses that the department enforces. MACC has long awaited this most necessary enforcement measure.

Also successful was an amendment to the Conservation Restriction Act. This amendment does away with the provisions requiring conservation, preservation, and agricultural preservation restrictions to be re-recorded after thirty years in special county tract indices.

The Massachusetts Acid Rain Bill was signed into law last month. The bill sets a cap on the total amount of sulfur dioxide emitted by all sources within the state. It also contains a provision that should Congress fail to pass a national acid rain bill requiring a 10 million ton reduction national emissions within a decade, DEQE must begin to draft regulations which would reduce Massachusetts' own sulfur dioxide emissions.

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ATTLEBORO DECISION STILL PENDING

As we go to press, EPA Region I Administrator Michael Deland is about ready to forward his recommendation to Lee Thomas, EPA Administrator in Washington, on whether to prohibit any alterations of Sweeden's Swamp under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Once Mr. Deland announces his recommendation, MACC will notify each conservation commission in a special mailing. Since the final decision rests with Mr. Thomas, it is imperative that each commission let him know how important this case is to wetlands protection nationwide.

This fall, during the EPA and Corps of
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CHECK IT OFF!

Tax time is rolling around again and some of you have probably received your state tax forms. As complicated (and depressing) as this form can be, one bright spot shouldn't be overlooked - the Mass. Natural Heritage Program's Non-Game Tax Check Off. Taxpayers may, on a voluntary basis, designate a portion of their refund for this program, or if not eligible for a refund, may make a tax-free contribution. This fund provides for purchase of rare and endangered plant and animal species habitat. Support this valuable program - Check it off!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW MEPA REGULATIONS

The Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Unit of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) plans to promulgate a complete rewrite of the MEPA regulations early in 1986. Whether this is good news or bad news may depend upon your actions.

MEPA, as most of you know, is one of the most important environmental laws in Massachusetts. In sum, the MEPA Unit decides which projects that are funded, built, or permitted by state agencies have sufficient chance of damaging the environment so as to require production of a full-scale Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR review has led to many bad projects being dropped or improved; in fact, the very threat of having to prepare an EIR can have a most salutary effect on project design.

The MEPA regulations have a three-tiered format. Some projects automatically require preparation of an EIR ("categorical inclusions"), and some are totally exempt from the law ("categorical exclusions"). However, the great bulk of projects fall into a middle category. For these, the proponent must submit an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the MEPA Unit. Part of the ENF is then published in MEPA's bi-monthly Environmental Monitor. After receiving comments from readers of the Monitor (including several devoted members of the MACC Board), the MEPA Unit decides whether or not an EIR must be prepared and if so, what the scope of the EIR must be. (Every commission should be receiving a free copy of the Monitor - if not, contact the MEPA Unit at (617) 727-5830.) The MEPA regulations also determine a number of important issues such as procedures, deadlines, and variances.

A thoroughly informal group has been working with Samuel Mygatt, the Unit's executive director, to redraft the MEPA regulations which have been in place for many years. Before new regulations can be promulgated, MEPA must publish and distribute drafts and hold at least one public hearing with a comment period. If you are a MEPA aficionado, you will want to get the complete set (call the MEPA Unit). In any case, here are a few points from the proposed regulations worth noting and commenting upon:

1. Wetland thresholds: Section 10.25(2) categorically includes any project resulting in dredging, filling, or removal of 2 or more acres of bordering vegetated wetland or salt marsh, or 10+ acres of any other resource area protected by the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA), such as floodplains. Section 10.25(4) mandates an EIR for any project requiring a Chapter 91 Waterways License for nonwater dependent use of 2 or more acres of tideland.

Section 10.26(6) requires an ENF for issuance of a variance from the WPA or for a DEQE superseding order permitting the following: fill or structure within a regulatory floodway delineated under the National Flood Insurance Program; alteration of a primary dune; construction in a velocity zone of a barrier beach; new, expanded or reconstructed armoring of a coastal bank; construction of a bridge or road providing access to utilities servicing structures on a barrier beach; and dredging, filling, altering or removal of more than 1,000 sq.ft. of salt marsh, 5,000 sq.ft. of bordering vegetated wetland, 500 ft. of bank, or 1/2 acre of any other area subject to the WPA. Also requiring an ENF are solid fill structures over 1,000 sq.ft. base area, or pile supported structures of over 2,000 sq.ft. base area in public tidelands; licensing of any nonwater dependent use under Chapter 91; and dredging of more than 10,000 cubic yards of materials.

