





View of Sound from Sands Point Preserve. Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Forum

Nassau County

Sands Point Preserve Conservancy Thursday, October 9, 2025 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



Save the Date

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Forums

Suffolk County Forum Wednesday, October 8, 2025 Port Jefferson Village Center, Port Jefferson, NY

Nassau County Forum
Thursday, October 9, 2025
Sands Point Preserve Conservancy, Sands Point, NY

These forums will bring together state and local decision makers, municipal staff, and other interested parties working to address flooding, shoreline erosion and other coastal issues. The goal is to share information on best practices, discuss challenges, identify opportunities to increase resilience, and enhance coordination across communities.

Each Forum will end in a field trip to explore local resilience projects.

Learn more and register here!

Check out other events happening this October during Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Month









Agenda



9:45 AM	Welcome
10:00 AM	State & Regional Updates
11:15 AM	Resilience Tools & Resources
12:15 PM	Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District Project Updates
12:45 PM	Lunch (Bluff Sign Raffle)
1:45 PM	Field Trip - Bluff Stabilization Project at Sands Point Preserve
3:30 PM	Return from Field Trip/Depart

Long Island Sound Partnership Management Plan



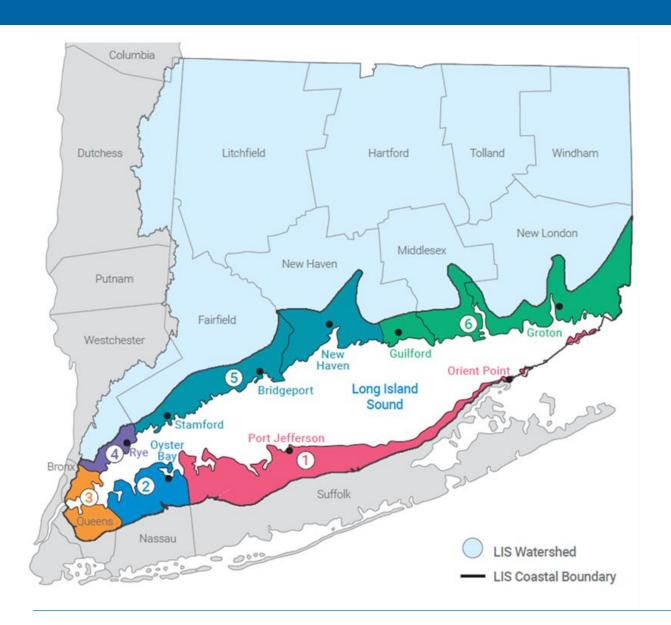


WHO WE ARE

The Long Island Sound Partnership is a group of organizations, agencies, scientists, and community members working together to protect and restore Long Island Sound. We support clean waters, healthy habitats, thriving wildlife, resilient coasts, and an engaged public.

The SRC Extension Professionals Team





- Suffolk County
 Elizabeth Hornstein
- Nassau County
 Sarah Schaefer-Brown
- NYC Bronx & Queens
 Ben Goldberg
- Westchester County Sara Powell
- Western CT
 Deb Visco Abibou
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Sustainable & Resilient
Communities Goal:
Empower Long Island Sound
communities to plan for and
respond to environmental
challenges in ways that
prioritize well-being for all.







Informed Decision-Makers

Grow the number of municipal, nonprofit, and community leaders receiving training and support to increase capacity for adaptation to environmental challenges.

Community-Driven Resilience Planning

Increase the number of municipalities that identify key resilience priorities through local and/or regional community-driven planning processes.

Resilience Initiative Implementation

Implement initiatives to improve community resilience to flooding and other environmental challenges.



Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub

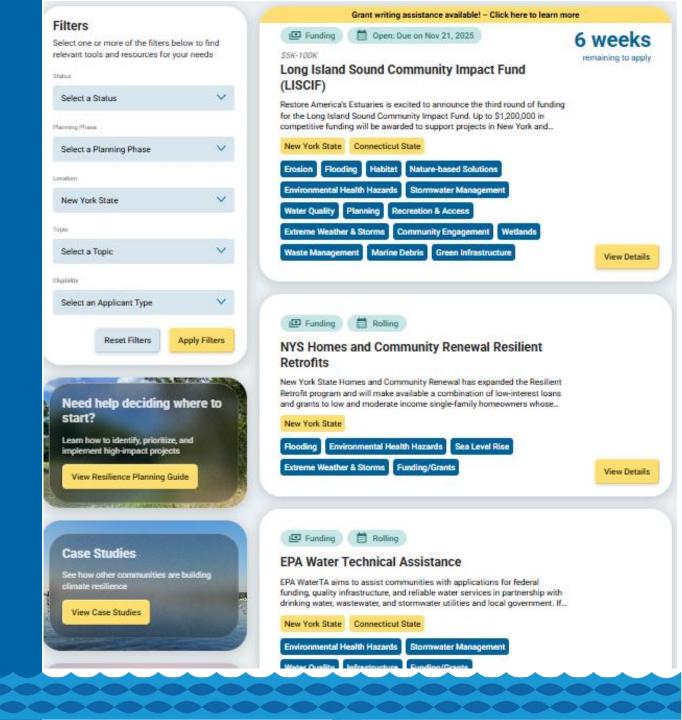
www.lisresilience.org





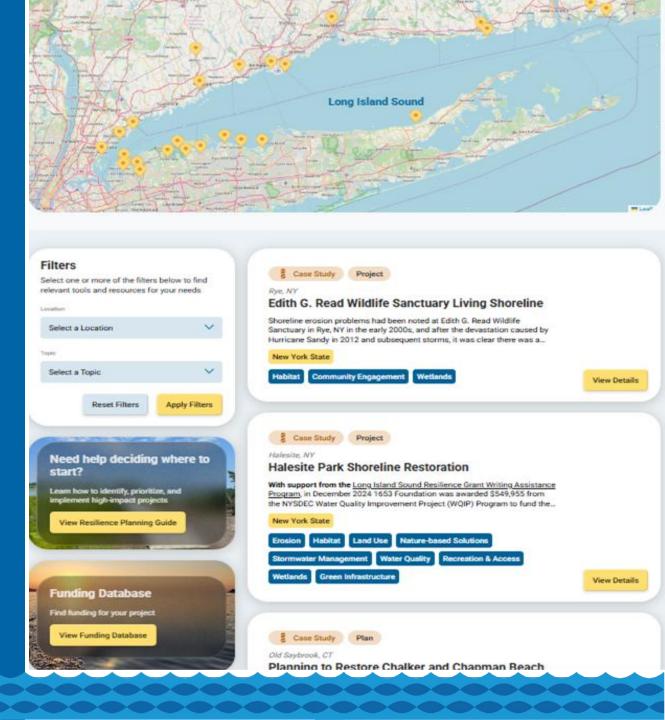


Funding Database



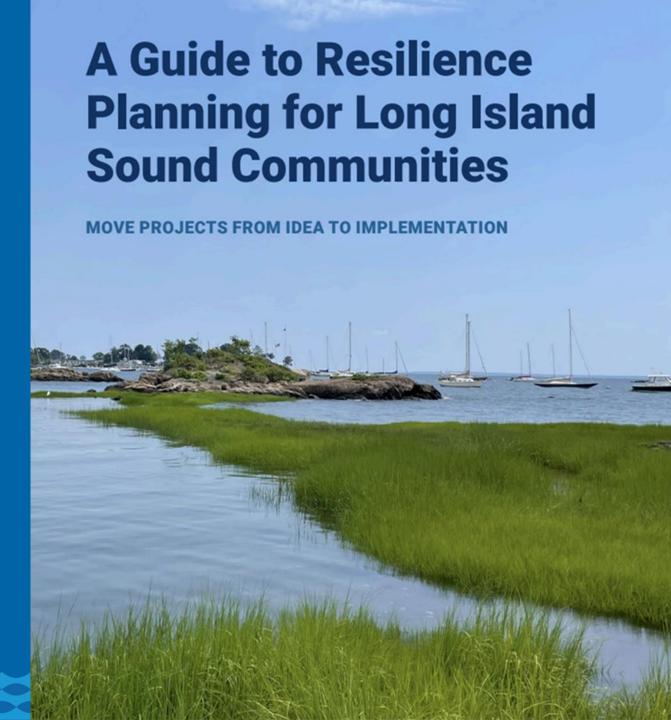


Case Studies





Resilience Planning Guide



Resilience Planning Steps & Strategies





PERSISTS Framework adapted and adopted from Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation. (2020). Resilient Connecticut Planning Framework.



Engaged

Realistic

Safe

Innovative

Scientific

Transferable

Sustainable



SRC Resilience Assistance Programs



What Program is right for me?





LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program

Focus: **Grant Preparation and Writing**

No Match!

Eligible Applicants:
Municipalities, Nonprofits,
Community Organizations

Rolling: Open until all available funding has been allocated

LIS Resilience Planning Support Program

Focus: Planning, Preliminary Design, and Project Scoping

No Match!

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, Nonprofits, Community Organizations

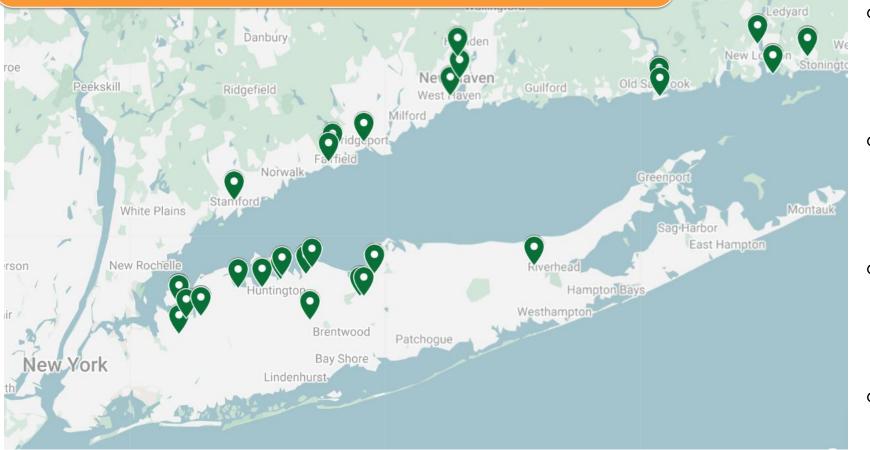
Next round will be released early December 2025

Grant Writing Assistance Program



33 Applicants, 38 Grant Proposals Supported

30% success rate (First 2 years of applications)



Project Types

- Watershed Plans
- Feasibility and engineering studies for beach, wetland, and living shoreline projects
- Implementation of green infrastructure, habitat restoration, public access improvements
- Community outreach engagement, education, and participatory science projects
- Shell recycling and oyster gardening programs

LIS Resilience Planning Support Program

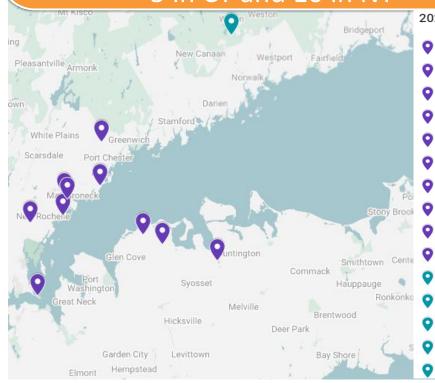


Round 1

Projects are nearing completion

Awarded nearly \$1.1M to 15
Communities

5 in CT and 10 in NY



2024 PSP project locations

- Rye Town Park Commission
- Village of Mamaroneck
- Village of Larchmont
- Village of Rye Brook
- Town of Mamaroneck
- SUNY Maritime
- St. John's Episcopal Church (Cold Spring Ha...
- Village of Lattingtown
- Seatuck Environmental Association
- Village of Pelham
- 💡 Town of Madison
- Groton Long Point Association
- Towns of Essex, Deep River, and Chester
- Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed
- Southwest Conservation District

Round 2
Projects starting this Fall

Awarding approx. \$1 Million

Round 3
To be released in December 2025
Up to \$1.5 Million available



Trainings & Workshops









Beekman Beach, Oyster Bay. Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown

State & Regional Updates



New York State Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Forum – Nassau County October 9, 2025

Leo Bachinger, Climate Policy Analyst
Lauren Steinberg, Climate Policy Analyst
DEC Office of Climate Change



New York State Adaptation and Resilience Plan

October 2025 Update

NYS Adaptation and Resilience Plan (NYSARP)







NYSERDA



Department of State



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Climate Resilience & Adaptation Planning in NYS

This multi-agency plan will establish a unified vision to adapt and prepare New York communities for extreme weather

Climate Impacts
Assessment
(NYSERDA)

Scoping Plan
Adaptation &
Resilience Chapter
(Multi-agency)

Extreme Heat
Action Plan
(NYSERDA & DEC)

State Hazard Mitigation Plan (DHSES)

Community Risk and Resiliency Act (Statewide)

NYS Coastal Management Program (DOS) Climate Smart
Communities
Program and
Grants
(Multi-agency; DEC)

Smart Growth Countywide Resiliency Planning (DOS)

Resilient NY (DEC)

DOS Resilience Principles (DOS) State Energy Plan

- Resilience
Chapter
(NYSERDA)

And more...

Precedent Examples

California

Unifies existing adaptation efforts under common framework

Colorado

Regional approach to adaptation planning

Massachusetts

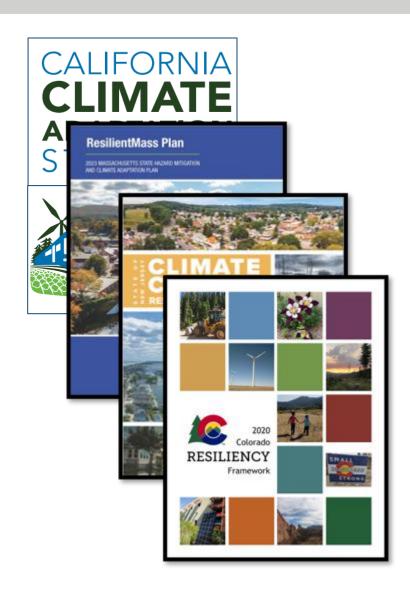
Layers onto existing hazard mitigation planning process

New Jersey

Planning under a common framework and governance

European Union

Coordinates and standardizes resources for local adaptation



Precedent Example - California

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY



"The California Climate Adaptation Strategy... links together the state's existing and planned climate adaptation efforts, showing how they fit together to achieve California's six climate resilience priorities."

