



MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS, Inc.

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MACC WETLAND WORKSHOPS ARE COMING YOUR WAY! This year's Spring Series includes workshops on wetland bylaws, coastal resources, environmental law enforcement, roles and expanding resources for conservation commissions, and using the wetland regulations effectively. MACC's annual Spring Series of informational sessions has become a "must" for conservation commissioners across the state. Check out the workshop nearest you.

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MACC'S 1986 PRIORITY LEGISLATION

This year's slate of environmental legislation is packed! The following bills need YOUR help in order to pass. Calls and letters to your Senator and Representative can make a difference - they really do want to hear your concerns. MACC priorities are summarized below, and include many bills which are also priority items for the Environmental Alliance, a coalition of organizations working together for good environmental legislation. Unless otherwise indicated, call MACC if you would like more information.

Budget, Budget, Budget - House 1: DEQE's Wetland Division desperately needs more resources to provide technical assistance, run educational programs, manage the wetlands restriction programs, break the logjam of adjudicatory cases, produce a newsletter, and so on for the benefit of conservation commissions. As we go to press, an amendment requesting additional personnel and project funds was being considered by the House. Call your Rep to make sure he/she supported this measure, then call your Senator in favor of this bare-bones, essential request from the Wetlands Division.

While you are on the phone, mention the Self-Help, Urban Self-Help, and Agricultural Preservation Restriction Programs. These, too, are seriously underfunded. Every Rep and Senator must hear the need for increased funding from conservation commissioners. (cont. page 7)

1986 URBAN SELF-HELP GRANTS

The last issue of the MACC Newsletter announced the list of Self-Help projects receiving grants in 1986. In this issue, we are pleased to print the list of Urban Self-Help projects which will also receive grants this year. Projects which will provide a regional or statewide facility and are located in cities and towns with a population in excess of 35,000 inhabitants qualify for these Urban Self-Help grants.

The grants come from the state's Urban Self-Help program which provides up to 90% reimbursement to cities and towns for expanding and developing recreational facilities. The program is funded in part by the 1983 statewide \$162 million open space bond. Awards are contingent upon approval by the cities and towns. Following is a list of communities receiving the 1986 grant approvals.

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IT'S A WETLAND BOUNDARY BLITZ

A dozen wetland plant identification and boundary delineation training sessions are being offered by MACC, in cooperation with DEQE, across the state this spring. Turn to page 9 to find out more about these free sessions!

GENERALS, COLONELS, AND ALL THAT JAZZ: THE S. 404 NATIONWIDE/GENERAL PERMITS

Let's hope you are all familiar to some degree with the s. 404 program, the wetlands protection law for the whole USA. It's administered by the Army Corps of Engineers, who brought you the Attleboro show, Act I (regional Corps' denial of a permit to fill), Act II (rescission of that denial by Corps' D.C. office), and Act III (veto of the Corps' permit by our regional EPA, still under consideration by EPA's D.C. office). Recently the Corps sent out a public notice regarding proposed issuance of 8 nationwide permits in Massachusetts. A number of con comms have asked us, what is this?

Well, it all began in 1972, with passage of what later was called the Clean Water Act. This contained one section, s. 404, setting up a Corps permit for deposit of fill in wetlands adjacent to waters of the United States. For various reasons, this program did not take off until 1977. Thereafter, the Corps concluded it could not deal with every single fill project in the U.S., so it took advantage of a provision allowing issuance of general or nationwide permits (hereinafter NPs) for minor activities of a similar nature which would not do significant damage to the environment. An NP is, practically speaking, an exemption, although performance standards are required. But since work can go forward without prior notice to the Corps, it is difficult to discover if the standards are being violated. In 1982 the Corps issued 22 NPs, many of which did in fact involve minor activities such as small docks or bellbuoys. Only Wisconsin objected.