Projects which are not large enough to meet these thresholds are absolutely exempt from MEPA review. You should also note that the above Section 10.26 threshold levels substitute for the current review of coastal areas, which now includes single family homes, outfalls, and roads. The state's Coastal Zone Management Office seems satisfied with this; are you?

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The categorical inclusion under Section 10.25 should clearly include "altering". Other than that we have gained ground on wetlands review, although we had hoped to have a categorical requirement of an EIR for every WPA variance. The acreage of wetlands to be altered will now appear on page one of every ENF!

2. After-enacted permit requirements: State laws such as the new Water Management Act will require issuance of new state permits. Projects that need these permits would be excluded from automatic MEPA jurisdiction, unless of course a project "qualified" because of its size or other qualities. MEPA's only solution is a new Section 10.03(9) which allows EOEA to amend the regs (don't hold your breath); enter into an agency memorandum of understanding; require the preparation of a generic EIR; or involve fail-safe review under Section 10.03(7). Fail-safe is an important provision allowing the Secretary to require an ENF for a project which does not meet review thresholds, in unusual circumstances including an after-enacted permit. Fail-safe has never yet been invoked. Can we think of a better way to deal with new permit programs?

3. Staleness: The National Environmental Policy Act establishes a presumption that a federal Environmental Impact Statement gets "stale" after a certain number of years and should be updated or rewritten. I think we need a similar provision for our older state EIR's. The most that MEPA has offered is a weak Section 10.17 which applies to project changes, including changes in the ambient environment four years after the final EIR, but leaves it up to the proponent to inform EOEA of such a change. Let's do better!

4. Other: The categorical inclusion threshold for private/state joint development projects under Section 10.25.(17) has been raised from \$20 to \$100 million dollars. Note that Mass. Industrial Finance Agency projects are otherwise exempt. This makes me nervous, since we will be seeing a lot of these and always in a hurry!

Section 10.24 makes it clear that EIR's must be furnished free upon request or at reproduction cost. Is this adequate to ensure we get them?

An EIR is required for the following water supply augmentations: impoundments over one billion gallons; developments with a safe yield over 5 million gallons per day (mgd); contracts supplying Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water or sewer service to a city or town not previously supplied or increasing existing service by 20%; and any project using over 100,000 gallons per day (gpd) from a public water supply. These I like.

If you know anything about water pollution discharge permits, check Section 10.26(6) - the limits seem too high. I would like to see an ENF on discharges to groundwater or to surface water over 15,000 gpd. The Division of Water Pollution Control (DWPC) wants a review threshold of 50,000 gpd of sewage to groundwater, 100,000 gpd to surface water. Apparently DWPC claims they review these onsite systems adequately; but that is not what they say when you ask them about staff and budget.

And why increase the threshold for road widening from a 300 foot length to a 1000 foot length? Apparently MEPA does not want to review TOPIC's projects (road intersection improvements); I think they should.

Sam Mygatt has also promised to add a review threshold for permits for very large operations under the Forest Cutting Practices Act. The Department of Environmental Management is not too happy.

P.S. The regulations for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern are also being rewritten at the same time. Someone into these, please help! The main substantive change seems to be in Section 11.06: to be eligible for nomination, an area must contain features from four of eleven different categories. Is this okay??

Alexandra D. Dawson, Esq.

LEGISLATION (continued from page 1)

An act creating a unified permit process regulating ground and surface water withdrawals, the Water Management Act, also made its way through the Legislature this session. Introduced on behalf of Mass. Audubon, the act recognizes the interconnected nature of ground and surface water and provides a comprehensive approach to their use.