Aligns Planning Efforts Across Common Framework

Statewide climate action plans

Regionally focused strategies

Sector-based strategies

State stewardship plans

NYSARP Process and Development

Phased approach to develop a comprehensive **New York State Adaptation and Resilience Plan** (NYSARP).

Foundational Phase April 2025 – Summer 2026

- Establish baseline understanding of NYS adaptation and resilience planning initiatives, identify potential gaps and opportunities to fill these gaps.
- Engage with key audiences to solicit input and develop draft Framework.
- Publish the NYSARP Framework, including key state actions, and look ahead to implementation phase.
 - Framework elements are discussed on the next slide.



Implementation Phase Starting Summer 2026

- Implement actions identified in the Framework in collaboration with NYS agencies and partners.
- Develop resources in alignment with opportunities identified and the Framework developed in the Foundational Phase.



Department of Environmental Conservation



NYSERDA



Department of State



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

NYSARP Framework



A clearly articulated, unifying **vision** for New York State adaptation and resilience efforts.



A set of **principles** that reinforce a comprehensive and equitable approach and ground current and future efforts.



Available **resources** that enhance existing and advance future initiatives (at the state or local level) and **supportive guidance** on how to use the vision and principles to advance adaptation and resilience work.



Early, high-impact actions the State can take to address climate vulnerabilities and build a foundation for collaboration at the local level.

Audiences Engaged in NYSARP Framework Development







NYS State Agencies

- Develop Framework elements
- Evaluate planning efforts to strengthen collaboration and identify new opportunities
- Share immediately available resources

Local Governments; Partners; CBOs

- Inform Framework elements
- Help identify needs and opportunities of local and community partners
- Help raise awareness about NYSARP and the Framework development process

New Yorkers

- Provide feedback on Framework elements
- Participate in engagement webinars as interested

Adaptation Advisory Panels

NYS has developed two AAPs to solicit perspectives and insight that can inform the development of the Framework.



Climate Equity: Providing context for how specific adaptation and resilience planning initiatives are utilized by community-based organizations and partners to advance benefits for disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.



Local Partners: Providing context for how specific State adaptation and resilience planning initiatives are utilized by local governments and partners to advance benefits for NYS' diverse communities.

NYSARP Public Engagement

NYSARP Webpage



> NYSARP Input Form

NYSARP Summer Webinar Series

Led by DEC, NYSERDA, DOS, and DHSES

- NYSARP overview and future opportunities to provide input
- Agency-specific resources showcase for local and regional adaptation support
- Recordings posted on <u>NYSARP webpage</u>



DEC Delivers e-Newsletter



Check the box for "Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan"

NYSARP Engagement Approach

Adaptation Advisory Panels

Targeted Focus Groups/ Interviews

Core Agency Working Group

Messaging Materials

Summer Webinars

Public Comment Period

Public Comment Webinars

Webpage

Two advisory groups made up of key stakeholders who will inform the development of Framework elements through a series of meetings and provide verbal and written feedback

Sector-specific focus groups and interviews to provide targeted input based on expertise and identified gaps

Group of NYS staff who share context from their work, ideas to inform the NYSARP process, and feedback on draft project deliverables through a series of meetings and provide written feedback

Up to five materials with consistent language about NYSARP for use in engagement activities including a slide deck, talking points, and one-pager

A series of webinars held by State agencies during Summer 2025 to overview and promote the Framework development

A one-month period for the general public to review the draft Framework and submit public comments through an online platform

Two webinars over the public comment period to encourage submissions

Content about the NYSARP process, virtual resources showcase webinars, opportunities to get involved, and interim updates will be shared.

New York State Adaptation and Resilience Plan Framework Introduction Slides

Foundational Phase Engagement Milestones

The NYSARP development process will be informed by State agencies, local governments, community advocates, adaptation and resilience experts, and the public. Please note that this timeline is tentative and subject to change.

April 2025: Project Kickoff

New York State agencies met to formally begin the Framework development process.

Winter 2025/2026: Public Comment

The State will make the draft Framework available for public comment and hold additional virtual engagement opportunities.









Summer 2025: Public Webinars

State agencies hold a series of public webinars showcasing currently available adaptation & resilience resources.

Summer 2026: Framework Publication

The NYSARP Framework is released to the public, initiating Phase 2 (Implementation).

Ongoing targeted engagement will include two advisory panels (focused on Climate Equity, and Local Partners) and focus groups to solicit input from key constituencies

Stay Up to Date!

To stay up to date with NYSARP progress, please subscribe to the NYSDEC mailing list, or check the Plan's website.



Sign up for NYSARP email updates:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NY

SDEC/subscriber/topics

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Contact: NYSAdaptPlan@dec.ny.gov





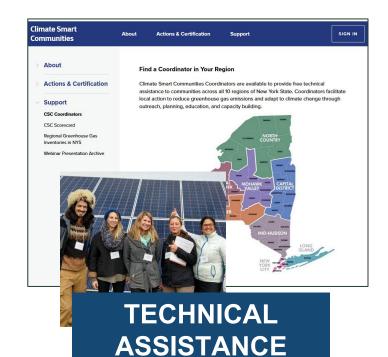
Adaptation and Resilience Resources

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES





CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



State Support for Local Climate Action

Local governments can receive financial and technical support from New York State agencies for taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Grants

Several New York State agencies provide funding to support completion of Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification actions, including the <u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u> (DEC), the <u>Energy Research and Development Agency</u> (NYSERDA), and the <u>Department of State</u> (DOS). The descriptions of the certification actions on this website include references to the specific funding programs relevant to each action.

Grant applications for state funds from Registered and Certified Climate Smart Communities earn higher scores for some programs, including <u>DEC's CSC Grant Program</u>.

GRANTS PROGRAM



SUPPORTING CLIMATE SMART ACTION: FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION

- Assess vulnerabilities
- Develop adaptation plans
- Identify strategies

PLANNING ACTION

DEVELOPING PROJECTS

- Develop solutions
- Assess feasibility
- Complete engineering, design

- Implement projects
- Document process and success stories

IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

RECOGNIZING LEADERS

- Tell your success story
- Earn points toward CSC certification



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7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment

4 Points

Bronze Priority Silver Priority

THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 4, 8, 16
 COMPETITIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

6 Points

👸 Bronze Priority 🎖 Silver Priority

COMPETITIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

PE7 Action: Climate Adaptation Plan

3 Points

Bronze Priority Silver Priority

THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 3 — 15 . COMPETITIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

PE7 Action: Climate-resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan

4 Points

PE7 Action: Heat Emergency Plan

6 Points

COMPETITIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

CSC PE 7 - GUIDING LOCAL ADAPTATION

Offers a range of certification actions with resources to help communities

- identify and assess impacts and vulnerabilities;
- develop plans for strategic action, and incorporate resilience considerations across existing plans;
- explore and advance specific solutions and best practices.



