



2017 State Legislative Priorities

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The overall goal of Mass Audubon's Office of Legislative Affairs is to identify and advance legislation that protects and stewards the nature of Massachusetts.

Climate Change

FY18 Operating Budget

Increase annual operating budget appropriations for programs which prepare citizens and infrastructure for the impacts of climate change in the Commonwealth

- Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Climate Change Adaptation

An Act Relative to a Climate Adaptation Management Plan in Response to Climate Change

- Establish and implement statewide climate preparedness priorities; increasing the resiliency of communities to the vulnerabilities associated with climate change; coordinate climate preparedness across state agencies.

Renewable energy supply portfolio in Massachusetts

- Increase the state's portfolio of renewable energy supply while maintaining healthy mix of home grown renewable sources such as solar and offshore wind.

Land Protection

FY18 Operating Budget

Advocate for 1% of the FY18 state operating budget for programs which protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife.

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

- Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP)

Division of Ecological Restoration

- Riverways Program

Department of Environmental Protection

- Wetlands Protection Program

Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR),

- State Parks and Recreation
- Blue Hills Trailside Museum

Community Preservation Act (CPA)

- Surplus funding continued

An Act to Sustain Community Preservation Act Funding

- Increase the portion of the deeds fee directed to the CPA state trust fund in order to sustain a healthy match for cities and towns.

An Act to Protect Pollinators

- Establish commission to investigate and study methods and solutions to protect and promote pollinators' health; include on commission individuals with expertise in the protection of pollinators, wildlife protection and expertise in native plants.