On the losing side were several bills especially significant to conservation commissioners. MACC's proposal to regulate the use of herbicides on rights-of-way in wetlands was sent to a study committee early in the session and never resurfaced.

The statewide Open Space/Land Bank Fund Legislation received lots of attention but never did make it out of the House. The bill proposed giving local communities the option to create an open space land bank fund with revenues from a tax of up to 2% on real estate transfers. Funds generated from this tax would have been used in accordance with an open space plan developed by the conservation commission and approved by town government. This bill met with considerable opposition from the Mass. Homebuilders and the Realtors Associations. A lack of support on the part of the administration also hurt the bill's chances. Coming up late in the session, the bill finally made it to the floor of the House only to be sent to rest in a newly created study committee until March. (It is interesting to note that no less than six copycat pieces of legislation have been filed this year proposing the use of real estate tax transfer funds for just about everything under the sun.)

Saddest of all is the outcome of the fight to add wildlife habitat as a value protectable under the state wetlands act. As with the land bank bill, most of the opposition came from the homebuilder and realtor associations. The bill passed the Senate after three hard-fought days on the floor, only to be lost in the House on the last working day of the session. Despite heroic efforts on the part of several legislators, the bill was sent to the House Committee on Third Reading. The clock ran out before it could be brought back to the floor for a final vote. Call MACC to find out where your Representative stood on this bill!

All of the bills defeated this year have

been refiled for the 1986 legislative session. MACC will be working on these as well as other newly-filed bills. The next Newsletter will contain an overview of MACC's priority environmental legislation for the next session.

MACC thanks all of you who wrote or called your Senators and Representatives in support of these bills. Your efforts helped us to win the victories we did this year. MACC will need your continued support at various times throughout the next session. Your calls and letters are MACC's most powerful lobbying force. Thanks.

FROM DEQE

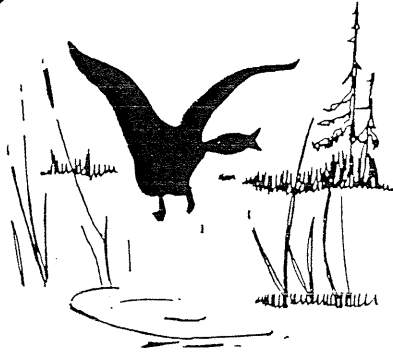
Barrier Beach Protection

In a recent letter, Ralph Kardon of DEQE's Wetland Division emphasized his agency's concern for barrier beach systems. DEQE "...has long been especially concerned about wetlands projects proposed in or near areas designated as barrier beaches, because of the extreme importance and sensitivity of this type of resource area, both environmentally and with regards to public safety." Therefore, "...conservation commissions should not accept or process any "short form" Notices of Intent (Form 4 - Abbreviated Notice of Intent) proposed in or on a barrier beach. ALL Notices of Intent for work in the above-mentioned resource areas must be submitted on a "long form" (Form 3 - Notice of Intent) and should be carefully reviewed because of potential damage to these resource areas that might be caused by poorly designed or inappropriate projects. Moreover, any work proposed by applicants for velocity zones as designated by FEMA should be accompanied by detailed plans, stamped by a Professional Engineer duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Familiar Face - New Wetlands Deputy Director

Christy Foote-Smith, former MACC Executive Director, has been named Deputy Director of DEQE's Wetland Division. You may remember that Christy left MACC in September to work for the Office of Coastal Zone Management. But as soon as the wetlands position opened up, it became apparent that Christy's talent and experience made her the perfect candidate. Congratulations Christy!

CELEBRATE!



25th ANNIVERSARY
1961 - 1986

MACC 1986 ANNUAL MEETING AND SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 8, 1986
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hogan Campus Center, Holy Cross College
Worcester, Massachusetts

See back page for directions.

AGENDA

8:00 - 8:45 REGISTRATION, COFFEE, and VIEWING of EXHIBITS and DISPLAYS

9:00 - 10:30 WORKSHOP SERIES A (pick one of seven)

1. Introductory Session for New Conservation Commissioners: An overview of the responsibilities, limits, and resources available to savvy commissioners.