CERTIFICATION ACTIONS

FEASIBILITY STUDIES

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Climate Smart Communities: Regional Coordinators



- Free guidance, technical assistance for local governments and their partners. Coordinators conduct outreach, planning, education, and capacity building.
- Contact <u>climatesmart@dec.ny.gov</u>.



Coordinator website



FEASIBILITY STUDIES

- Study feasibility of solutions specific to an impacted area (including assessing the impacts and developing / sizing designs)
- Complete 20% / 30% engineering and design
- Levee recertification studies consistent with FEMA requirements
- Engineering and design for certain HVAC/R replacements

TOOLS, GUIDANCE SUPPORT PLANNING AND ACTION

NYS Climate Impacts Assessment

Extreme Heat Action Plan and & extreme heat tools

Climate adaptation, resilience planning tools

Community Risk and Resilience Act guidance documents



CERTIFICATION ACTIONS

FEASIBILITY STUDIES

FREE TECHNI

- **DEVELOPING** PROJECTS
- Develop solutions
- Assess feasibility
- Complete engineering, design

• Implement projects

IMPLEMENTATION

GRANTS

 Document process and success stories

> IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

RECOGNIZING **LEADERS**

- Tell your success story
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Assess vulnerabilities Develop adaptation

- plans
- Identify strategies

PLANNING ACTION



Grant Program

Climate Smart Community Certification Actions

- Planning, assessments, inventories that align with CSC certification actions
- Maximum award \$200,000

Implementation Projects - Adaptation and Mitigation

- Alternative transportation, refrigerant management, composting facilities
- Natural resilience projects, relocation of critical facilities
- Maximum award \$2,000,000

Engineering feasibility studies

- Study impacts on specific areas (e.g., flooding, extreme heat)
- Complete engineering design of adaptation projects
- Also includes dam repair, levee recertification, HVAC/R system replacement
- About \$87M awarded to date for >200 projects



CSC grant website



PART 492 – PROPOSED REGULATORY REVISIONS

- > To align regulations with statutory changes, expand eligible applicants, and make the program more adaptable to future conditions.
 - Restructure the rule to simplify and clarify the three separate programs (ZEV rebate, ZEV infrastructure, CSC grant programs).
 - Expand number of entities eligible (Certain local public authorities, Indian Nations)
- Proposed Rulemaking and public comment period
- > Public comment period: October 1, 2025, to December 9, 2025
- ➤ Virtual public comment hearing on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 2pm

Visit **DEC's website** for more information.

Funding Programs Supported by Bond Act Funds



Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects

Implement coastal rehabilitation and resiliency projects inspired by nature or natural processes within New York State Coastal areas



Inland Waterways and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects

Implement restoration and flood risk reduction projects improving waterfront and watershed resiliency and reducing climate impacts.



Green Resiliency Grants to Flood Prone Communities

\$60 million of Environmental Bond Act funding is available to support flood-prone communities.



Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program

At least \$45 million of Environmental Bond Act funding is available for implementation of flood mitigation projects across New York State.



Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

A new grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites.



Electric School Bus Infrastructure

Governor Hochul announced funding for electric school bus charging infrastructure under the New York School Bus Incentive Program.



Climate Smart Communities Grant Program

Funding available to help municipalities take action to address climate change.



Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grant Program

Funding available for projects that directly improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction...

Website

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT

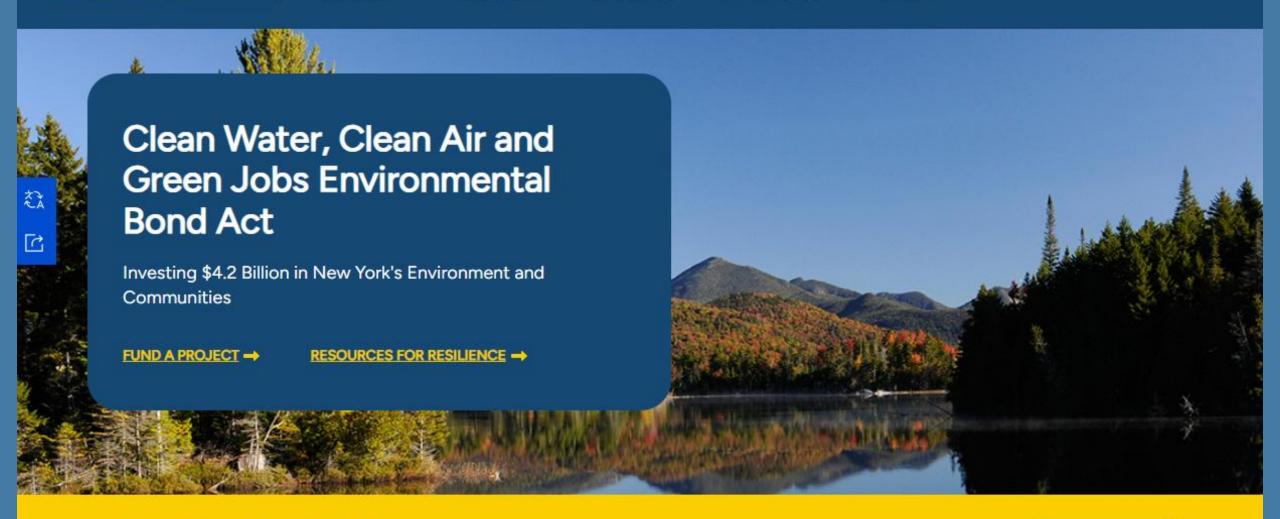
FUNDING -

PROJECTS

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Comments Received for Eligibility Guidelines

Read the Environmental Notice Bulletin

Public Comment Deadline

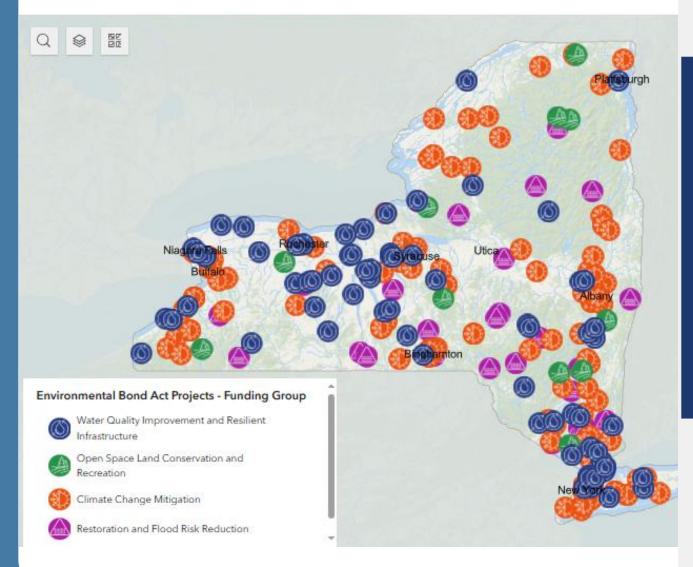
Eligibility Guidelines for Habitat Restoration and Enhancement on Public Lands

