



The BEAT News

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the environment's best defense.

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[This Monday](#) we'll be taking to the woods for an extra invasive kiwi clip and pull in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We're really excited for this outing in partnership with Berkshire Community College. We invite you to join us to do good and get some fresh air!

As some of you may know, this February we'll once again host the legendary Sue Morse for a [series of wildlife tracking workshops](#) and a [presentation](#) in Pittsfield. These workshops are a great opportunity to get out in the field with an expert at a reasonable price. [Sign up here](#) and tell your friends!

That's it for now, folks,

Thank you for all you do to protect the environment,
Jane, Elia, Rose, Jake, and Elizabeth



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Lawmakers sign 'bold' climate bill

Over 80 House and Senate lawmakers have committed themselves early in the new session to a set of climate policy goals as Sen. Marc Pacheco and others get ready to file legislation next week that would require Massachusetts to speed its reduction of carbon emissions. [READ MORE](#)

Why recycling costs are piling up

BY SCOTT STAFFORD | THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

Two years after China began constricting the types of recyclable materials it will import from the U.S., the effects of that lost market are taking hold: While recycling was once a promising revenue stream for towns and cities, it has morphed into a cost center. [READ MORE](#)

Massachusetts attorney general seeks deeper review of need for natural gas projects in constrained areas

BY MAYA WEBER & GRANT GUNTER | S&P GLOBAL

The Massachusetts attorney general wants the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to delve deeper into whether a small Tennessee Gas Pipeline expansion is needed and how it would impact the state's ability to meet its greenhouse gas emissions goals. [READ MORE](#)

Insect repellent is killing salamanders that control mosquito numbers

BY CHRISSY SEXTON | EARTH.COM

A new study has revealed that insect repellents containing picaridin are potentially lethal to salamanders. For the first time, the researchers have found that the presence of these repellents in surface waters are actually increasing the numbers of adult mosquitoes by killing off salamanders, which provide mosquito control by feeding on the larvae. [READ MORE](#)

US Supreme Court refuses to block Exxon climate fraud investigation

BY DAVID HASEMYER | INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up ExxonMobil's latest attempt to block Massachusetts' investigation into whether the oil giant misled the public and investors about climate change. The decision clears the way for state Attorney General Maura Healey to force the company to turn over records as her office probes whether Exxon concealed its knowledge of the role fossil fuels play in global warming. [READ MORE](#)

Mink & Fisher Tracks

BY MARY HOLLAND | NATURALLY CURIOUS WITH MARY HOLLAND

As members of the weasel family (Mustelidae), Fishers and Mink have five toes on both front and back feet. Often all five digits do not register, but in prime tracking snow, you can sometimes see them. Typically, mink tracks are found near a body of water, and fisher tracks are found under a canopy, not in the open. Where you have

both water and trees, it's possible to see signs of both animals. [READ MORE](#)

Keep up with the fight against fossil fuels at the No Fracked Gas in Mass newsletter

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- [Science & Restoration Program Director](#) | Ipswich River Watershed Association | Ipswich, MA (posted June 1, 2018)
- [Executive Director](#) | Hilltown Families | Williamsburg, MA

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 8

- [Talking Cloth: Kangas from East Africa - Turners Falls](#)

JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 22

- [Homeschool Wilderness Skills Programs - Amherst](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- [Evaulation of PFAS for Potential Health Effects - Webinar](#)
- [Cutting Through the Noise: Successful Marketing Campaigns for Farms - Webinar](#)
- [NSmart Program Info - Webinar](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- [Deadline: Application for Citizens' Legislative Seminar in March](#)
- [Nice and Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough](#)
- [Balanced and Barefoot Lecture: unrestricted play for](#)

[strong children - Amherst](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- [Free A Tree! Invasive Kiwi Pull - Pittsfield](#)
- [Finding Your Way in Winter - Lanesborough](#)
- [Log Lunch: Capitalism & Climate Change: Problem or Solution - Williamstown](#)
- [Kidleidoscope Story Hour : Winter Bugs - Turners Falls](#)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- [Stump the Ranger! - Lanesborough](#)
- [Community Winter Clothing Swap - Pittsfield](#)
- [Ecological Gardening Series : Session 1 - West Stockbridge](#)
- [Wildlife Tracking at TurnPark - West Stockbridge](#)
- [CHP Walking Loop Winter Hike - Great Barrington](#)
- [Farmers Market - Great Barrington](#)
- [Animal Homes in Winter - Turners Falls](#)