In May 1983 the Corps came out with broader regulations which were objectionable to a whole lot of folks. Included were 4 new NPs, bringing the total to 26. The most controversial was #26, an NP for any and all work above headwaters of rivers (less than 5 cfs flow) and on isolated lakes. Many states, including Massachusetts, refused to honor these NPs. Denial was accomplished in Mass. through Coastal Zone Management's (CZM) denial of "federal consistency" under the CZM Act and by the Div. of Water Pollution Control's (DWPC) refusal of "water quality certification."

A large lawsuit ensued in which Mass. was not involved. When the air cleared, the Corps published settlement regulations rewriting 5 of the NPs, notably #26, which now requires an individual s. 404 permit for all work in lakes/headwaters over 10 acres, plus individual notice to the Corps' District Engineer (Waltham) for fills between 1 and 10 acres.

Massachusetts did not withdraw its denial of the 26 NPs. Since, however, the Corps regards state denial as ineffective until published in the Federal Register, and since nothing has been published since 1983 except the 5 new settlement permits, the Corps regards Mass.' denial effective only as to those five. Have you followed thus far?

It seems the Corps wants badly to republish all its s. 404 regs, now scattered and riven by time and the law. Before doing this it wants to persuade the renegade states to agree to the NPs, so that the Corps won't have to make the state's denial official by publication. To accomplish this they have offered some minor concessions in the form of regional "conditions" added to the proposed NPs.

Enter the Mass. Dept. of Public Works (MDPW), anxious for its part to move ahead with a big road bond issue. Result: the recent public notice, which proposed the issuance of 8 NPs to the MDPW only, for work on roads and bridges. The regional conditions include a notice of each proposed fill to CZM and DWPC and the right of CZM or the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE - which includes DWPC) to require an individual permit for any project. This would be a one-year trial program, subject to change by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA). The 8 proposed NPs are:

- #3: repair and rehabilitation of serviceable structures and fills
- #13: bank stabilization less than 500' long with an average of under 1 cubic yard of fill per running foot below ordinary high water (OHW)
- #14: road crossings, culverted or bridged, with under 200 cy below OHW, provided wetlands extend less than 100' on either side of the OHW line
- #15: fill for abutments, piers, temporary access fills for bridges approved by the Coast Guard
- #18: discharge of under 10 cy of fill, not in wetlands
- #19: dredging of under 10 cy (not applicable to s. 404, which only governs filling)
- #23: activities categorically excluded from National Environmental Policy Act review by Federal

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Highway Administration and Coast Guard (reconstructed bridges on "essentially the same alignment or location"; highway safety improvements; addition of shoulders and one-lane alignments) #26: the 10 acre lake/headwaters permit

Even if these NPs are approved, this does not dispose of Mass.' official denial of 3 other NPs published in 1984 (surface mining, fill for existing hydropower plants, and National Permit Discharge Elimination System outfalls), plus unofficial denial of several others including structures in anchorages, backfilling utility trench lines, return water from dredge disposal sites, and (possibly most important) #8, oil rigs on the Outer Continental Shelf. Are you still there?

MACC had asked for a fuller review of highway projects which would fall under the 8 NPs listed above, especially for bridges because most bridges were exempted from the Wetlands Protection Act by provisions of the last 2 state transportation bond issues. However, EOEPA Secretary James Hoyte was unable to persuade Transportation Secretary Fred Salvucci to accept and recommend further review to the Corps. The most we could get, as mentioned above, were the regional conditions providing for notification of CZM and DWPC and the ability to make changes after one year. It will also be most useful to DEQE and CZM to have the power to demand individual permit review, although how they will have the time to review permits and how DEQE will get the applications from DWPC is still to be seen.

If you can comment by 4/28 (we realize this Newsletter may reach you after that date - call the Corps to see if they will still accept comments), let the Corps know that at a minimum, the 8 proposed NPs are not acceptable without the regional conditions. You might want to ask for more, especially with relation to #13, 14, 15, 23, and 26. (MACC feels #26 is worst of all, and contains too many exemptions.) Ask the Corps to issue consolidated regs, too.