10/3/2025

Archived Eligibility Guidelines

Agency	Title	Publish Date	Comment Period Close Date
DEC and OPRHP	Eligibility Guidelines for Restoring and Expanding Forests through Reforestation and Afforestation Practices	5/21/2025	6/20/2025
AGM	Eligibility Guidelines for Farmland Protection Through Farmland Protection Implementation Grants through the Department of Agriculture and Markets	2/26/2025	3/28/2025
DEC	Eligibility Guidelines for Funding by the DEC for Infrastructure Projects that Protect Drinking Water Supplies from the impacts of HABs	12/11/2024	1/10/2025
EFC and DEC	Statewide - Eligibility Guidelines for Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction Through the Resilient Watersheds Grant <u>Program - NYSDEC</u>	11/13/2024	12/13/2024
AGM and DEC	Statewide - Eligibility Guidelines for Grants for Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition of County Soil and Water Conservation Districts to implement water quality projects in the Eastern Finger Lakes Watersheds - NYSDEC	11/13/2024	12/13/2024
DOS	Statewide - Eligibility Guidelines for Inland Flooding and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects supported through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022	7/10/2024	8/2/2024

Website





Project Overview

Saltmarsh Restoration at Sheepen Peninsula

FAST FACTS

Project Lead:

Town of Brookhaven

Grant Award Date:

9/26/2025

Grant Execution Date:

Project Start or Purchase Date:

4/1/2026

Completion Date:

3/31/2031

Current Status:

Pending

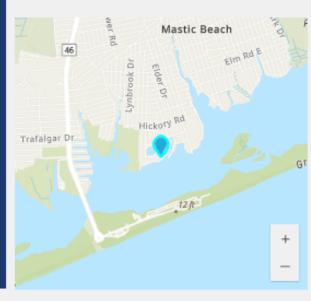
Funding Provided Through:

DOS

Bond Act Funding:

\$1,615,009

MASTIC BEACH | SUFFOLK COUNTY LONG ISLAND

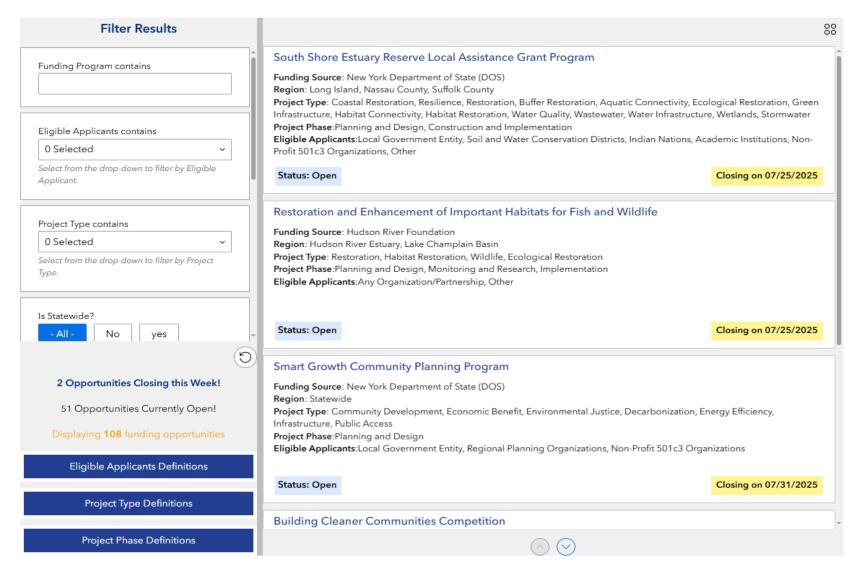


Project Description:

The Town of Brookhaven will restore saltmarsh habitat on the Sheepen Peninsula, a low-lying area increasingly vulnerable to coastal flooding and sea level rise. The project will restore hydrology, remove invasive species, and plant native vegetation to reduce the severity of flooding and improve resilience to climate change while also restoring the native habitat.

Website

Funding Finder



Interagency workgroup implementing delivery of funds

Release of eligibility guidelines for public comment

NEXT STEPS:
IMPLEMENT
&
UPDATE

Bond Act entities launch grant opportunities

Stay Updated:

environmentalbondact.ny.gov

BondAct@dec.ny.gov



FROM FORMULATING STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

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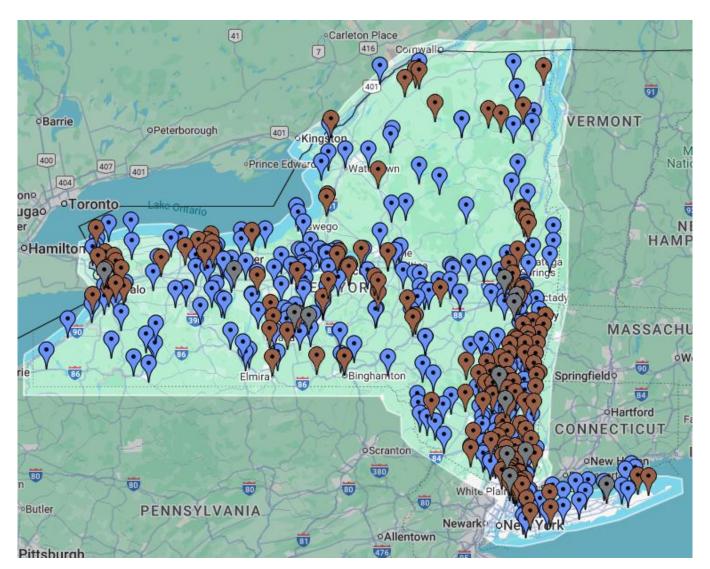
BRONZE, SILVER CERTIFICATION

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Certification Program



Registered

- 462 local governments have taken the CSC pledge (blue pins on map)
- 92% of NYS population (17.9 million people)

Certified

- Leaders who have documented CSC progress website
- 168 communities certified; thousands of actions taken



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Department of Environmental Conservation

Visit dec.ny.gov to learn more about DEC's work across the state.

Scan the QR code to visit the NYSARP webpage.

Questions about NYSARP: NYSAdaptPlan@dec.ny.gov









Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Planning Cohort

About Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plans

A Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) helps communities identify climate change risks and implement measures to adapt. These plans reduce economic, environmental, and social risks, mitigate losses, and create opportunities to thrive under changing conditions.

Benefits of Creating a Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Plan

- Strengthen Local Planning
 Integrate community and climate data into municipal plans, zoning, and capital projects for smarter longterm decisions.
- Unlock Funding & Support
 Gain access to state and federal grants, technical assistance, and professional guidance.
- Earn Recognition
 Advance Climate Smart Communities certification and enhance your municipality's leadership profile.

About the Long Island CCARP Cohort Program

The Long Island CCARP Cohort supports local communities through group trainings, workshops, templates, and one-on-one support.

Participants work closely with technical experts from Cornell Cooperative Extension Nassau County and ICLEI USA to complete their CCARPs.

Program Goals and Outcomes

- Build knowledge and skills around local climate hazards and adaptation strategies
- Foster collaboration across departments and communities
- Identify vulnerabilities and match them with solutions
- Complete a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP)

Program Logistics

- Cost: Free only your time is required
- Project Teams: At least two members (one municipal staff recommended)
- Duration: 9–12 months
- Commitment: 10–15 hours per month, including one public engagement event
- Format: Hybrid mix of in-person workshops and virtual sessions

Partners and Funding

This program is funded by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Partners include:

- IMEG Consultants Corp
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Nassau County
- ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA

Join the Long Island CCARP Cohort

- Contact: Mike Fiorentino
- Natural Resources Team Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension Nassau County
- Email: mf628@cornell.edu



Tracking Living Shorelines in New York

Kiera Healy, Marine Biologist NYS DEC, Division of Marine Resources Kiera.Healy@dec.ny.gov

October 8 & 9, 2025

Why Living Shorelines?