Panelists: Ruth Kaminski, MACC Board of Directors
Judith Pickett, Esq., MACC Board of Directors

WETLAND/WATER RESOURCES

2. Wetland Plant Identification and Boundary Delineations: Practical tools for commission field work.

Panelists: Norton Nickerson, Professor of Environmental Studies, Tufts University
Arleen O'Donnell, Director of Environmental Affairs, Mass. Audubon Society; MACC Board of Directors

3. Wetland Bylaws: The rationale and techniques for implementing zoning and nonzoning bylaws in your community.

Panelists: Gregor McGregor, Esq., MACC Board of Directors
Sally Newbury, Esq., Conservation Law Foundation

4. Coastal Issues: An overview of the new Chapter 91 regulations for tidelands and Great Ponds.

Panelists: Gary Clayton, Director, DEQE Wetlands & Waterways Division
Carl Dierker, Esq., DEQE Legal Counsel
Dennis Ducsik, CZM Chapter 91 Coordinator

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5. Federal Wetlands Law - What Can it Do?: Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, their review process, and coordination with conservation commissions.

Panelists: Ralph Abele, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ken Jackson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division
Doug Thompson, EPA Region I

PLANNING/LAND USE

6. Urban Web - Environmental History of Community Growth: Every town goes through stages. How caught up in the urban web is your community?

Panelists: Alan Emmet, Landscape Historian and Author
William McConnell, Professor, Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Maureen Oates, Environmental Educator

7. Conservation Land Acquisition and Planned Development: How towns can get into the land acquisition business and preserve sensitive areas through controlled development.

Panelists: Sarah Hamill, Harvard Conservation Commission
Randy Lemmon, Land Trust Director, Housatonic Valley Association

10:45 - 12:15 WORKSHOP SERIES B (pick one of seven)

WETLAND/WATER RESOURCES

1. ABC's of the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act: Designed for beginners - what you can and can't do under the Act and how to use it effectively.

Panelists: Gary Clayton, Director, DEQE Wetlands & Waterways Division
Christy Foote-Smith, Deputy Director, DEQE Wetlands & Waterways Division

2. Local Groundwater Protection: Identifying and controlling threats to the resource, acquiring and protecting recharge areas, and conducting a groundwater monitoring program.

Panelists: Savos Danos, Littleton Water Department
David Hall, Cape Cod Planning & Economic Development Commission

3. Wetlands Replication in Small Areas: Ramifications of the 5,000 square feet performance standard.

Panelists: Robert Daylor, Consultant
Garrett Hollands, Consultant
Joseph Larson, Professor, Univ. of Mass., Amherst

4. Environmental Law Enforcement: Advanced workshop on how to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act through criminal and civil actions.

Panelists: Carl Dierker, Esq., DEQE Legal Counsel
James Howard, Esq., Assistant District Attorney, Middlesex County

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PLANNING/LAND USE

5. Planning for Controlled Growth: A discussion of phased-growth bylaws, moratoriums, the cost of growth and more.

Panelists: Philip Herr, Land Use Planner
Edna White, Groton Board of Selectmen, former chairperson Groton Planning Board

6. Land Management: Techniques for efficient management of conservation land and parks including a discussion of problems inherent to urban, suburban, and rural lands.

Panelists: Richard O'Brien, Trustees of Reservations, Central Management Region
Thomas Taylor, Worcester Commission of Parks and Recreation

7. Roads, Bridges, and More Roads: How to deal with local and state DPW's, use of the Scenic Roads Act, and tips for roadside landscaping.

Panelists: Alexandra Dawson, Esq., MACC President
Marilyn Newman, Esq., DPW Chief Legal Counsel
John Wacker, Consultant and ASLA President

12:20 - 2:00 LUNCH, BUSINESS MEETING, and MACC 1986 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AWARDS

2:00 - 2:45 **ASK THE EXPERTS:** Informal face-to-face discussions featuring experts in the areas of environmental law, land planning and acquisition, and priority environmental legislation for 1986.

VIEWING OF VIDEOS, FILMS, EXHIBITS, and DISPLAYS: First time showing of MACC's "Wetland Boundary Delineation" video, plus a variety of special films, community and non-profit displays, and environmental consultant exhibits.