More on s. 404, which bristles with opportunities and difficulties, when I recover from this tour of the regs! The Corps can be reached at 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02254. Write to William Lawless or Ken Jackson of the Regulatory Branch. Numbers are (617) 647-8156 or 1-800-343-4789.

Alexandra Dawson, Esq.

CONSERVATION AREAS QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire regarding conservation land controlled by conservation commissions throughout the state has been sent to commission chairmen and staff. The questionnaire, developed by the Mass. Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals (MSMCP), is an attempt to inventory conservation land, as well as highlight the more successful acquisition programs. MSMCP plans to compile this valuable information in a soon-to-be-printed booklet. The success of this first-ever comprehensive inventory depends on the information you provide. Your input is essential! Send your completed questionnaires by May 10, 1986 to MSMCP c/o MACC, Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

WANTED: INFO ON LOCAL LANDBANKS

Is your community considering its own landbank (i.e. funds generated from a real estate transfer tax which are dedicated to open space land acquisition)? Have you submitted landbank legislation on the warrant for town meeting or to the legislature for approval? MACC wants to hear from you! We would like to assemble a comprehensive list of towns and cities across the state who have or are considering implementing their own landbank legislation. Give us a call (617) 381-3457 or better yet, send us a copy of your landbank effort. Maybe we can help; maybe your community can help others. Let's spread the word!

NEWS FLASH FROM DEQE

DEQE has announced that the amendments to the wetland regulations which were proposed in February will become effective on April 17, 1986. After holding two public hearings, DEQE decided to go ahead with regulations that will force the termination of inactive notices of intent and that set an expiration date for orders of conditions issued before November 14, 1974. Every conservation commission will receive a copy of the new regulations at your town hall address. For additional copies, or for more information, contact DEQE at (617) 292-5695.

MACC SPRING WORKSHOPS

BUILDING BYLAWS

The rationale and techniques for implementing zoning and nonzoning wetland bylaws in your community. Bring your bylaws (proposed or enacted) for discussion.

Thursday, May 15
Town Hall on the Town Common
Belchertown
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Trainer:
Alexandra Dawson, Esq.
President, MACC Board

Co-sponsored by the Belchertown Conservation Commission

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person/\$15 per commission

Directions: From east, take Mass. Pike to Belchertown exit. Follow Rt. 21 to Belchertown Town Common on Rt. 202. Town Hall on south side of Common. From west, take Rt. 9 to Rt. 202, follow to Town Common.



Thuja occidentalis L.
Arbor Vitae or Northern White Cedar

ENFORCEMENT POWER

Make your decisions stick! Tactics and strategies for enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act through administrative, civil, and criminal actions.

Wednesday, May 21
Unitarian Church Vestry, Main St.
Groton
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Trainer:
Gregor McGregor, Esq.
MACC Board

Co-sponsored by the Groton Conservation Commission

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per commission

Directions: From I-495 take exit 31 (Rt. 119). Follow Rt. 119 into Groton Center. The Unitarian Church Vestry is located at the intersection of Rts. 119 & 40.

WALK THROUGH THE REGS

Don't get bogged down wading through the Wetlands Protection Act. Join us for a discussion on the ins and outs of the regulations. Great for first-time as well as seasoned commissioners. Lots of time for questions!

Thursday, May 22
Gertrude M. Boyden Wildlife
Nature Sanctuary
Taunton
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Trainer:
Charles Costello, First VP,
MACC Board

Co-sponsored by the Taunton Conservation Commission

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per commission

Directions: Take either Rts. 24, 138, or 140 to Taunton. At the Taunton Green, proceed west on Rt. 44. At the 3rd set of lights turn left onto Warner Blvd. At the next flashing light turn right on to Cohannet St. Proceed .5 miles to the Taunton Conservation Commission office in the Gertrude Boyden Wildlife Nature Sanctuary.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ROLES AND RESOURCES

An overview of the responsibilities, procedures, and limits of conservation commissions, as well as a look at how to expand your commission's "small-town" dollar and human resource base.