Atlantic Killifish



Green Heron



Common Eastern Bumble Bee



Horseshoe Crab

Benefits

- Stabilize shorelines and reduce erosion
- Improve/maintain connectivity between the upland and water habitats
- Provide critical habitat for coastal species
- Protect upland areas from flooding and storm surge
- Enhance resilience
- Improve water quality
- Increase public access
- Boost aesthetics

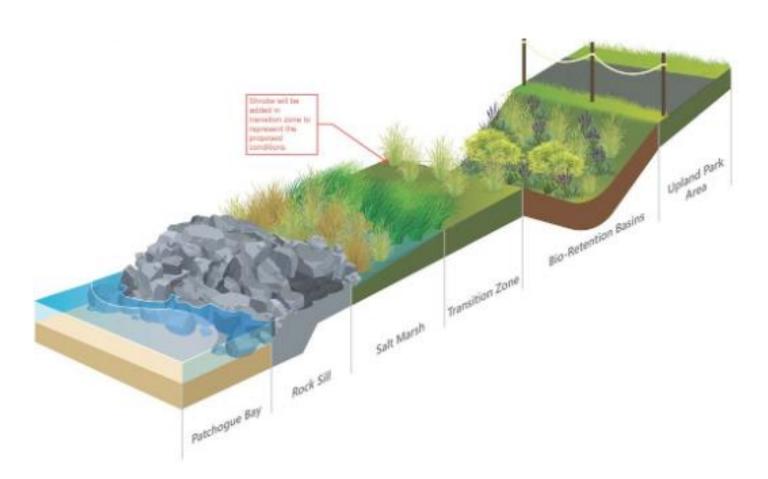
New Living Shorelines Policy

2023 ECL Amendment
Living shorelines must be
considered for shoreline
stabilization



Ferry Point Park, Bronx, NY

Living Shorelines Definition



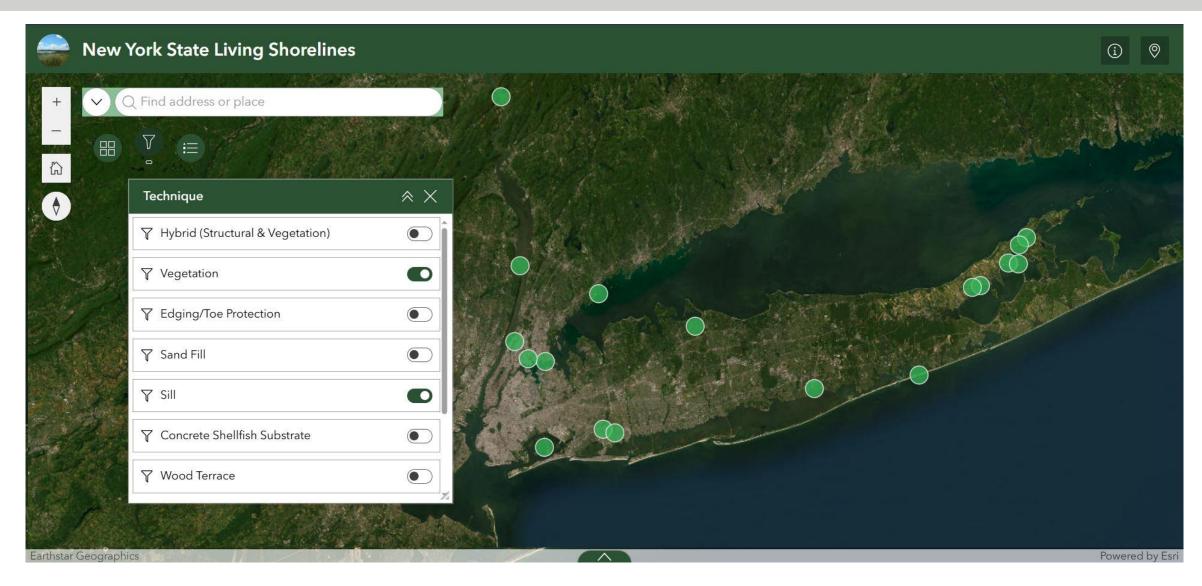
Shoreline techniques using natural features (ie. native plants) alone or with structures (rock, wood, fiber rolls, shell, etc.).

NYS Living Shorelines Database

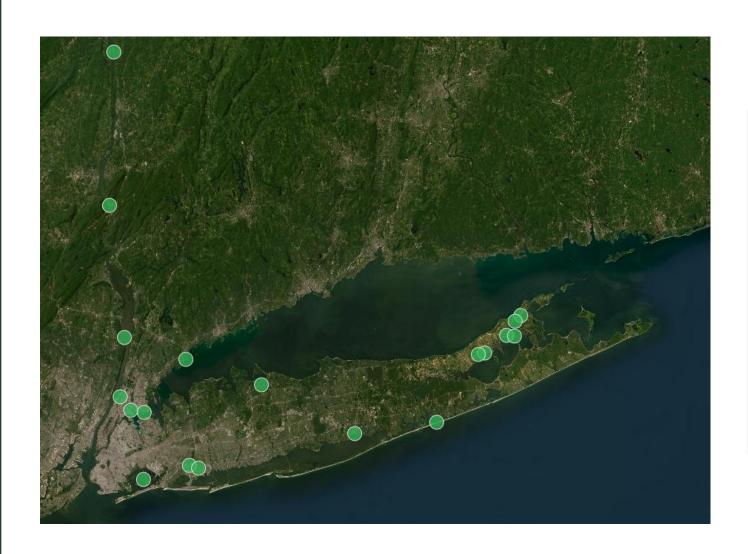


- Internal DEC database
- Completed, In-Progress, and Proposed projects
- Includes: permit data, project plans, monitoring reports, photos, etc.
- Supports staff in permitting, planning, and policy analysis

NYS Living Shorelines Map



Insights and Trends



Total Completed Projects: 19

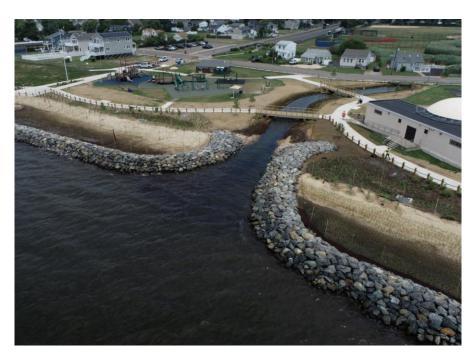
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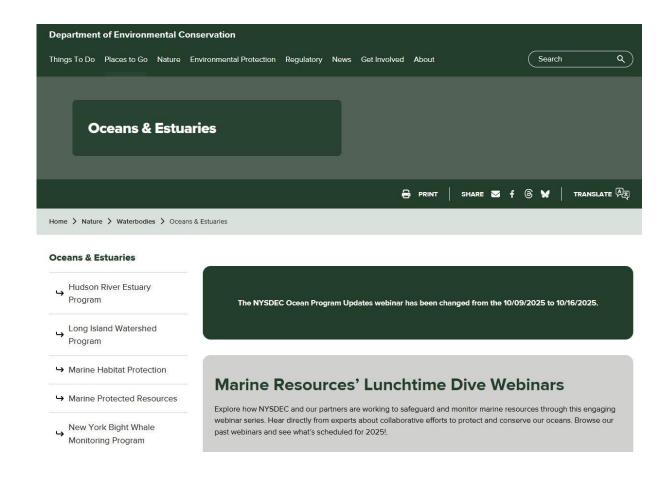
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Hudson River: 4

