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## **Barnstable Land Trust Welcomes Kelsey Ellis as Director of Development**

*West Barnstable, MA* - Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) recently welcomed Kelsey Ellis as their new Director of Development. Kelsey will oversee the fundraising and development efforts supporting new land acquisition campaigns, stewardship activities, special projects, community programming, and ongoing operations.

“We are very excited to have Kelsey join our team, especially as we prepare to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year” says Janet Milkman, Barnstable Land Trust’s Executive Director. “Kelsey’s experience and reputation in the philanthropic and business communities will be invaluable in supporting our continued efforts to preserve and protect the Town of Barnstable’s natural assets and special places.”

Kelsey most recently worked at The Davenport Companies, serving as the Event Director for Seaside Le Mans, an annual fundraising event held at Mashpee Commons that benefits the local nonprofit community, while she also supported the company’s philanthropic, marketing and business development projects. Previously, her work at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in New York City included fundraising millions of dollars as the Campaign Director for their annual Light the Night Walk campaign.

A Brewster resident, Ellis graduated from Boston University’s College of Communication with honors and has been recognized as a Cape & Plymouth Business 40 Under 40 awardee. She also volunteers her time with Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands as part of her ongoing commitment to supporting the local community.

“I welcome the opportunity to be part of Barnstable Land Trust as challenges like climate change, water quality, and development are impacting the fragility of our environment,” said Ellis. “I am particularly excited to expand the network of philanthropic partners who value the impact that BLT has made in preserving and protecting our natural resources while also connecting people to the land in new ways.”

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**Barnstable Land Trust (BLT)** is a community-supported, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources in the Town of Barnstable and nearby areas. BLT has protected 1,100 acres in the Town of Barnstable and supported the Town in conserving over 11,000 more. As a regional leader in collaborative land preservation and stewardship, community engagement, training, and advocacy, BLT also leverages its conservation expertise to inform local public decisions as they impact our ecosystems, community health, well-being, and quality of life. To learn more about BLT, visit the website at <http://www.BLT.org> or call 508-771-2585. To view one of their free trail guides (*Barnstable Trail Guide*, *Cape Cod Pathways/Barnstable Trail Guide*, and *Eagle Pond & Little River Sanctuary Trail Guide*), click [here](#); to learn more about their *Words in the Wild* poetry initiative on the trails click [here](#).