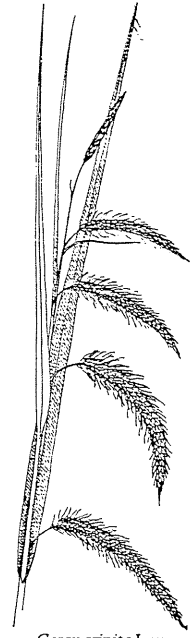
Tuesday, May 27
Town Hall, Route 112
Worthington
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Trainers
Larry Smith, Planner
City of Northampton
Sally Sweitzer, MACC
Community Services

Co-sponsored by the Worthington Conservation Commission

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person/\$15 per commission

Directions: From the north, take Rt. 9 to Rt. 143. Follow Rt. 143 to Worthington. At four corners take Rt. 112 south 1/2 mile. Town Hall on left, across from church. From the south, take Rt. 20 to Rt. 112. Follow above directions to Town Hall.



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FACTS ABOUT FLATS AND OTHER COASTAL RESOURCES

A look at current scientific thinking about the unique value of tidal flats, salt marshes, etc., and how they are protected under the state's coastal regulations.

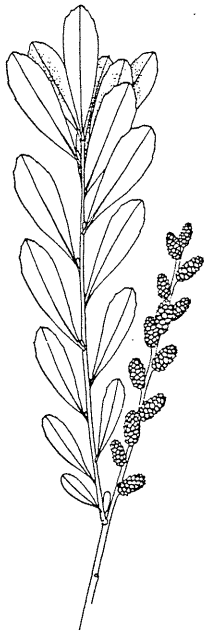
Wednesday, June 4
Essex County Greenbelt Assoc.
Essex
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Trainers:
Steve Bliven, Coastal
Zone Management
Dr. Thomas Hruby, Resource:
for Cape Ann

Co-sponsored by the Essex Conservation Commission

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person/\$15 per commission

Directions: From Rt. 128 take exit 15 (School St.). Proceed north towards Essex. After 4 miles you will come to a "T" intersection. Turn right onto Rt. 133. Proceed one mile to the Greenbelt Assoc. facility (left side).



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MACC WETLANDS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) Milton Commission Milton
Address 155 Gun Hill St Milton Phone 617-24-33

Please register me for the following workshop(s):

Bylaws Enforcement Walk Through Regs Roles & Resources Coastal

Enclosed is \$ 5, payable to MACC (\$5/individual or \$15/commission, per workshop).

Return to MACC, Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

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RENT-AN-EXPERT FROM MACC

Here is an opportunity you must not miss!

MACC will arrange an educational workshop or training session with an acknowledged expert on the subject of your choice. No subject is too simple or too complex. Topics may include environmental policy and law, science and technology, or a combination of disciplines. We can arrange for more than one expert to run your program.

Here is a partial list of the experts you may request:

Gregor McGregor, Esq.
Arleen O'Donnell, engineer and botanist
Alexandra Dawson, Esq.
Robert Gray, biologist and consultant
Richard Gelpke, geographer and educator
Marcel Kistin, Esq.

Garret Hollands, geologist
Norton Nickerson, biologist
Dr. John Powell, community relations, water supply
Nancy Anderson, educator

And here is a partial list of the subjects they will teach:

- record keeping and the Open Meeting Law
- basics of the Wetlands Protection Act
- advanced course on the Wetlands Protection Act
- delineating wetlands in the field
- tools for controlling local growth
- zoning and subdivision control
- ground water protection
- how to be effective at town meetings
- how to be effective in DEQE appeals
- how to be effective at enforcement
- setting up and operating a land trust
- septic systems
- water quality control
- herbicide regulation
- enforcement tools and techniques
- determining wetland values
- environmental litigation
- writing and analyzing environmental impact statements
- how to testify at hearings
- how to use volunteers
- how to use the media
- map reading
- how to map your wetlands
- alternative waste recycling systems
- using home rule in your community
- basics of environmental law
- future of environmental law
- how to write, pass, and implement local bylaws
- regulating and controlling hazardous waste
- how to run effective meetings and hearings
- how to lobby
- how to build a constituency
- other workshop of your choice

Attendance at these educational programs may be unlimited.