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 9

- [Raptor Ramble - Berkshire County](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- [Cabin Fever Greylock Stories! - Lanesborough](#)
- [Spruce-Fir Boreal Forest Snowshoe Trek, Track, and Winter Ecology - Windsor](#)
- [ABNC Geology Division Meeting - Athol](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

- [Finding Your Way in Winter - Lanesborough](#)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- [Sustainable Food & Farming Online Classes](#)
- [Social Permaculture for Food Justice Online Course](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- [Winter Wildlife Tracking with Dave Brown - Northfield](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

- [Nice and Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough](#)
- [Wetlands Assessment and Field Techniques Course - Amherst](#)
- [Climate Change and Toxic Hazards: Before the Storm - Webinar](#)
- [Farming on the Wild Side - Regenerative Production Perennial Plantings - Webinar](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

- [Free A Tree! Invasive Kiwi Pull - Pittsfield](#)

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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR

January 9, 2019

Berkshire Index

- **Otis, Stockbridge, (and Blandford) - [Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate \(pdf\)](#)** – District 1 Culvert and Drainage Repair Project along Interstate 90 – posted 1/9/19
- **Western Massachusetts - [Notice of Public Hearings for Vegetation Management Plan \(Eversource\) \(pdf\)](#)** – posted 12/26/18
- **Cheshire - [Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project \(pdf\)](#) –**Stafford Hill WMA Habitat Project** will be conducted on the Stafford Hill Rd and Jenks Rd section of the WMA in Cheshire. The project is tailored to enhance wildlife habitat**

using mowing, timber harvesting, vegetation control, and prescribed fire techniques. - posted 12/26/18

Pioneer Valley Index

- **Agawam** - [Tennessee Gas Pipeline 261 Upgrade Projects](#) - DEIR - comments due 2/8/19
- **Easthampton** - [Ferry Street Mill Redevelopment](#) - ENF - comments due 1/29/19
- **Southampton** - [Manhan River Restoration Project](#) - ENF - comments due 2/8/19
- **Blandford (& Otis, Stockbridge)** - [Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate \(pdf\)](#) - District 1 Culvert and Drainage Repair Project along Interstate 90 - posted 1/9/19
- **Westfield** - [Westfield Turnpike Industrial Park](#) - Draft EIR - comments now due 1/4/2019
- **Hampden** - [Rockwell Pond Dredging](#) - ENF Certificate - Does not Require an Environmental Impact Report - issued 1/4/19
- **Amherst** - [Applied Golf Photovoltaic Power System](#) - ENF Certificate - Does not Require an Environmental Impact Report - issued 12/21/18
- **Northampton** - [Notice of Application for a Combined Chapter 91 License and 401 Water Quality Certification \(pdf\)](#) - **Paradise Pond at Smith College** - posted 12/26/18
- **Westborough** - [Notice of Tentative Determination to Issue Antidegradation Authorization for Proposed Cumberland Farms \(pdf\)](#) - posted 12/26/18
- **Western Massachusetts** - [Notice of Public Hearings for Vegetation Management Plan \(Eversource\) \(pdf\)](#) - posted 12/26/18

Statewide Index

- - [Notice regarding Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act \(MEPA\) project submittals \(pdf\)](#) - posted 1/9/19
 - [Notice of MASSDOT's Snow and Ice Program 6th Annual Report \(pdf\)](#) - posted 12/26/18
 - [Notice of Public Hearings for Vegetation Management Plan \(National Grid\) \(pdf\)](#) - posted 12/26/18
 - [Notice of Public Hearings for Vegetation Management Plan \(pdf\)](#) -
- National Grid proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way throughout Massachusetts** - comments due 1/18/19

PUBLIC NOTICES

We list public notices from a variety of sources, from conservation commissions and select boards to state and federal environmental agencies. These listings are for Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties. Listings are only posted if they are environmental in nature. You can find all public notices for Massachusetts [here](#).

[Public Notices](#)

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