



Long Island Sound Study
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



Summer 2023 - Western & Eastern CT



Meet Our New Extension Professional for Eastern CT!

Hello Coastal Connecticut Community!

We hope you're enjoying the warm (ok, very hot) weather and cooling off down by the Long Island Sound. We're thrilled to introduce the newest member of our SRC Extension Professional team, **Sarah Schechter**! A Connecticut native, Sarah brings a wealth of experience in environmental policy and management and a passion for building resilient communities. With her expert knowledge of planning for climate resilience and flooding throughout the state, she has developed a strong understanding of the diverse needs of Connecticut communities and is ready to make waves in our efforts towards sustainability and resilience. Sarah will be covering eastern coastal CT, and you can reach her at sarah.schechter@uconn.edu. Please join us in welcoming her!



New and Upcoming Funding Opportunities

New Match Funding Program for Aquisition!

Are you looking for more funding to reclaim coastal lands? We have fantastic news for you! The EPA

Long Island Sound Study is providing additional match to land trusts and municipalities for coastal land acquisition. Applications must go through the [Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition \(OSWA\) grant program](#) and these funds can be combined with OSWA to cover up to 90% of project costs!

It's Good to Know NOAA

NOAA currently has SEVEN open funding opportunities related to coastal and/or climate resilience! See our [funding opportunities list](#) for a short description of each.

[NOAA 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Competition](#)

Letters of Intent due November 30, 2023

[NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#)

Letters of Intent due August 21, 2023

[NOAA CZM Habitat Protection and Restoration BIL Competition](#)

Letters of Intent due August 14, 2023

[NOAA NERRS Habitat Protection and Restoration BIL Competition](#)

Letters of Intent due August 14, 2023

[NOAA Ocean-Based Climate Resilience Accelerators](#)

Submissions due September 11, 2023

[NOAA Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#)

Submissions due October 16, 2023

[NOAA Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#)

Submissions due November 8, 2023

A Forest of Opportunities is Growing...

[CT DEEP Urban & Community Forestry Planning Grant](#)

The Urban and Community Forestry Planning Grant Program offers funding for municipalities and non-profit organizations to pursue planning projects such as tree inventories, management plans, or other monitoring programs that will help communities to make informed management decisions. *The anticipated release will be this Fall!*

[CT DEEP Forest Equity Grant](#)

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, historic funding is available to municipalities, nonprofits, and other eligible organizations to increase equitable access to

Need help with your grant application?

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

A reminder for all the grant seekers out there: Our Grant Writing Assistance Program is here to help you! If you have ideas for enhancing the sustainability and resilience of Long Island Sound but need a little extra support to make it happen, don't hesitate to reach out.

Through this program, you can hire a consultant of your choice (or select one from our list) to assist with various aspects of grant writing including budgeting, cost-benefit analysis, narrative development, mapping, application preparation, and/or submission.

Municipalities and community orgs: let's get your resilience-focused projects funded! Up to \$9,950 in funding is available per application (no match required).

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

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

trees and the benefits they provide in disadvantaged communities throughout Connecticut. To be eligible, applicants must be municipalities or 501(c)3 organizations working in disadvantaged communities. *This opportunity is planned for release in Fall/Winter 2023!*

Looking for more?

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

Upcoming Event

2023 NEAPMS Plant Camp

Learn how to "weed out" freshwater invasive plants at Plant Camp! Join the CT National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society (NEAMPS), and Project Oceanology for this three-day event September 12-14th at UConn's Avery Point Campus in the Project O Building. Through this interactive freshwater invasive plants workshop, resource managers, NGOs, and academics will learn how to identify, sample, and monitor these invaders, as well as discover effective ways to control their spread. The cost (including lodging and meals) is \$150 and scholarships are available. Space is limited!



[**Register and find more details here!**](#)

Announcements

Awardees of CT DEEP Climate Resilience Fund Announced!

In June, Governor Ned Lamont announced the results of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (CT DEEP) inaugural [**Climate Resilience Fund**](#). Eight Resilience Planning Grants and thirteen Resilience Projects were awarded a total of \$8.8 million. The grant awards focus on various projects to address environmental challenges and enhance overall climate resilience in various Connecticut communities. The projects include studies on stormwater flooding, engineering analyses for shoreline and transportation infrastructure, development of nature-based green infrastructure, and flood mitigation measures.

These funds are intended to cue up a pipeline of projects to be shovel-ready and competitive for the influx of federal resources related to climate resilience.

[**Get inspired by the list of climate resilience plans and projects here!**](#)

Job Opportunity: Director of Coastal Resilience

SoundWaters, an environmental education nonprofit based in Stamford, CT, is seeking a Director of Coastal Resilience. This position will involve leading and creating a portfolio of coastal resiliency projects that 1) improve the Sound, 2) engage the public, and 3) provide opportunities for student learning.

[**See the full position description and apply here!**](#)

Job Opportunity: Environmental Protection Seasonal Resource

Assistant

Are you fluent in Spanish or Mandarin? Do you love working outdoors? You could use your skills to bring more voices to fishing resource management through this Marine Fisheries Program position with CT DEEP! This seasonal position will help build connections with non-English speaking anglers across Connecticut. [Learn more and apply here!](#)

Help spread the word by sharing these flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish!](#)

Sound Update: 2022 in Review

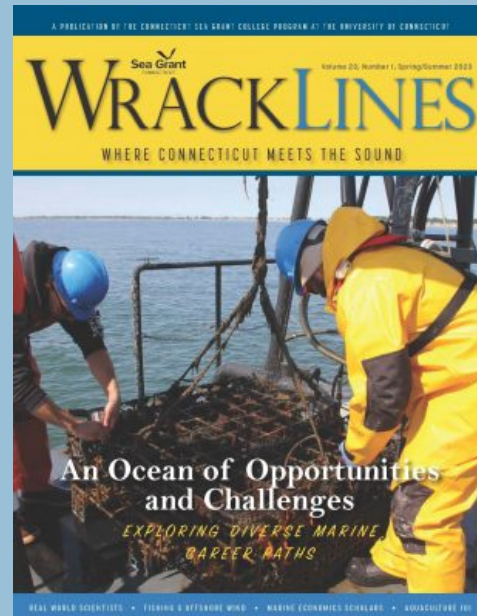
Dive into the newest issue of the Long Island Sound Study's [Sound Update](#), which reviews progress in 2022! It features a handy map of projects funded by the Long Island Sound Futures Fund. This issue touches on many themes relevant to Connecticut's coastal communities including cultivating ribbed mussels for bioextraction, the latest updates on the Great Meadows Marsh project, and a touching tribute to the late Dr. Jennifer Mattei.



An Ocean of Opportunities and Challenges: Exploring Diverse Marine Career Paths

The latest edition of Connecticut Sea Grant's award-winning *Wrack Lines* Magazine is hot off the press! Articles include stories of hands-on researchers, a new aquaculture training course, the perspectives of commercial fishermen on offshore wind development and scholars seeking to better understand how human and natural systems work together.

[Peruse the Spring-Summer 2023 issue here!](#)



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