



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

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



July 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



[Year in Review: Long Island Sound 2023](#)

Interested in learning about what we've been up to? 2023 was a busy year for the Long Island Sound Study! \$12 million was awarded to 39 projects through Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grants and we've witnessed the incredible ways these funds have been used. During the last reporting period it was noted that 232,932 people engaged in Long Island Sound education initiatives, 1,143,882 gallons of stormwater was treated through green infrastructure projects, and 1,409 volunteers participated in restoration and stewardship opportunities. This is just a snapshot of the great work that was completed in 2023, and if you're interested in learning more, check out the [Long Island Sound Study Year in Review](#).

Funding Opportunities

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

RFP for Climate Resilience and/or Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Climate Planning Services

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) has issued a request for proposals (RFP) [DEEP06242024CM](#) to select qualified consulting firm(s) to assist DEEP in technical support for Core Services A concerning Climate Resilience and/or Core Services B related to Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Climate Planning.

Refer questions to Katrina Vallet at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov | 860-827-2668.
Proposals are due on July 24, 2024

Transaction Assistance Grant (TAG) Program

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council's Transaction Assistance Grant (TAG) Program seeks to accelerate the pace of land conservation by providing financial assistance to land trusts for transaction-related project costs. TAG responds to immediate conservation needs and is designed to get funding on the ground efficiently and effectively. Applications for TAG grants are accepted monthly, with applications due on the last day of a given month as long as funds are available.

Application Deadline: July 31, 2024 (monthly)

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program

Available through the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and US DOT, the RCP makes awards on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2024

Healthy Communities Grant Program for New England

EPA New England's main competitive grant program works directly with communities to reduce environmental risks to protect and improve human health and the quality of life. A Water Infrastructure Program is included.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

Information Sessions: Jul 16, Aug 14, Sep 10, and Oct 2, 2024

Long Island Sound Grant Writing Support

Do you wish you could have some help preparing a competitive grant application? How about help that is FREE to you with *no match requirement*? If that sounds good to you, check out the **Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program!** [Learn more here.](#)

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

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

Review answers to [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) here.](#)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (as funding allows). Click the orange button below to review our EASY, five-question application form!

[Apply Here](#)

Upcoming Events

[Plastic Free July with The Coastal Watershed Network](#)

The Coastal Watershed Network is hosting a webinar about newly identified "hot-spots" in the Long Island Sound and discuss solutions to reduce plastic pollution.

Tuesday, July 16 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | [Register](#)

[CLCC State Funding Programs Info Session](#)

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council is hosting a workshop on state funding programs. Hear from [CT DEEP](#) about land conservation planning and open space acquisition programs including [OSWA](#) and [UGCG](#).

Tuesday, July 16, 12:00pm - 1:30pm | [Register](#)

[Gulf of Maine Research Institute Climate Adaptation Resource Hub for Fishing Communities](#)

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute just launched their new [Climate Adaptation Resource Hub for Fishing Communities](#) which can help users understand climate

hazards impacting marine fisheries, and examine community-specific projections of shifts in distribution and availability of marine species. They will be hosting a webinar to showcase the hub.

Tuesday, July 16, 2:00pm - 3:00pm | [Register](#)

[How Light-Touch Density and Live Local Urban Villages Can Supply Housing Abundance to Connecticut](#)

Edward Pinto, the Senior Fellow and Co-Director at AEI Housing Center will be presenting a virtual training as a part of UConn CLEAR's Land Use Academy program on Fair and Affordable Housing Policies.

Tuesday, July 16 | 2:00 - 3:00pm | [Register](#)

[Sustainable CT Coffee Hour](#)

Join Sustainable CT for their next Coffee Hour on **July 18 at 10am**. This is an informal, virtual event where you can learn more about their certification programs and connect with the network of local champions.

Thursday, July 18 | 10am | [Register](#)

Resilience Roles

[Outreach Coordinator and Lab Manager](#)

The University of New Haven's Department of Biology and Environmental Science is seeking applicants for a combined Outreach Coordinator and Lab Manager position at their new Marine Science Center. This role will provide opportunities to develop outreach programs with faculty to connect the New Haven Community to the New Haven Harbor Waterfront and the Long Island Sound.

Learn more about the role [here](#).

Sound Bites

[Year in Review 2023:](#)
[Long Island Sound Study](#)

The summer 2024 issue of **Sound Update** highlights some of Long Island Sound Study's projects and achievements from 2023. This issue includes stories about the removal of Dana Dam in Connecticut, the new Long Island Garden Rewards Program, a region-wide Environmental Justice Needs Assessment, and more.

[Read the issue here!](#)



[Sustainable CT IMPACT Podcast Episode](#)

Two Sustainable CT fellows are hosting the July podcast to interview college students involved in the sustainability movement. Guests will be featured from UConn's EcoHusky club and Office of Sustainability, the Tunxis Sustainability Club and Connecticut's Sunrise Movement, and Southern CT State's Office of Sustainability.

Available on July 15, 2024 [online](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

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