



Friends of Myles Standish State Forest

4th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn 4 Home Depot Drive, Plymouth

The MSSF is at the heart of the second largest unbroken tract of pitch-pine barrens remaining in the world and is home to rare species of plants and animals. The forest is subject to a number of stressors, including, invasive plants, development of surrounding areas and an ever-increasing need for recreational opportunities. Climate change is now a significant factor adding to this list of stressors. How is climate projected to change for southeastern Massachusetts? What is the appropriate management response for the Forest? Eric Walberg, senior program leader in Manomet Center For Conservation Sciences' Climate Change and Energy program, will discuss current and projected climate change impacts in New England, ecosystem vulnerabilities, and the challenge of adapting to climate change.

Please join your Friends for an evening that should prove as rewarding as it is enjoyable. You will enjoy a light supper, learn more about the Forest in the context of the region, and meet other like-minded folks who care about the environment and the community as much as you do.

Advance tickets are \$15 each, when purchased before May 1. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door. *Please continue your support of MSSF by renewing your membership today and by attending the Annual Meeting.*

Annual Meeting Schedule

- 6:00 p.m. Reception: Hilton Garden Inn's Great American Grill, light supper/optional cash bar
- 7:00 p.m. Meeting - Hilton Garden Inn Meeting Room

Meeting Agenda:

- Highlights of the year's accomplishments and the election of officers.
- Presentation of the *Friends of Myles Standish State Forest Volunteer of the Year Award*. This year's recipient is Robert Bentley of Carver for his 30+ years of volunteerism in the MSSF.
- Recognition of our DCR partners whose support we greatly appreciate!
- Guest Speaker Eric J. Walberg - *Planning for Global Climate Change in Southeastern Massachusetts*.



Mr. Eric J. Walberg, AICP

Guest Speaker: Eric J. Walberg, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), joined the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences as the Senior Program Leader for Climate Change and Energy in June of 2010. He is currently managing Manomet's climate change adaptation efforts. Eric has worked for many years to improve the integration of urban and environmental planning in both local and regional contexts.

**To Purchase tickets on line go to www.friendsmssf.com or mail check to:
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