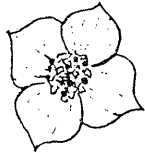
You may "rent" an expert on our list, or we will suggest an appropriate expert, to teach any subject you wish for \$100 per hour/expert.

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TUFTS UNIVERSITY
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(617) 381-3457

LEGISLATION (continued from page 1)

Wetlands/Wildlife Bill - S 1095: This bill would include wildlife habitat as an interest under the Wetlands Protection Act and would allow Conservation commissions to issue orders of conditions containing appropriate measures. MACC has participated in negotiations with the business community, the state, and other environmental organizations to come up with minor amendments which should ensure its passage this year. The bill has already been passed by the Senate and sent to the House. Make sure your Representative supports quick passage!

Transfer of Wetlands Restriction Programs - S 1099: A housekeeping bill to transfer the existing Inland and Coastal Restriction Programs from DEM to DEQE. Although this transfer has been accomplished administratively, DEQE needs legislative authority to implement these programs effectively. The bill has been given a favorable report by the Committee on Natural Resources & Agriculture and has moved to the Senate. Now is the time to urge your Senator to support this essential housekeeping bill!



Technical Amendments to the Conservation Restriction Act - S 1082: Modernizes the Act to make it clear that restrictions can not be invalidated for old common law reasons, and that they are not invalid because a landowner may be allowed to construct or maintain a dwelling on a restricted parcel. Both MACC and The Trustees of Reservations filed similar bills, which are being combined under the number above. Both Reps and Senators need to hear your support.

An Act to Further Protect the Natural Resource Areas of the Commonwealth - H 4342: This bill, modeled after the federal "4-F" legislation, provides for the review of road construction or enlargement projects in publically owned or protected resource areas. Projects would not be approved unless the Secretary of Environmental Affairs determines that no feasible alternatives exist, and that all measures have been taken to minimize harm to the resource area. The bill has moved to the House after a favorable report from Natural Resources & Agriculture. Call your Rep.

Land Banks: This legislation allows (but does not require) municipalities to establish real estate transfer taxes to fund open space protection programs. MACC supports the statewide bill, H 2738, as well as legislation proposed by counties and individual communities for their own landbanks. Let your Representative and Senator know how essential this mechanism is for protecting open space throughout the Commonwealth.

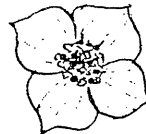
Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Act - S 1172: Establishes a comprehensive "cradle to grave" framework to manage low level waste and a step-by-step process to select the most environmentally sound facility. Creates a Management Board to oversee facility siting and operation, and Community Supervisory Committees to represent the interests of municipalities included in facility proposals. The bill assigns regulatory responsibilities to DEQE and the Dept. of Public Health, and provides extensive opportunities for

public participation. The bill, currently being considered by the Senate, is supported by a wide range of interests; call your Senator and Rep to make sure they are included.

Solid Waste Management - H 5501: Addresses short-term capacity shortfall as well as immediate and long-term groundwater pollution problems resulting from our current solid waste landfill disposal system. Establishes a framework to encourage reliance on a mix of management alternatives over the long-term including: source reduction and recycling, state-of-the-art landfills, and resource recovery facilities. Includes bond authorizations to fund a variety of grant programs, assessment of landfills, and monies for clean-up of hazardous and solid waste sites. The bill has been recommended favorably by Natural Resources & Agriculture and sent to House Ways & Means. Contact the Environmental Lobby of Mass. (ELM) at (617) 742-2553 for more information.

Hazardous Waste Management: Negotiations are ongoing to develop comprehensive legislation supportable by public interest groups, business interests, and the Administration, which addresses timely identification, assessment, containment, and clean-up of past hazardous waste dumpsites, and includes realistic deadlines, adequate funding mechanisms, and establishes implementable standards to protect the public health and environment. Contact ELM for more information.

