

# 3rd Annual LISS Sustainable and Resilient Communities Workshop



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



## Session #2: Resilience Tools

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 PM

*This session featured presentations about new Resilience Tools being developed and used throughout coastal Long Island Sound!*

View the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJYWVhmshsU>

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### **Resources:**

Learn more about Long Island Sound Study <https://longislandsoundstudy.net>

Check out the LIS Resilience Resource Hub <https://www.lisresilience.org/>

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# Resilience Tools Session: Poll Results

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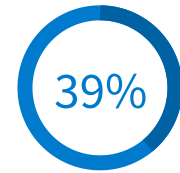
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Participants

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Average responses

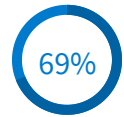


Average engagement

## Please indicate the sector that best represents you:

Federal or state	13%
Indigenous Natio...	0%
Local Government	31%
Nonprofit/NGO	27%
Watershed	4%
Community Group	4%
Consultant	4%
Academia	9%
Interested	7%

Response options	Count	Percentage
Federal or state government	6	13%
Indigenous Nation or Community	0	0%
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31%</b>
Nonprofit/NGO	12	27%
Watershed Organization	2	4%
Community Group	2	4%
Consultant	2	4%
Academia	4	9%
Interested Individual	3	7%



Engagement

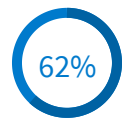
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Responses

## Have you attended other SRC workshops or trainings?

Yes	80%
No, this is my first time!	20%

Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>80%</b>
No, this is my first time!	8	20%



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Responses

## What is your familiarity with federal, state, and local resilience tools?

Response options	Count	Percentage
I frequently use various resilience tools to assess climate impacts and help with planning	3	8%
<b>I occasionally use resilience tools</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47%</b>
I rarely use resilience tools	5	14%
I have not used any resilience tools	11	31%



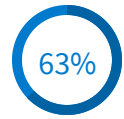
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Responses

## What is your familiarity with the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub?

Response options	Count	Percentage
The Resource Hub is fantastic and I use it frequently!	1	2%
<b>I am familiar with the Resource Hub but have not used it much</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54%</b>
I occasionally use the Resource Hub	4	10%
I had not heard about the Resource Hub	14	34%



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Responses

# What tools (if any) do you currently use to evaluate flooding impacts in your community?

USGS stream gages

We have recently retained a consultant to conduct a model

## Responses

USGS stream gages

We have recently retained a consultant to conduct a model to predict 2050 and 2070 Sea Level Rise impacts.

First Street

FEMA maps

professional assessment

County and State agencies mappers

floodnet nyc

None, although I'm aware of UCONN's modeling and CIRCA.

CIRCA mapping/ FEMA Maps/ SLAMM

FEMA

FEMA

FEMA, CIRCA CCVI, CIRCA SLR Viewer, NOAA viewers, all of them

UConn CLEAR mapping tools

not using any

CIRCA map

FEMA's Map Service Center to make FIRMETTES

CTECO

N/A to me

SLAMM

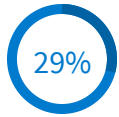
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stories

CIRCA map

FEMA flood mapping

None!



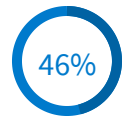
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Responses

# Is your community interested in learning more about the compound flood mapping tool and receiving in-depth training?

		Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	87%	<b>Yes</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>87%</b>
Maybe	13%	Maybe	4	13%
No	0%	No	0	0%



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Responses

# What additional information would be helpful for understanding flooding risks in your community?

stream crossings, dams, tide gates) that might amplify or otherwise alter flood risks. Also, identification of locations of infrastructure (green stormwater

## Responses

It seems the entire coastline is awash in red. Is the problem tractable?

per decade inundation mapping

Darien is on the coastline, but I have never seen any solid data on flooding potential along Weed Beach. The Town has done some research on Pear Tree Point Beach, but has not invested money to make that part of the coastline more resilient. Where do we start so we can present facts rather than photographs?

Overlay or identification within this tool of infrastructure (road-stream crossings, dams, tide gates) that might amplify or otherwise alter flood risks. Also, identification of locations of infrastructure (green stormwater infrastructure, flood storage infrastructure) that can help mitigate localized flooding.

Include links to solution alternative by location

Relationship to watershed condition throughout the LIS watershed.

risks to infrastructure, depth analysis for homeowner visualization of the hazards

Be able to type in zip code

Smaller grid size.



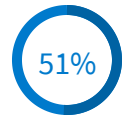
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Responses

## Have you worked on culvert restoration projects?

Response options	Count	Percentage
I have worked on many culvert restoration projects	1	3%
I have worked on a few culvert restoration projects	9	27%
<b>I have never worked on a culvert restoration project</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>70%</b>



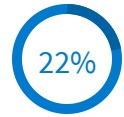
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Responses

## For those that have worked on culvert restoration projects, have any of these projects involved efforts for aquatic connectivity (i.e fish passage?)

Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	9	64%
No	5	36%



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Responses

## Would you use this toolkit (or for those outside NY, a toolkit like this one) to help locate priority sites for culvert restoration work?

Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Definitely!</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55%</b>
Maybe, but I need more information	9	27%
Unlikely	0	0%
This tool is not applicable to my work	6	18%



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Responses



## What additional information do you think would be helpful for this toolkit?

There are no culverts in my area

The number or

### Responses

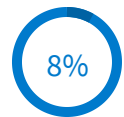
There are no culverts in my area

The number or nature of downstream culverts or obstructions

Understanding of contributing watershed condition, and mitigation options to reduce stream flow and flooding. And hydrologic factors, e.g., stream capacity to accommodate flow.

Threatened and endangered species in the area of the culvert

Ownership/stakeholder information

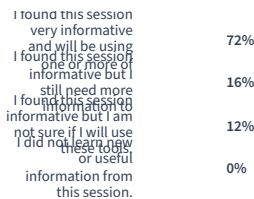


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Responses

## To what extent did this session provide you with new knowledge that will help with community resilience planning?



### Response options

Count Percentage

**I found this session very informative and will be using one or more of these tools in my work!**

18

72%



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I found this session informative but I still need more information to understand how I can use these tools.

4

16%

25

Responses

I found this session informative but I am not sure if I will use these tools.

3

12%

I did not learn new or useful information from this session.

0

0%

## Are there other resilience tools that you would like to learn more about?

Are there resilience tools focusing on increasing heat and high winds along with the water-based tools?

### Responses

stormwater/green infrastructure

As we move towards more powerful natural recovery and nature-based solutions, which provide self-sustaining resilience to our aquatic ecosystems, we should get away from site specific "treatment" fixes, which don't have much "reach" for ecosystem health. Time to move on from nutrients only.

Riparian assessment and restoration tools

Are there resilience tools focusing on increasing heat and high winds along with the water-based tools?



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Responses