



### **A new look and some new opportunities!**

Notice anything... different? That's right, it finally snowed enough to look like winter and build Frosty here, and I'm trying on a new interface for sharing these updates with you! Hopefully that doesn't mean that they will now end up in your spam folder... I wouldn't want you to miss hearing about any of these great upcoming workshops, funding opportunities, trainings, and resources that we are continuing to share and develop, tailored to your needs!

### **Current Funding Opportunities**

**[Long Island Sound Futures Fund](#)** is now open!

Grants ranging from \$50k - \$1.5M will be available for habitat restoration, resilience, water quality improvements, outreach projects, and more! *To get feedback on your project idea, fill out [this form](#) and send to [LISFF23@nfwf.org](mailto:LISFF23@nfwf.org) by April 14, 2023.*

**[National Coastal Resilience Fund](#)**

**RFP is now open!** This grant program supports projects that will result in the creation and/or restoration of natural systems to increase the resilience of communities from coastal hazards and improve habitats for fish and wildlife species. Funding is available for: 1) Community Capacity Building and Planning; 2) Site Assessment and Preliminary Design; 3) Final Design and Permitting; and 4) Restoration Implementation.

**[See our comprehensive list of current and upcoming funding opportunities here!](#)**

**Need help with your grant application?**

## Apply to the [Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program](#)

Open to municipalities and community organizations, this funding opportunity facilitates the hiring of grant preparation and writing support to assist with the development of a grant application for sustainability and resilience-focused projects within the LIS coastal boundary. Up to \$9,950 in funding is available per application and match is not required!

[Visit the CT Sea Grant website](#) for program details.

Review the updated [FAQ Document](#) and [Example Application](#) for further guidance.

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## Upcoming Events

### Long Island Sound Futures Fund Webinar for CT & NY applicants

*March 15, 2023, 1:30-3:00 PM*

[REGISTER FOR WEBINAR](#)

### Long Island Sound Futures Fund [in-person](#) Regional Workshops:

Ask questions and connect with other applicants!

- **Hartford, CT: "Where to Begin? Navigating CT Grant Opportunities" with Throwing Environmental**

*March 27, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm*

[REGISTER FOR HARTFORD WORKSHOP](#)

- **Groton, CT**

*March 28, 2023, 9:30am - 11:00am*

[REGISTER FOR GROTON WORKSHOP](#)

- **New Haven, CT**

*March 28, 2023, 2:00pm-3:30pm*

[REGISTER FOR NEW HAVEN WORKSHOP](#)

- **Bridgeport, CT**

*March 29, 2023, 9:30am-11:00am*

[REGISTER FOR BRIDGEPORT WORKSHOP](#)

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## Work with us! Help share these job opportunities:

Connecticut Sea Grant has just announced openings for three extension positions!

- **Nature-based Approaches to Resilience**

The successful candidate will work in collaboration with federal and state agencies, municipal entities, and communities, along with partner organizations, to foster and improve exchanges of knowledge to better identify the diverse needs of communities, including their response to increasing threats to coastal resources associated with climate change, and to increase the public's understanding of changing conditions, hazards, and related impacts. [Apply here!](#)

- **Sustainable & Resilient Communities - Eastern CT**

The successful candidate will coordinate and collaborate with the four other Extension professionals in CT and NY to efficiently and effectively achieve the goals of the LISS Sustainable and Resilient Communities five-year work plan. [Apply here!](#)

- **Long Island Sound Study Outreach Coordinator**

The successful candidate will work to increase appreciation, stewardship, awareness, and understanding of Long Island Sound and efforts to restore and protect it. Special emphasis is on educational programs for diverse communities and stakeholders that lead to the protection and restoration of Long Island Sound's natural resources. [Apply here!](#)

- **Program Director**

Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) is seeking a Program Director to manage new Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund. See the [full announcement here](#).



Read the [Winter 2023 issue](#) of Sound Matters, the Long Island Sound Study's newsletter.

## New Hazard Mitigation Planning & Water Resource Management Module Now Available



### *Creating Co-Benefits Through Hazard Mitigation Planning and Water Resource Management*

The US Environmental Protection Agency recently announced a new Hazard Mitigation and Water Resource Management Module available through the [Watershed Academy](#). Planning, water quality, and hazard mitigation professionals that are interested in integrating water quality issues and/or nature-based solutions into state or local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) are encouraged to participate.

Modules in this series include case studies and can be used as training tools to help planners and water resource managers explore activities of mutual interest and benefit. Visit [www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/hazard-mitigation-module](http://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/hazard-mitigation-module) to begin the course!

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