MACC has also endorsed a hazardous waste clean-up initiative filed by MassPIRG as a means to spur timely action by the Administration and legislature. A companion bill, H 4002, also advocates an accelerated identification and clean up program and has received a favorable recommendation from Natural Resources & Agriculture. It is being considered by House Ways & Means. Call MassPIRG at (617) 423-1796 for more information.



Pesticide Reform Legislation - H 5424: Strengthens state pesticide regulation by making major changes to the Pesticide Control Act. This bill gives the Dept. of Public Health primary responsibility for assessing health risks of pesticide registrations, and creates an Office of Pest Management in EOEa with overall authority for pest management programs and policies. The bill contains important provisions to protect water resources and contains language strengthening control over herbicide applications under the Wetlands Protection Act. The Committee on Natural Resources & Agriculture is still holding hearings on the bill; contact Mass. Audubon at (617) 259-9500 for more information.

Tidelands Licensing - H 1531: Makes technical amendments to the Ch. 91 tidelands licensing process, broadening its applicability and improving its workability. These amendments would resolve administrative difficulties and reaffirm the legislature's commitment to this process as a means of making coastal development decisions. The bill is in Senate Ways & Means, but should be released soon for consideration by the full Senate. Urge your Senator to support passage.

URBAN (continued from page 1)

Attleboro: \$1,000,000 for the renovation of Capron Park Zoo.

Boston: \$1,161,500 which includes acquisition of Mission Hill as well as a Franklin Park golf course.

Cambridge: \$2,000,000 for a public recreational facility.

Haverhill: \$1,000,000 for the renovation of Riverside Park, providing a boat launch and new recreation facilities.

Newton: \$450,000 to establish a public canoe launching area along the Charles River.

North Adams: \$180,000 to repair the Knoll Field grandstand.

Northampton: \$750,000 to acquire 3 acres of downtown property which will be made into a walkway to connect with a greenbelt that was previously created with Urban Self-Help funds.

Pittsfield: \$425,700 to establish Burbank Park on the shores of a lake in town.

Plymouth: \$405,000 for the Cedarville Recreational Center.

Southwick: \$72,000 for the acquisition of 15 acres of property on Congamond Lake to be made into a public swimming area with parking and picnic facilities.

Springfield: \$1,000,000 for redevelopment of the Forest Park Zoo, including creation of a new children's zoo.

Taunton: \$229,500 for the acquisition of 4 acres along the Taunton River, providing a greenbelt walkway system on the riverfront complete with picnic facilities, parking, and a boat landing and dock area.

Wellfleet: \$326,030 to acquire 1.5 acres of property for a public outdoor sports and activity center.

NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR SENDING IN BOTH SELF-HELP AND URBAN SELF-HELP PROJECT PROPOSALS IS JULY 1, 1986. For additional information call or write the Division of Conservation Services, (617) 727-1552, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02202.

SAVE THE HARBOR; SAVE THE BAY

Five different studies on cleaning up Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay were made between 1900 and 1939, and in the forty years after World War II dozens of studies have been made. The harbor and bay have just gotten dirtier.

Save the Harbor; Save the Bay was formed in January to create a "noisy, vociferous, barely restrained intelligent mob" that will remain intolerant of further delays or unacceptable compromises, according to Ian Menzies, former Boston Globe columnist and now Senior Fellow at the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs. Menzies founded the organization with former Judge Paul G. Garrity and state Senator William B. Golden, both key figures in the original court proceedings to clean up the harbor.

An emergency declaration at the group's founding meeting, attended by more than 60 representatives of environmental organizations throughout New England, explained, "Save the Harbor; Save the Bay is a one-purpose grassroots organization committed to a cleanup of the harbor before the turn of the century as measured by a healthfully improved water quality; a quality improvement that will provide unrestricted swimming, free shellfish from contamination, and fin fish from cancerous growth."