Next Steps

- Keep database and map updated
- Living Shorelines Webpage





Shorefront Park, Patchogue, NY





Join by Web

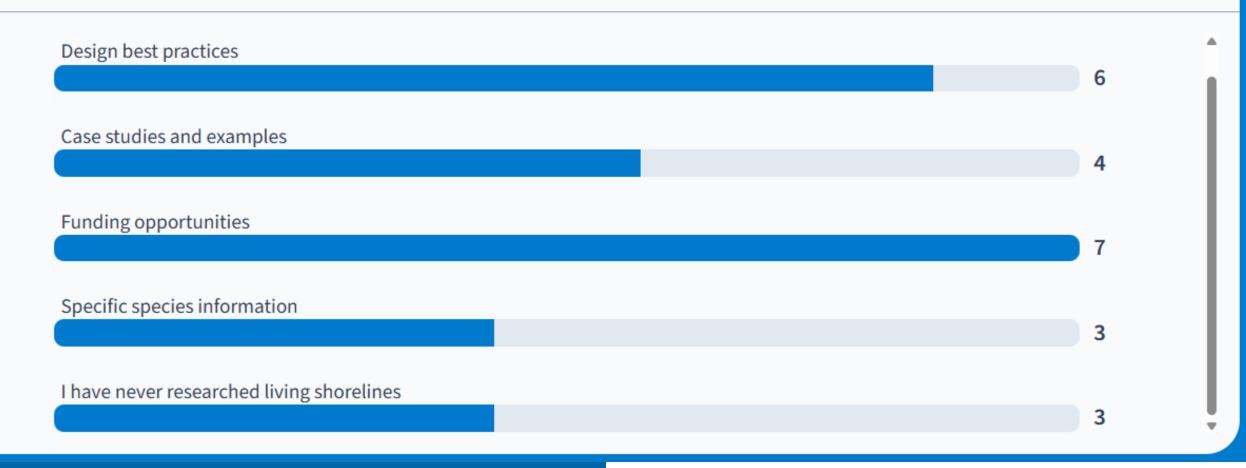
PollEv.com/nassauforum

Join by QR code Scan with your camera app





What type of information do you most often look for when researching living shorelines?





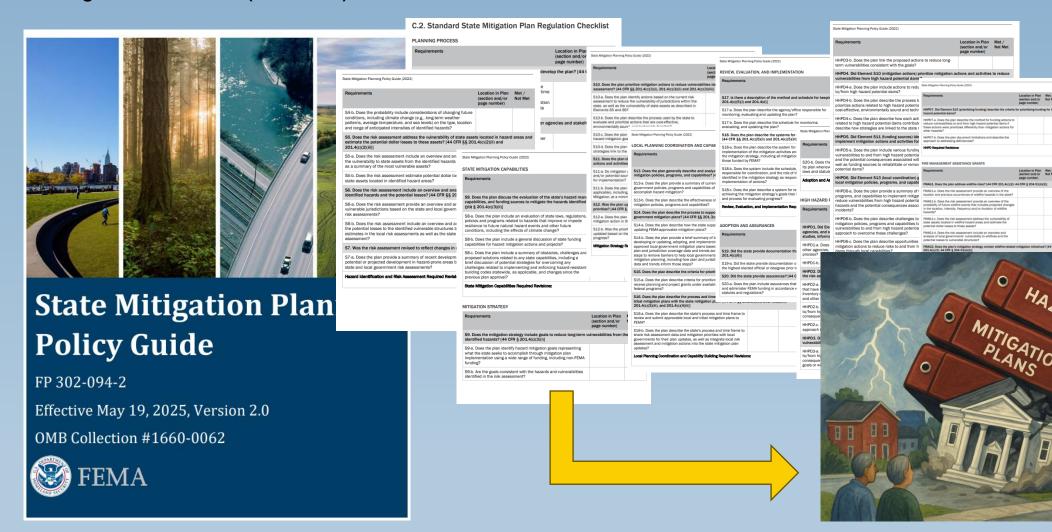


Support for Data-driven Hazard Mitigation Planning

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Hazard Mitigation Plans: Federal Mandate

Authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and outlined in the 44 CFR Part 201.



Hazard Mitigation Plans: Federal Mandate



Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

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Regulatory Checklist

- 4.1 Planning Process
- 4.2 Risk Assessment
- 4.3 Mitigation Strategy
- 4.4 Keeping the Plan Current
- 4.5 Plan Updates must assess recent changes
- 4.6 Plan Adoption

Review existing plans, studies, and reports; explain how information was incorporated. Describe the potential impact of each hazard; summarize by jurisdiction in problem statements Capability Assessment – describe authority's, policies, resources, etc. available to implement plan.

Describe risk implications of recent development / anticipated development. Each jurisdiction must adopt the plan (required before FEMA will approve the plan)

Hazard Mitigation Plans: Common Misconceptions

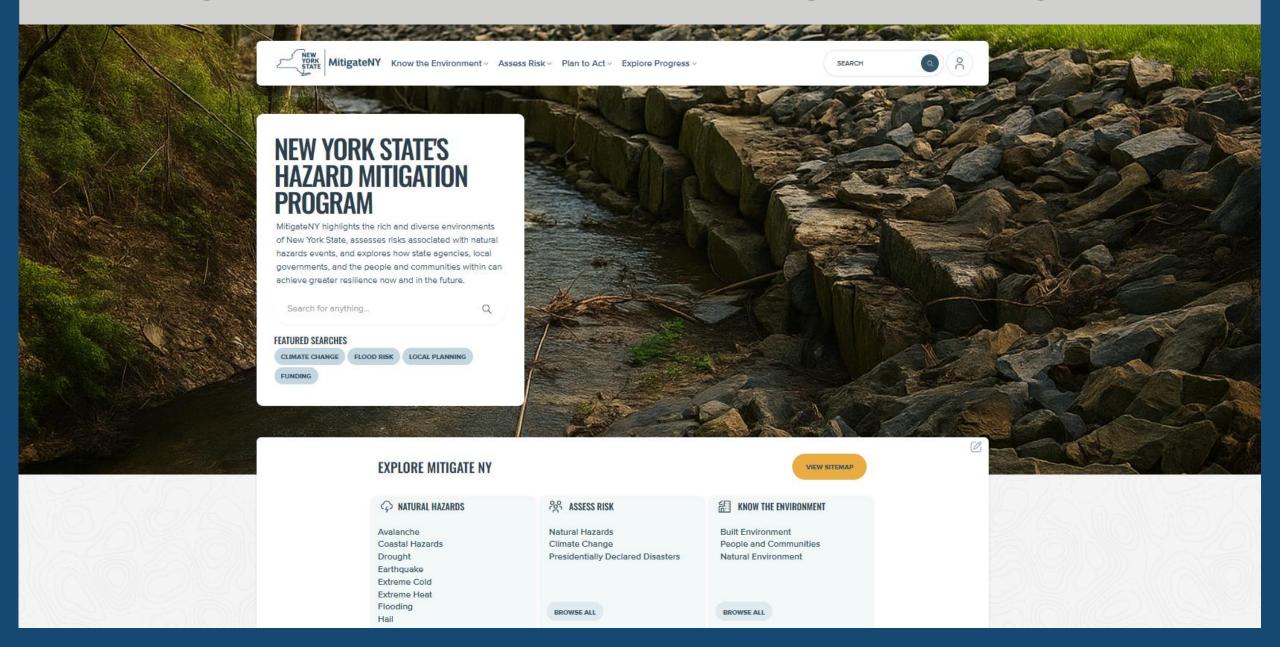
Mitigation Plans are short-term plans (5 years) - False

