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**Boston Conservation Commission
Local Wetlands Ordinance
June 19, 2013
7:00 PM
City Hall, Room 801**

Please join us to continue the development of Boston's first Local Wetlands Ordinance!
At this listening session we will be reviewing:

Protecting Additional Functions, Values, and Resource Areas

The final listening session will take place during the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting after the individual public hearings are closed.

July 10 Impacts of the LWO and Next Steps

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<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.

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