



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

Sustainable & Resilient Communities



October 2024 - Western & Eastern CT



Fall into Planning

There's no shortage of fun fall activities to choose from, but right now we are most excited about all of the **PLANNING** happening in our region! Above, you can see plans for Bridgeport's Sliver by the River site being evaluated by the Technical Advisory Committee (you can see the locals already know this is a great location for a public park). Here at the Long Island Sound Study, we're excited to share that our draft Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan is now open for public comment! Learn how to add your comments [here](#) or see below for more details. Read on for more planning, funding, and event updates!

Funding Opportunities

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

New Round: Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance

A third round of the **Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Support Program** is available for municipalities and community organizations within the LIS coastal boundary! Up to \$9,950 in funding is available to assist communities to hire a grant writing consultant to develop successful sustainability and resilience-focused project grant proposals. **Check out our new [Assistance Programs](#) page** and use our **flow chart** to determine which program is right for you!

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (but must be received six weeks prior to the target grant deadline).

What Assistance Program is right for me?

Click on the image to interact



EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants

EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2024

Community Investment Fund 2030 - Round 6

Connecticut's Community Investment Fund 2030 opened its sixth round on October 15th. The program fosters economic development in historically underserved communities across Connecticut. Grants are available for capital improvement programs (such as brownfield remediation and infrastructure) or for planning for capital projects.

Applications Due: December 13, 2024

Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grants

CT DEEP's OSWA Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipalities, nonprofit land conservation organizations, and water companies to acquire land and conservation easements for open space.

Applications Due: December 2, 2024

Upcoming Events

Save December 10-11 on your calendar for the **3rd Annual Long Island Sound Sustainable and Resilient Communities Workshop!** A new format this year - we will hold virtual sessions on December 10th & 11th - and are planning for in-person field trips leading up to the Workshop as well.

[Check back here for more information!](#)



Tackling Local Water Pollution Challenges: Policy and Planning in Action

Register for the next Long Island Sound Coastal Watershed Network webinar to hear from panelists discussed examples of new and proposed state and regional policies that can support Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan actions and help communities and individuals tackle local water pollution challenges.

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 1:30-2:30pm | [Register](#)

CT's Digital Parcel & CAMA Data: What It Is and What You Can Do with It

The Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) and the CT GIS Office are hosting Ashley Benitez and Leah Hodges, who will explore parcel and CAMA (Computer-Aided Mass Appraisal, or property assessment) data in Connecticut—what these datasets are all about and some of the ways you can put them to use.

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00pm | [Register](#)

CT DEEP Climate Resilience Fund Public Meetings

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) is collecting feedback to help inform the next round of the DEEP Climate Resilience Fund and New Climate Resiliency Revolving Loan Fund. Sign up an upcoming webinar to provide your input.

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 6:00-7:00pm | [Register](#)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 1:00-3:30pm | [Register](#)

Sustainable CT Awards Celebration

Join Sustainable CT in Old Saybrook on November 13th to help honor their 2024 certified towns and Climate Leaders. Registration is required. Reach out to info@sustainablect.org with questions.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 | [Register](#)

Resilience Roles

Long Island Sound Study Outreach Support Coordinator

Connecticut Sea Grant is hiring an Outreach Support Coordinator to work in collaboration with the Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinators and Communications, Outreach, and Education Workgroup. With is role, you would provide supporting regular communication between Long Island Sound Study (LISS) workgroups, community partners, and the public via newsletters, create

and manage the online educational resource catalog, and so much more! [Apply here.](#)

Sound Bites

[Influence Long Island Sound's Management Plan](#)

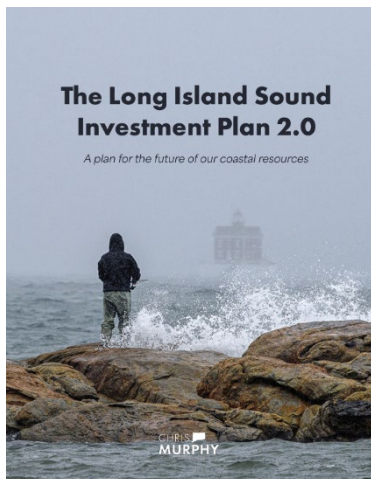
The ten-year plan that guides restoration and protection efforts for Long Island Sound is being revised and we want to hear what you think! The draft Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan is available for the public to provide feedback until **November 22, 2024**.

Explore the [CCMP Story Map](#) to understand the plan's elements, then review the [Draft Plan and comment instructions](#).



The draft Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan will be available for public comment from

September 23–November 22, 2024



[Long Island Sound Investment Plan 2.0](#)

Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) released the [Long Island Sound Investment Plan 2.0](#) to build on the success of the plan he [published in 2016](#) and address the evolving set of challenges the Sound is facing. The plan was informed by feedback from a variety of stakeholders and Connecticut residents who rely on the Sound for both work and recreation.

[NEW RESOURCE: U.S. Sea Level Change](#)

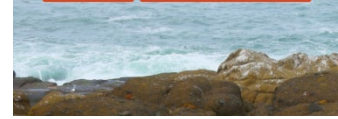
Check out the new [U.S. Sea Level Rise Change website](#) launched by the Interagency Task Force on Sea Level Change. This resource delivers sea level rise projections for the U.S. in an interactive, accessible, and educational format that allows users to explore past, present, and future sea level rise, associated impacts, and adaptation measures for their area.

Rising Seas, Changing Coasts

This site provides federally supported data visualizations coupled with explanations and science education to help communities prepare for challenges that will affect our coastal environments. By showing how sea levels are changing regionally, the site provides a foundation to inform decision-making related to coastal planning, resource management, and emergency operations.

[SEA LEVEL 101](#)

[NATIONAL SEA LEVEL EXPLORER](#)



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