MINI-WORKSHOPS (To be announced): Abbreviated versions of the most popular workshops will be offered, if necessary, to accomodate demand.

2:45 - 3:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Governor Michael Dukakis presents his address, followed by a question and answer session.

3:30 - **BIRTHDAY BASH -- JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY!**

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 1986 MACC Nominating Committee would like to recommend the following slate of Officers and Directors for election to the MACC Board of Directors at Annual Meeting on March 8, 1986.

President - Alexandra Dawson, Hadley

First Vice-President - Charles Costello, Reading

Second Vice-President - Robert Gray, Pocasset

Third Vice-President - Sally Schnitzer, Concord

Secretary - Robert Clark, Petersham

Treasurer - Marcel Kistin, Falmouth

Directors to serve until Annual Meeting 1987 - Tania Assaykeen, Hopkinton; Miriam Cooper, Danvers; Arleen O'Donnell, Medford; Diana Proctor, Watertown.

Directors to serve until Annual Meeting 1988 - Frederick Fawcett, II, Essex; Judith Pickett, Littleton; *Robert Ritchie, Leicester; *Judith Skinner, Marblehead.

Directors to serve until Annual Meeting 1989 - Nancy Anderson, Medford; *Richard Emmet, Westford; Gregor McGregor, Wellesley; John Powell, Holliston.

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following people be elected to the 1987 Nominating Committee from the general membership - Robie Hubley, Amherst; Ruth Kaminski Leicester; Patricia Loring, Westford; Maureen Oates, Belmont.

* First-time nominees; see below for profiles.

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PROFILES OF FIRST-TIME BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES

Richard Emmet, Esq.: Member, Westford Conservation Commission. Richard is presently staff attorney with the Conservation Law Foundation. He has concentrated on areas such as land preservation and groundwater protection, and has co-authored a booklet on underground petroleum storage tanks.

Robert Ritchie, Esq.: Member, Leicester Conservation Commission. Robert is employed as staff attorney for the Legal Assistance Corp. of Central Mass., working on a senior citizens advocacy program. Besides his work on the conservation commission, Robert is active with the Mass. Nuclear Referendum Committee and has helped draft major amendments to the Northeast Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal.

Judith Skinner: Member, Marblehead Conservation Commission. Judith has been instrumental in advocating adoption of a local conservation bylaw in her town and assisted in the writing of the Marblehead Open Space Plan and Trail Guide. She is also organizer and chairperson of the Coalition on Alternative Sewage Treatment (COAST).

MACC 1986 SILVER ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Commission/Organization _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is:

- \$ _____ for conference and luncheon for _____ person(s) at \$18 each
- \$ _____ for one table (ten registrants from same town) at \$150 per table (save \$30)
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Please indicate choice of entree:
stuffed breast of chicken _____; manicotti (vegetarian) _____

Please indicate first-choice workshop for each session:
Series A, workshop # _____; Series B, workshop # _____

For group registrations attach separate sheet listing each name, entree, & workshop choice.

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ASK THE GOVERNOR

What are the most important environmental questions regarding your town or region you would like Governor Dukakis to answer at Annual Meeting? Please list.

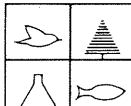
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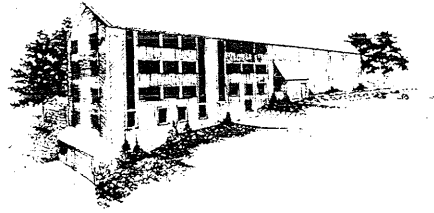
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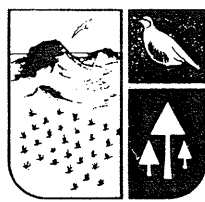
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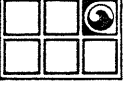


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Engineers public comment periods on the project, a number of wetland authorities testified against the destruction and proposed on and off-site replication of Sweeden's Swamp. Highlights from their testimony are summarized below.

