



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



Sustainable & Resilient Communities

June 2025 - Western & Eastern CT



Sharing Ideas Across the Region

It can be so valuable to take a step back sometimes and consider what we can learn from other areas. At the end of April and beginning of May, the Sustainable and Resilient Communities Team was able to do just that through attending the Northeast Sea Grant Regional Meeting in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. We spent a day with members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe learning about Indigenous science and their community's relationship to the coast and waterways. We were also able to share insights on resilience planning and gather valuable perspectives from all around the northeast. We'll continue to reflect on these experiences--as well as what we hear from you--as we shape our programming. Read on below for the latest opportunities, events, and resources!

Funding Opportunities

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

Visit our [Assistance Programs page](#) and use our handy flow chart to determine which SRC assistance program may be right for you!

What Assistance Program is right for me?

Click on the image to interact



DUE SOON

Northeast Forest & Rivers Fund 2025

NFWF is soliciting proposals for the Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund to restore and sustain healthy rivers, forests, and grasslands that provide habitat for diverse fish and wildlife populations.

Applications Due: June 26, 2025

The Land Capital Grant Program - Round 3

This program offered by the CT Land Conservation Council is designed to bridge funding gaps and accelerate the protection of valuable conservation lands.

Applications Due: July 1, 2025

OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

[Trees for Communities](#)

This grant program supports urban forestry projects that will increase tree cover or contribute to other urban forestry objectives such as improvement of forest health or utilization of urban wood in [communities of need](#). Recent awardee projects can be found here: [Urban and Community Forestry Grant Accomplishments](#).

Applications Due: August 31, 2025



[National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grants](#)

This program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides funding for projects that would meaningfully improve or restore passage for anadromous fish including culvert and weir replacement, removal, or repair.

Opens: June 23, 2025

Applications Due: August 31, 2025

CT DEEP plans to release additional grant opportunities this spring/summer, including **Urban Forest Resilience, Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition, Urban Green & Community Gardens**, and the **Climate Resilience Fund**. *Stay tuned for updates!*

Upcoming Events

[Bridgeport Waterfront Wednesdays](#)

Check out the Waterfront Wednesdays series offered by the Trust for Public Land. The events take place at various locations along the Bridgeport Seawalk throughout the summer and include something for everyone: birding, dancing, painting, skating, kayaking, and boating!

[Learn More & Register Here](#) | **June 4 - August 6, 2025**

[LISCIF Annual Learning Exchange](#)

Restore America's Estuaries has announced the 2nd Annual Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund Learning Exchange. The event will feature workshops and sharing to highlight completed projects that benefit the Long Island Sound estuary. The target audience for this event includes:

- 2024 and 2025 Long Island Community Impact Fund sub-awardees

- Tribal groups, organizations, institutions, and municipalities located in Connecticut and New York focused on environmental projects in the Long Island Sound estuary
- Coastal conservation and restoration professionals, students, and early career professionals working in environmentally distressed communities

[Register & Learn More Here](#) | **June 30, 2025 | 9:30 am - 6:30 pm**
CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Avenue, NYC

Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher Workshop

Join LIS Mentor Teachers Elizabeth Brown and Curt Hayes from the Charles H. Barrows STEM Academy to investigate adaptations, energy transfer, and the gathering of evidence to support a scientific argument in contrasting environments.

[Register Here](#) | **July 19, 2025 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**



Dive Deep into the Long Island Sound





**Saturday, July 19th from
9:00a.m to 3:00p.m**

Registration:

- Scan this QR code to access google form to sign up
- Registration fee is \$20
- Dress for field work and the weather
- Bring water and a packed lunch



At A Glance:

We will explore contrasting environments to investigate adaptations, energy transfer, and the gathering of evidence to support a scientific argument. All activities are incorporating CT NGSS standards. Materials and resources will be provided.



Fundamentals of Site Plan Review Workshops

The Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) Land Use Academy is hosting two in-person trainings for use commissioners a on July 16th and 24th at UConn's Middlesex County Extension Center. This training is most helpful to newly appointed or elected Land Use Commissioners and those with little or no experience in site plan reading and interpretation.

[Register & Learn More Here](#) | **July 16, 2025 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

[Register & Learn More Here](#) | **July 24, 2025 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Featured Resources

[Connecticut Town Profiles Data Sets](#)

The Connecticut Town Profiles is a project of [CTData Collaborative](#) in partnership with [AdvanceCT](#) (formerly the Connecticut Economic Resource Center). The Connecticut Town Profiles are two-page reports of demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities, regions, and the state as a whole. They contain information about population, major employers, education, fiscal information, labor force, housing and quality of life.

[Culverts & Climate Resilience Fact Sheet](#)

This fact sheet produced by the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) reviews how culverts are defined in Connecticut, explains their connection to climate resilience, provides examples of how Connecticut towns are addressing needs for upgraded culverts, and highlights related resources.

[Drainage Network Interactive Map](#)

This interactive map published by the CTDOT in March 2025 allows users to view data layers that make up the state-owned and maintained drainage network across Connecticut. Culvert locations are included, as well as their water source, material components, type of conveyance, diameter, length, last inspection date, and maintenance information.

Sound Bites

[Save the Sound 2025 Beach Report and Press Release](#)

Save the Sound released their 2025 Long Island Sound Beach report, sharing the good news that 72% of nearly 200 public and private Sound beaches earned "A" or "B" grades for water quality in the 2024 swimming season. Check out the [Beach Report](#) and [Press Release](#) to learn more.

[Tackling Pollution in Long Island Sound](#)

Check out the Long Island Sound Coastal Watershed Network's, new series that highlights collaborative



projects working to reduce pollution entering the coastal waters of Long Island Sound. These four videos include a range of topics covered by local experts.

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