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## Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Inc.

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**Incorporation Year:** 1978

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**Mission Statement:** MACC protects Massachusetts natural resources through education, advocacy and support of conservation commissions.

**Needs Statement:** A) Upgrade our website and automate our member services functions. Approx \$15,000-20,000

B) Upgrade computer hardware, including new desktops and a server with back-up capabilities. Approx \$5,000-10,000

C) Adequate funding to fill a vacant half-time position Approx \$25,000 annually

D) Complete a new strategic plan in 2014. Approx \$3,000-5,000

E) Create a robust individual giving program.

**Impact Statement:** Achievements

We completely updated, revised, and enhanced with new features our premier publication, *Protecting Wetlands and Open Space: MACC's Environmental Handbook for Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners*. The Environmental Handbook is the legal, scientific, policy, and technical guide for protecting and preserving wetlands and open space in Massachusetts. It is the most indispensable resource for those serving on, working with, and appearing before conservation commissions in Massachusetts. The new, tenth edition, a year in the making, is current, online, interactive, and available by subscription.

We held the largest environmental conference in New England, with 750 participants, 44 exhibitors, and 27 educational workshops on numerous aspects of protecting wetlands and open space.

We provided our essential Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners training to more than 300 commissioners so they have basic knowledge they need to protect natural resources in their cities and towns. We now offer four of the eight fundamentals workshops as live webinars so people can learn from our experts online in the comfort of their home or office.

We provided more advanced training to 111 conservation commissioners and conservation agents throughout the state on topics such as wetlands delineation and soils identification.

More than 150 people attended our Fall Conference, this year about how to identify and manage the invasive plant species that are all too prevalent on our landscape and destructive of local ecosystems.

#### Goals

Exceed attendance of the previous annual conference and increase the number of workshops offered at our Annual Environmental Conference 2014

Complete the curriculum and materials and provide advanced erosion and sediment control trainings in various locations throughout the state to conservation commissioners and consultants

Create and put on a training conference on how to manage nuisance aquatic invasive plants and how that work can be permitted and conditioned under the Wetlands Protection Act

Fundraising for our work on climate change mitigation and adaptation

Upgrade our website and adopt online tools for our members to use

**Full-time Staff:** 3

**Volunteers:** 101

(excludes part-time staff)

#### Programs Detailed on Profile

Environmental Education and Training

Environmental Support

Environmental Advocacy

Projected Revenue: \$376,575.00

Projected Expenses: \$418,109.00

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	\$426,115	\$475,097	\$471,826
Total Expenses	\$386,396	\$406,460	\$415,130

**Top Funding Sources**

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--