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June 2026 - Eastern CT

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As we move into June and begin enjoying the longer days and warmer weather (despite a few rainy weekends), I hope everyone is finding time to get outside, spend time with family and friends, and take advantage of all that this season has to offer.

This busy and exciting time brings new opportunities, community events, and plenty of reasons to connect. Check out this month's updates, highlights, and upcoming activities below

Compound Flood Hazard Assessment Mapper Webinar

- Explore USGS's new Compound Flood Hazard Web Map Application
- Learn about various flooding hazards in your community
- Practice using this online tool for everyday decision-making

Thursday, June 11, 2026
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Join us to learn about the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) new [Compound Flood Hazard Assessment Mapper](#).

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During this virtual webinar, geared towards municipal staff, state agencies, and other partners, you will learn how USGS developed this new tool and how to utilize it in planning and decision-making.

[Register Here](#)

Assistance Opportunities

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



Funding Opportunities

🕒 DUE SOON 🕒

[FY24 & FY25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grants \(BRIC\) - Connecticut](#)

CT DEMHS is pleased to announce that the application period is now open for the FY 2024/2025 BRIC grant program under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. This grant program makes federal funds available for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote resilience.

Application Deadline: July 1, 2026

💰 OPEN OPPORTUNITIES 💰

[Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program](#)

With support from the USDA Forest Service, CT DEEP's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program is offering funding to help municipalities restore their urban and community forests that are facing significant stress from invasive pests and diseases, including beech leaf disease, spongy moth, and emerald ash borer.

Application Deadline: August 3, 2026

🕒 COMING UP 🕒

[Resilient Forestry Practices Grant](#)

Municipally-owned woodlands face growing threats to their health from pests, diseases, invasive species, extreme weather events, and other stressors. With support from the Inflation Reduction Act, CT DEEP's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program has \$1 million available to help rural communities in Connecticut implement [resilient forestry practices](#).

RFP Anticipated: June 15, 2026

[DEEP Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program](#)

This CT DEEP's UGCG program provides funding assistance to develop or enhance urban green spaces for public enjoyment and/or environmental education. Promotion of open space in an urban setting may include, but may not be limited to, the development of a community garden or reclaiming and enhancing existing open space for the public's use. Grants are awarded to projects that demonstrate the highest ability to benefit urban communities in close proximity to population centers.

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[DEEP Urban Green & Community Gardens Grant Program](#)

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[DECD Brownfield Remediation & Development](#)

The Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) is expected announce multiple funding availability notices under Round 24.

RFP Anticipated: Summer 2026

Upcoming Events

 [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) 

Sustainable CT 2026 Spring into Summer Celebration

Join Sustainable CT for a landmark evening as they celebrate the communities and leaders shaping a more resilient future for Connecticut. Spring certified communities will be honored, the newest cohort of Sustainable CT Fellows will be introduced, and CT Sea Grant will be there tabling, too!

Register | **June 11, 2026 | 4:00pm–7:00pm**

Location: Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington

Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: The How and Why of Climate Resilience

For Sustainable CT's June climate resilience coffee hour, Sarah Schechter and I will discuss our **SRC program** that encourages communities to plan for and respond to environmental challenges in ways that prioritize well-being for all, including objectives to inform decision makers, drive community resilience planning, and implement resilience actions.

Register | **June 18, 2026 | 10:00am–11:00am**

Rain Garden Volunteer Opportunities

The **Eastern CT Conservation District** and the City of Groton are looking for volunteers for a few rain garden maintenance and planting days. These are hands-on volunteer opportunities focused on caring for existing rain gardens and helping plant new rain gardens in the City of Groton.