A major public gathering is planned for this summer, probably over the July 4th weekend, to rally support for the cause of the cleanup. Art work has already been completed for nine large billboards that have been donated, and bumper stickers, flyers, and t-shirts with a newly designed logo are available. An office is being opened at 3 Joy St., Boston, MA 02108, and volunteers are being sought to help work towards restoring the harbor and bay. We encourage each conservation commission to lend support to this worthy cause. Call 742-SAVE for more information.

Polly Bradley, Nahant



WETLAND BOUNDARY BLITZ

Get out your mud boots! MACC, in cooperation with DEQE's Wetlands Division, will be blitzing the state this spring with a series of free wetland plant identification and boundary delineation training sessions. These Saturday training sessions, combining classroom and field instruction, are geared to provide conservation commissioners and staff valuable field experience in delineating both inland and coastal wetland boundaries. Several training sessions have been scheduled for each region of the state to allow for maximum participation. Check the training sessions listed below to find out when we'll be in your backyard. You won't want to miss this one!

Registration is limited to conservation commissioners and staff people and each session will be limited to 30 participants. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and pre-registration is required. There is a limit of one training session per person. Participants should bring a bag lunch, appropriate clothing, and waterproof boots.

WETLAND BOUNDARY DELINEATION TRAINING SESSIONS

All of the training sessions will be held on a Saturday from 8:30 a.m.- to 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the locations listed below at 8:30 a.m. Directions to all training session locations will be mailed separately. Call MACC if you have any questions.

- May 31 ^{10:00} Lakeville (DEQE Southeast Region Headquarters)
Palmer (Town Hall)
Reading (Town Hall Annex)
- June 7 ^{10:00} Harvard (Congregational Church)
Ipswich (Mass. Audubon Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary)
Marshfield (Mass. Audubon Shouth Shore Sanctuary)
- June 14 ^{10:00} Deerfield (South Deerfield Elementary School)
Leicester (Burncoat Park)
Norfolk (Mass. Audubon Stony Brook Sanctuary)
- June 21 Dalton (Community Hall)
Lakeville (DEQE Southeast Region Headquarters)
Westminster (Town Hall)

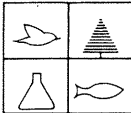
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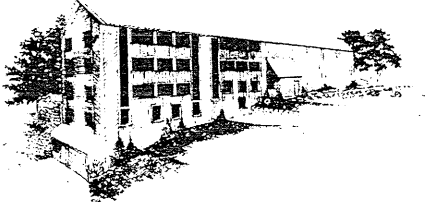
Name Martha T. Curtis Commission Milton
 Address 135 Elm Hill St. Milton Phone 696-2453
 Training Session Choice: (limit one per person)
 Location Lakeville
 Date June 21

Return registration forms to: MACC, Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

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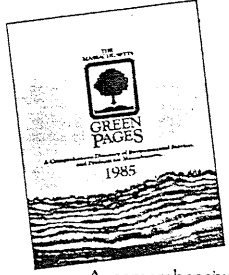
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The Supreme Judicial Court has agreed to hear the disastrous decision where it disallowed a conservation restriction in Medfield and, in the process, rendered invalid all CR's in which any building or maintenance of buildings are allowed. In the meantime, MACC and The Trustees of Reservations have filed corrective legislation to make sure it never happens again. The bill, S1082 (see article front page) is a legislative priority for MACC.

drained, dredged, filled, or otherwise manipulated so as to produce a commodity requiring annual tilling of the soil. The only general exemptions are for conversions already begun, conversions of flood control or irrigation ponds, and the raising of crops which can grow in wetlands (such as cranberries). Regulations are to be promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture in consultation with Interior; the program will apparently be carried out by the individual conservation districts.

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On the national level, the Federal Register for 1/14/86 carried final regulations for the federal tax deductibility of permanent conservation restrictions. The difficulty continues to be establishing a "clearly delineated governmental policy" to support the restriction. Joel Lerner of EOEFA plans a review board to improve the Mass. regulations. MACC will be represented.

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Converted wetlands are defined in this section as wetlands which have been

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