



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

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



May 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



Revising the Plan for Long Island Sound

This month you have a once-in-a-decade opportunity to help the Long Island Sound! Our 2015 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) is undergoing revision, and our public engagement sessions are YOUR opportunity to help steer conservation funding decisions for the next 10 years. The events at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven (pictured above) cultivated lots of thoughtful input and dialogue, and we hope to continue that energy at the upcoming sessions (details below!). Come help us consider new

program name options, review our proposed goals and objectives, and share what you'd like to see included!

[Learn more about the CCMP Revision](#)

Upcoming Events



Long Island Sound Study CCMP Public Engagement Sessions

The Long Island Sound Study is inviting residents of communities near Long Island Sound and throughout the watershed to attend an in-person or virtual public engagement session in May to learn about the challenges facing the Sound and the progress being made in its restoration. Attendees will be able to provide comments on what issues are important to them, which will be used to revise the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, or CCMP, in 2025.

In-person Sessions:

- NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources, Kings Park, NY
Wednesday, May 22 | 2:30–4:30pm | [Register](#)
Wednesday, May 22 | 6–8pm | [Register](#)
- Alley Pond Environmental Center, Queens, NY
Tuesday, May 28 | 2–4pm | [Register](#)
Tuesday, May 28 | 6–8pm | [Register](#)

Remote Sessions:

- **Saturday, May 11 | 1:00–2:30pm | [Register](#)**
- **Tuesday, May 14 | 3:00–4:30pm | [Register](#)**
- **Tuesday, May 14 | 7:00–8:30pm | [Register](#)**

How Will Climate Change Impact Connecticut?

Continued changes to the climate around the world and in Connecticut are inevitable – the consequences of these changes, or climate impacts, are being experienced by Connecticut residents today and will continue to evolve in the coming decades. Join CT Sea Grant and UConn's Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) for this webinar where you can learn more about what it might be like to live here in the future. The Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub website – featuring tools to help communities learn, plan, and implement climate resilient strategies – will also be highlighted.



May 22 | 1:00–2:00pm | [Register](#)

SCRCOG Municipal Grant Training Initiative

SCRCOG offers technical grant assistance and training as a regional service to their member municipalities. The next grants training, "***Best practices for project management after a grant has been awarded***" is being offered both in-person and online.

June 11 | 10:30am–12:00pm | [Register](#)

Funding Opportunities

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

Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition

This EPA program will fund climate and air quality planning activities at U.S. ports; including emissions inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification, all of which will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions operations over time.

Application Deadline: May 28, 2024

Nationwide Fishing Trap Removal, Assessment, and Prevention (TRAP) Opportunity

Using funding from the NOAA Marine Debris Program provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science will award grants to remove derelict fishing traps throughout coastal waterways of the United States while collecting data to prevent future gear loss.

Application Deadline: May 30, 2024

Community Investment Fund 2030 - Round 5

Connecticut's Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF) will foster economic development in historically underserved communities across Connecticut. CIF will provide a total of up to \$875 million to eligible municipalities as well as not-for-profit organizations and community development corporations that operate within them.

SharePoint Folder Request Deadline: June 14, 2024

Application Deadline: June 21, 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](#)

Resilience Roles

SHUCKS with Sixpenny: Sharing Hands-on Understanding and Cultivating Knowledge on Shellfish

Two part-time, seasonal, training experience opportunities are now available with Sixpenny Oyster Farm in the village of Noank, in Groton. The positions are sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and CT Sea Grant.

Audubon: Senior Manager, Coastal Resilience

The Senior Manager, Coastal Resilience will be responsible for leading Audubon's efforts to restore, enhance, and manage priority coastal habitats for

the benefit of salt marsh-dependent bird species and to increase coastal resilience on Long Island. The position is part of the Audubon Connecticut and New York conservation team and will be based at the Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Oyster Bay, NY.

Sound Bites

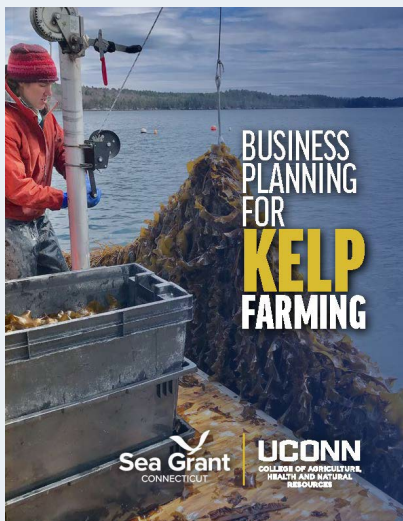
Want to assist with understanding flooding and power outage issues in Connecticut?

UConn PhD Candidate Samjhana Koirala (working with Dr. Kimberly Rollins in the Dept. of Agriculture and Resource Economics) is looking for insights from Connecticut residents to help shape a study that will assess local concerns about the effects of extreme weather on households. If you are interested to learn more and possibly volunteer, please [contact the researcher here!](#)

[Business Planning for Kelp Farming](#)

The kelp industry asked, and Sea Grant listened! This guide and resource listing for new and prospective kelp farmers, is linked to a flexible financial model (worksheet) which will allow users to see dollars-and-cents impacts of their plans as they evolve. The guidebook was written by Tammy Warner, professor of management at Keene State University, and Robert Pomeroy, extension specialist emeritus at CT Sea Grant, under the direction of Anoushka Concepcion, CTSG associate extension educator who focuses on seaweed aquaculture.

The project was funded by CT Sea Grant and the UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.



[Download Business Planning for Kelp Farming here.](#)

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