



All Massachusetts' drivers have a unique opportunity to safeguard the Commonwealth's waterways by selecting a "Preserve the Trust" environmental license plate. These are the **only** specialty plates that **exclusively** benefit the environment. Proceeds from the sale of the plates have funded more than \$17 million in environmental protection and education projects throughout the Commonwealth. From Provincetown to Pittsfield, approximately \$1 million in grants is awarded annually to fund a diverse array of environmental efforts.

Grants from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust have been used to: find sources of pollution, restore marine and freshwater habitat, protect endangered species, monitor water quality throughout the state, educate students on environmental issues, and much more.

Did you know?

- Massachusetts has over 1,500 miles of coastline
- There are 30 major river systems in Massachusetts
- Massachusetts is home to 25 federally endangered and threatened species

It is easy, convenient and affordable to support important environmental projects across the Commonwealth. Just purchase one of the MET plates and renew every two years. A portion of your fee is tax-deductible. The plates feature eye-catching designs representing the coasts, lakes and rivers, and working waterfronts of Massachusetts.

To learn more, please visit the Trust's web site at www.MassEnvironmentalTrust.org or to purchase your environmental specialty plate visit your local Registry of Motor Vehicles or log on to www.mass.gov/rmv and select "Order Special Plates"

The initial registration fee for your new plate is: \$36;

The special plate fee is: \$40 (\$28 is tax-deductible; \$12 is to manufacture the plate);

Total First time cost of your Environmental Specialty Plates: \$76

Renewal Fee: \$81 every 2 years (\$40 is tax-deductible)

Right Whale & Roseate Terns



Offered since 1994, this popular plate features the fluke of a northern right whale and two roseate terns. The North Atlantic Right Whale is the state marine mammal and the world's most



endangered large whale. Roseate terns are native to Massachusetts and also endangered. Both of these animals are federally recognized endangered species and are dependent upon healthy Massachusetts ecosystems for their survival.

Leaping Brook Trout

This second plate was introduced in 1998. The waterways of central and western Massachusetts are represented by the image of a brook trout. A native to the state's western streams, this popular game fish serves as a symbol of both the pristine water in which it thrives, and the recreational benefits of a healthy environment.



Blackstone Valley Mill

The Blackstone Valley, running through the central part of the state, was the birthplace of the American industrial revolution. Offered since 1999, the Blackstone Valley Mill Plate reminds us that that our environmental focus must include more than whales and habitat protection. This plate highlights the need to restore our urban rivers and streams to enhance their ecology and improve the health of riverfront communities.