Dr. John Fitch, Senior Scientist at the Mass. Audubon Society, commented on the value of the existing red maple swamp to wildlife habitat (a legitimate concern under Section 404) and raised questions about replacing it with a different type of marsh. According to Dr. Fitch, "Red maple ecosystems represent a more mature, ecologically complex, and stable wetland seral stage than the cattail and sedge marshes...On-site mitigation by developing 9 acres of emergent marsh would not restore most wildlife populations and species that originally occurred in this red maple swamp ecosystem."

"Off-site mitigation is a major concern for several reasons. First, the proposed location for off-site mitigation is a gravel pit that has very different biogeochemical and hydrological characteristics from those of Sweeden's Swamp. The Pyramid Companies do not propose to replace lost red maple swamp habitat in its off-site mitigation plan. Therefore, it is doubtful that a stable ecosystem could be developed in such a

location that could restore wildlife populations and species lost to the area because of filling operations in Sweeden's Swamp. Second, emergent marsh ecosystems are difficult to create in gravel pit areas. In the Connecticut Valley, gravel pit wetlands still remain poor unstable sites after 20 years, and yet the performance bond proposal of the Pyramid Companies covers only three growing seasons. Third, off-site mitigation, even if it were a similar ecosystem type, would not replace the loss of extensive contiguous wildlife habitat."

Dr. Norton Nickerson, Professor of Environmental Studies at Tufts University, raised similar points in his testimony and concluded with the following, "In summary, the mitigation plan, if carried out, will alter a present gravel pit. Whether it will ever become a full-fledged wetland (a process which will take time) or mitigate those values lost by destruction of Sweeden's Swamp, is not answered...The feasibility of creating wetlands can indeed be questioned, especially when that huge creation is to cover up what is currently an illegal destruction of perfectly viable wetlands. There is apparently no need for any of this alteration to take place, as an alternative site for a mall on higher ground is presumed to exist. That fact in itself should be sufficient grounds for denial."

MSMCP 1986 SPRING CONFERENCE

The Mass. Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals will hold its annual Spring Conference on Thursday, April 24, at the Ashland 4-H Center. The agenda for the day-long conference (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) features Gary Clayton, Director of DEQE Wetlands and Waterways; a panel discussion by DEQE regional wetlands staff; Kelly McClintock of the Environmental Lobby of Mass.; and the MSMCP Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers. More information will appear in the next MACC Newsletter.

Registration fee (includes luncheon) is \$8.00 for MSMCP members and \$10.00 for non-members. Please use the registration form below.

MSMCP 1986 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

I am an MSMCP member. Enclosed is \$8.00 for conference and lunch.

I am not an MSMCP member. Enclosed is \$10.00 for conference and lunch.

I would like to join MSMCP. Enclosed is \$20.00 membership fee.

Return with check (made payable to MACC), to MSMCP c/o MACC, Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR 1986 BOARD MEETINGS

The MACC Board of Directors has set its meeting dates for 1986. All board meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - to 9:00 p.m. and are open to the public. Exact dates are listed below. The meetings are usually held at the Lincoln Filene Center on the Tufts University Campus, but call the MACC office before each meeting to verify the location. Commissioners, other MACC members, and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

January 28	July 15
March 4	September 9
April 1	October 7
May 6	November 11
June 3	December 2

OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Results from three years of study and practice of Open Marsh Water Management will be presented at a conference co-sponsored by the Peabody Museum and Mass. Audubon Society's Resources for Cape Ann. The all-day conference (10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at the Peabody Museum in Salem is intended for members of conservation commissions, boards of health, and anyone interested in mosquito control in Massachusetts. The conference is free with pre-registration, or \$3.00 at the door. For more information and registration materials please call Resources for Cape Ann at (617) 283-0598.

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NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

Nancy W. Anderson, Director of Environmental Affairs at the Lincoln Filene Center, has announced that the eighth annual New England Environmental Conference will take place on Saturday, March 22nd, and Sunday, March 23rd, 1986, on the Tufts University Campus. Approximately 1,000 participants attend the conference each year from across New England and the nation. There will be over 40 workshops on a wide range of environmental issues. For registration or information call (617) 381-3451 or 381-3291.



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