



CITY OF BOSTON

THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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**Boston Conservation Commission
Local Wetlands Ordinance
May 1, 2013
6:00-6:30 PM
City Hall, Room 801**

Please join us to kick off the development of Boston's first Local Wetlands Ordinance!

Brian Swett, City of Boston Chief of Environmental & Energy Services, and Carl Spector, Executive Director of the Air Pollution Control Commission, will talk about the role the Conservation Commission can play in preparing for climate change.

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

May 15 • June 5 • June 19 • July 10

Details regarding meeting times and the topics to be covered at these meetings to be announced.

For the Commission,

Stephanie Krueel, Executive Secretary

- 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.