



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



Sustainable & Resilient Communities

April 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



Making 'Cents' of Resilience Funding

We heard from you that it can be hard to navigate all of the resilience-related funding opportunities; that's why we organized the recent Sustainable and Resilient Communities Regional Funding Workshops this March in eastern CT (Groton) and western CT (Bridgeport). The workshops brought together 86 attendees representing a diverse range of stakeholders including state and other funding agencies, municipal officials, local nonprofits, regional planning entities, conservation organizations, and academic institutions.

The workshops provided a platform for productive discussions on funding strategies, allowing attendees to vet project ideas and gain insights. Participants shared that they appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with both funders and experienced award recipients to hear their perspectives on resilience project planning and funding.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to making this workshop a success! We look forward to offering a similar event again in the future!

Materials can be accessed below/via the LIS Resilience Resource Hub:

[Resources Document](#)

[SRC Regional Funding Workshop - Eastern CT](#)

[SRC Regional Funding Workshop - Western CT](#)

Upcoming Events

[SustainableCT Virtual Coffee Hour](#)

Register today for the SustainableCT virtual coffee hour to hear more about the Long Island Sound Futures Fund, the new **[Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub](#)**, and the **[SRC Grant Writing Assistance program](#)**!



April 19, 2024 | 10:00am

LIS Futures Fund Feedback Sessions

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's **Long Island Sound Futures Fund** supports projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. This annual funding opportunity typically opens in early March and applications are due in May. NFWF staff will be available at the following times to provide one-to-one feedback on project ideas with applicants.

February 13 - April 25, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays

[Book a session here!](#)

2024 Long Island Sound Research Conference

The Long Island Sound Research Conference will happen on **May 15, 2024** in Port Jefferson, NY and will have presentations about the four themes: Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds, Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife, Sustainable and Resilient Communities, and Sound Science and Inclusive Management.

[Register](#) by April 21, 2024 | May 15, 2024

CT Land Use Commissioner Training

The UConn CLEAR Land Use Academy will be hosting a Land Use Commissioner Training this month including information on Zone Change and Regulation Amendments v. Special Permit v. Site Plan. This is part of an ongoing series of monthly webinars. Check out the **[UConn Clear Training Calendar](#)** for more information.

April 18, 2024 | 12:00pm - 12:40pm

Funding Opportunities

Now you can browse and filter funding opportunities through our [Funding Database on the LIS Resilience Resource Hub!](#)

NEW

Coastal Ecosystems Climate Resilience

This EPA grant program is seeking projects that propose research to 1) characterize, quantify, and define indicators or metrics of resilience for various types of coastal ecosystems, especially those ecosystems that have climate mitigation and adaptation and/or blue (ocean-stored) carbon sequestration potential; and 2) develop methods and approaches to advance economic valuation of resilience benefits provided by coastal ecosystems.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program is funding projects that advance protection of healthy watersheds through continued efforts of accelerating and expanding the strategic protection of healthy freshwater, estuarine, and marine ecosystems and their watersheds across the country.

Application Deadline: May 10, 2024

2024 Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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Submissions Due May 13, 2024

****DUE SOON****

[Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production \(UAIP\) Grants Program](#)

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service has announced this competitive grant program to help support the development of urban agriculture and innovation production.

Submissions Due April 9, 2024

[2024 National Coastal Resilience Fund](#)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund will invest in projects focused on community capacity building and planning, site assessment and preliminary design, final design and permitting, and/or restoration implementation.

Pre-Proposals Due April 10, 2024

[CT DEEP Urban Forest Equity Grant Program](#)

From tree plantings, to invasive species management, to urban food forests and so much more, this grant program will support urban and community forest projects that increase equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide in marginalized communities.

Applications are due April 17, 2024

Long Island Sound Grant Writing Support

Remember, the **Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program** is available! [Learn more here.](#)

This program assists with the development of sustainability and resilience focused projects that impact communities in the [LIS coastal boundary](#).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (as funding allows).

No match required!

[Access the Request for Proposals here!](#)

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) see the [FAQ Document](#).

[Apply Here](#)

Sound Bites

[LIS Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Updates](#)

The Long Island Sound Study team has been working on updates to our Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and we want to hear from you!

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and subscribe to CCMP revision updates to help steer conservation funding decisions for the next 10 years. Check out this [link](#) to see how you can stay in the loop and contribute to the conversation.

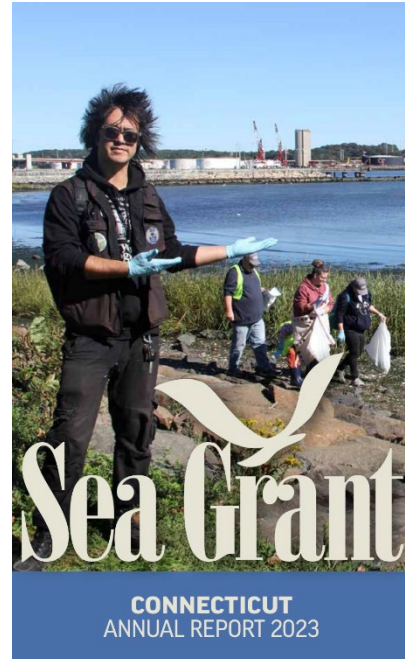
[2023 Connecticut Sea Grant Annual Report Summary](#)

Interested in what we've been up to?

Check out the Connecticut Sea Grant Annual Report to see the 2023 highlights on funding, research investments, and projects in: fisheries and aquaculture, environmental literacy, workforce development, resilient communities, and coastal ecosystems and watersheds.



other topics.



[The Shellfish Floating Upweller System \(FLUPSY\)](#) is one of the newest videos in the Connecticut Aquaculture [Video Series](#). Learn more about FLUPSY in this video and check out the series for a variety of

Urban Waters Restart the Reef

The Sound School will be hosting the Urban Waters Restart the Reef on May 4, 2024 8:30am - 4:30pm at 60 South Water Street, New Haven, CT 06519. Only \$10.00 to sign up for the action-packed day of hands-on learning with local experts.



Connecticut Greenspace Survey

UConn's Landscape Architecture Program has initiated an online survey aimed at collecting insights from Connecticut residents about their interactions with green spaces and their views on family and community resilience. The goal is to find ways to improve access to and utilization of green spaces, thereby reinforcing the resilience and overall well-being of our Connecticut communities

Newsletters Archive

Don't miss out on opportunities and check out this link to see past newsletters [here](#).

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