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Dear Conservation Partner,

Enclosed in this package are materials related to the new BioMap, an online map and resource center recently released by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and the Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The new BioMap will serve as a powerful tool to assist cities and towns with proactive conservation planning and actions that will benefit both nature and people. Please share these materials with any departments in your town, such as a conservation commission or open space committee, that are interested in open space, natural areas, wildlife, biodiversity, land and water conservation, stewardship, or natural resource management. We invite you to explore the new BioMap and its associated resources by visiting Mass.gov/BioMap.

For more than 20 years, BioMap has been an essential tool for proactive and high-impact conservation. The newest BioMap incorporates enhanced knowledge of biodiversity and habitats as well as new understandings of how to ensure that natural systems are more resilient in the face of climate change. What makes this new edition of BioMap particularly important for municipalities is the inclusion of local landscape, habitat, and species information, which provides each municipality new insights into the important areas they uniquely have the power to protect.

With the goal of providing support to more communities in the Commonwealth, MassWildlife is offering technical assistance for anyone interested in using BioMap. We offer a variety of opportunities including webinars, answering questions via email, and consultation meetings.

If your conservation commission, open space committee, or other local governing body is interested in more information or technical assistance for BioMap, please email natural.heritage@mass.gov or call (508) 389-6360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Everose Schlüter".

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