



# CITY OF BOSTON

## THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Boston City Hall, Room 805 • Boston, MA 02201 • 617/635-3850 • FAX: 617/635-3435

**Boston Conservation Commission**  
**Local Wetlands Ordinance**  
**May 15, 2013**  
**7:15 PM**  
**City Hall, Room 801**

Please join us to continue the development of Boston's first Local Wetlands Ordinance!  
This week we will be discussing:

### **Sea Level Rise and the Local Wetlands Ordinance**

- Overview of Sea Level Rise (SLR)
- Impacts
- Values, Functions, and Resources Affected
- Goals
- Options for Protecting our Resources

RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
2013 MAY - 8 A 9 54  
BOSTON, MA

Three additional public meetings will be held to discuss different aspects of the Local Wetlands Ordinance. They will take place during the next three regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meetings after the individual public hearings are closed.

- June 5** Protecting Additional Resource Areas & Values
- June 19** Impacts of the Local Wetlands Ordinance
- July 10** Fees & Fines and Next Steps

**Visit our website to learn more:**

**<http://www.cityofboston.gov/environment/Conservation/wetlands.asp>**

### **Why are we developing a Local Wetlands Ordinance?**

- Superstorm Sandy and other recent events have highlighted the fact that coastal cities are vulnerable to the effects of climate change and must be prepared for a future that will bring more and more coastal flooding.
- Massachusetts municipalities can enact local wetlands ordinances (LWO) that provide greater authority to protect more resource areas, protect existing resources to a greater degree, and consider how future conditions will affect resource areas. A carefully prepared LWO is a critical component of the plan to make Boston more resilient to projected changes in the climate.
- In February of 2013, Mayor Thomas M. Menino asked the administration, with guidance from the Conservation Commission, to draft a Local Wetlands Ordinance proposal that would address the impacts of climate change on the relationship between the natural and built environments.