Registration is encouraged

Rain Garden Maintenance

Wednesday, June 10

3:00–6:00 PM

Washington Park

155 Meridian St., Groton, CT 06340

Thursday, June 11

1:00–6:00 PM

Birch Plain Creek

25 Thomas Rd., Groton, CT 06340

Rain Garden Plantings

**Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday,
June 18**

2:00–6:00 PM

295 Meridian St., Groton, CT 06340

In front of City Hall

Rain date: June 24

CT Green Bank/SCRCOG Workshop: Resiliency

The Green Bank offers financing options for areas of environmental infrastructure related to climate adaptation and resiliency. Join this workshop to learn more about these programs.

Register | **Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | 11:00am–12:00pm**

Location: Virtual

Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund 3rd Annual Learning Exchange

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Learning Exchange, bringing together current and new grant recipients to highlight completed projects benefiting the Long Island Sound estuary! Organizations will share their work, challenges, and successes throughout breakout sessions during the day. There will also be plenty of opportunities to participate in workshops while attendees network, strengthen ties, and build community moving forward.

Register | June 25, 2026 | 9:30am - 3:30pm

Location: CUNY Graduate Center in NYC

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Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund's

THIRD ANNUAL LEARNING EXCHANGE

THUR. JUNE 25
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

REGISTER HERE:

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER
365 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10016

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[HTTPS://ESTUARIES.ORG/EVENTS/](https://estuaries.org/events/)

Featured Resources

NOAA Coastal Inundation Dashboard

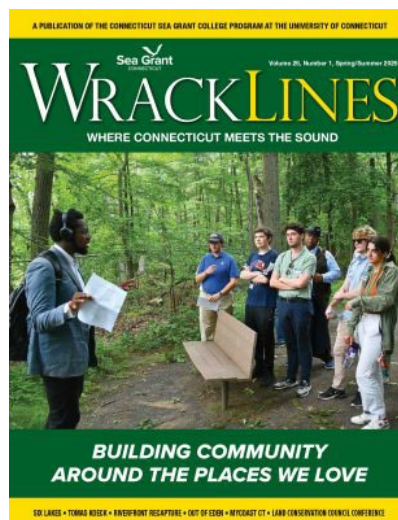
The Coastal Inundation Dashboard is an interactive decision-support tool that provides real-time and forecast water levels, and historic flooding information at National Ocean Service (NOS) water level stations across the U.S. and its territories. Users can access this information to understand near-term flood risks, such as impacts from tropical cyclones or nor'easters, and long-term inundation risks, such as high-tide flooding and sea level rise. The product supports coastal flood planning, response, and mitigation across timescales.

This isn't a new tool, but it now includes a [new user guide](#)—a helpful resource for navigating, understanding, and applying the dashboard!

Sound Shares

[New Wrack Lines issue features Six Lakes Park and more](#)

The latest issue of CT Sea Grant's magazine is here! Inside, you can learn about the Hamden's Six Lakes Park coalition and the work they've been leading to re-envision this brownfield as a green space for the local community. Don't miss the other articles as well, all contributing to this issue's theme of "building community around the places we love."



[DEEP Announces Long Island Sound Ecosystems Grant Awardees](#)

Last month, DEEP announced the recipients of the new Long Island Sound (LIS) Ecosystems Grant Program funded through EPA and the LIS Partnership. A total of over \$7.8 million was awarded to eighteen Connecticut municipalities and non-profits to help advance the goals of the [LIS Partnership Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan](#). Congratulations to the awardees!

[Shucking Success: The Next Generation of Connecticut Shellfish Farmers](#)

Enjoy this video and article about Connecticut Sea Grant and UConn Extension's *Foundations of Shellfish Farming* course!

[SRC Team At the National Adaptation Forum](#)

A couple of weeks ago, the SRC Team attended the National Adaptation Forum in Pittsburgh, where we presented on our funding assistance programs. The conference provided a valuable opportunity to connect with resilience professionals from across the country, exchange ideas, learn about innovative adaptation strategies, and ride the Duquesne Incline. We look forward to applying the knowledge and insights gained from the forum to strengthen our work and support the communities we serve.



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