- Plans must consider future conditions its vision is long-term.
- Plans must be updated at least every 5 years to reflect evolving risks and changing priorities
 - Changes in the Climate (future conditions) Sea Level Rise and More frequent, intense, and/or longer lasting weather hazards
 - Changes in Land Use, Population, Demographics, Recent Mitigation (e.g. new building codes)

Mitigation Plans must be stand-alone plans - False

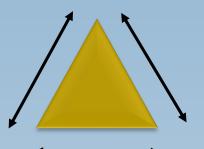
• Mitigation Plans that meet requirements ideally should be integrated into a comprehensive plan, climate smart community plans, economic development plans and other local plans.

2025 MitigateNY: New York State's Hazard Mitigation Planning Platform



MitigateNY: Three Distinct Components

Central Data Repository (CenRep)



Local Hazard Mitigation
Plans
(LHMPs)

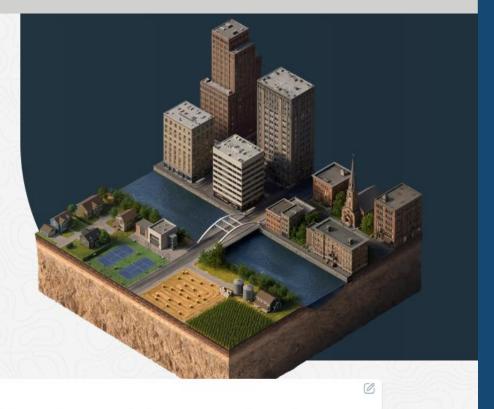
State Hazard Mitigation
Plan
(SHMP)

MitigateNY: State Hazard Mitigation Plan - Know the Environment



KNOW THE ENVIRONMENT

The State of New York consists of over 20 million people, 7 million buildings, an intricate and sprawling infrastructure network, and hundreds of thousands of acres of farms and other open space, all of which stand at risk to potential devastation from natural disasters.





BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings

Water Infrastructure

Transportation

Energy

Communications Infrastructure

LEARN MORE



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

Population and Demographics Social Vulnerability

Economy and Development

LEARN MORE



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Open Space

Water and Air

Wildlife

LEARN MORE

Natural hazards and climate change put the life, property, and natural resources of New York State at risk. **These risks must be identified and mitigated.**

WHAT IS RISK?

Risk is the potential for damage, loss, or other impacts created by the interaction of natural hazards with community assets. Risk assessment requires precise consideration of a variety of terms and concepts. For purposes of hazard mitigation planning, New York State uses the following definitions:

State Hazard Mitigation Plan: Embedding Expertise into the Plan

CAPABILITIES CATALOGUE

The MitigateNY Capabilities Catalogue is a product of the 2018 SHMP and has been improved for usability and value in this update. The Catalogue is a collection of programs, plans/guidance, tools, and funding sources that provide support to natural hazard risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts at the state and local level in New York State. It is intended to be an interactive resource guide for local communities.

A community can filter by hazard, domain (buildings, infrastructure, natural environment), or phase of need (risk assessment, study, engineering, construction) to view a list of resources available in New York State. Additional detail is included about the administering agency and how each resource might be used meaningfully in the planning or implementation of mitigation efforts.

CAPABILITIES CATALOGUE

Administering Agency

Administering Agency Type (Fed, State, Local, Non-Profit)

Hazards

coastal hazards ×



Plan to Act > Develop Strategies > Land Use Regulation

LAND USE REGULATION

Land use planning bodies play a pivotal role in shaping the physical and social

CLIMATE CHANGE

As the world continues to warm exponentially faster than usual, the magnitude weather events increases and weather patterns shift, ultimately affecting the ris and vulnerability of the built and natural environments



There are cultural resources in every county of New York State, many referred to as historic due to their age or ties to

person in the community's development. A g or collection of buildings in a district may be amples of particular types of architecture, stitions may have been the site of a major event istory, such as a famous battle, or could provide of past life through archaeological research.

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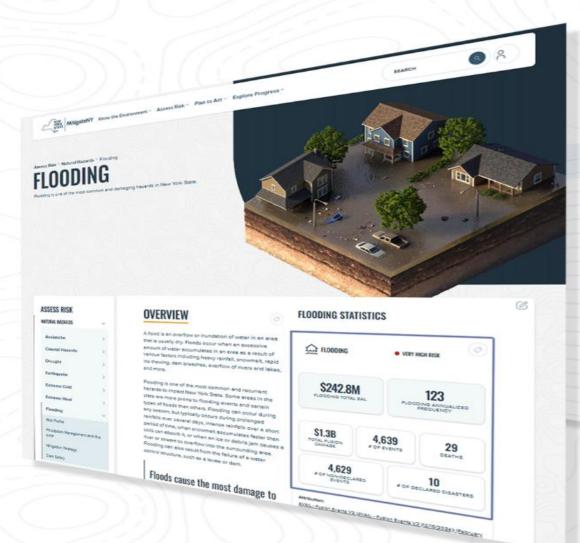


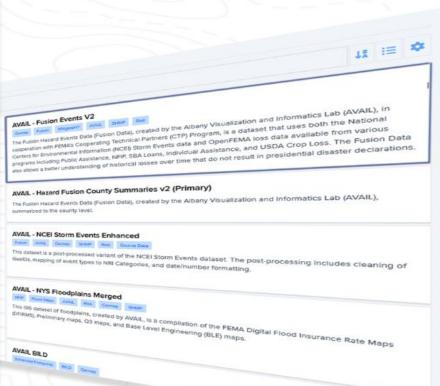
HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS



A Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) occurs when algae or algae-like organisms grow rapidly to form dense blooms that are visible on the surface or in the water column of the affected waterbody. Algae are plant-like organisms that form the basis of the aquatic food chain or "web," but some algae can produce toxins. Other organisms that may form HABs have

State Hazard Mitigation Plan: Central Data Repository (CenRep)





COUNTY

Delaware (County)

Broome (County)

Queens (County)

Suffolk (County)

Schoharie (County)

Delawere (County)

Queens (County)

Tompkins (County)

Chemung (County)

Onondaga (County)

Washington (County)

Washington (County)

Schenectady (County)

Delaware (County)

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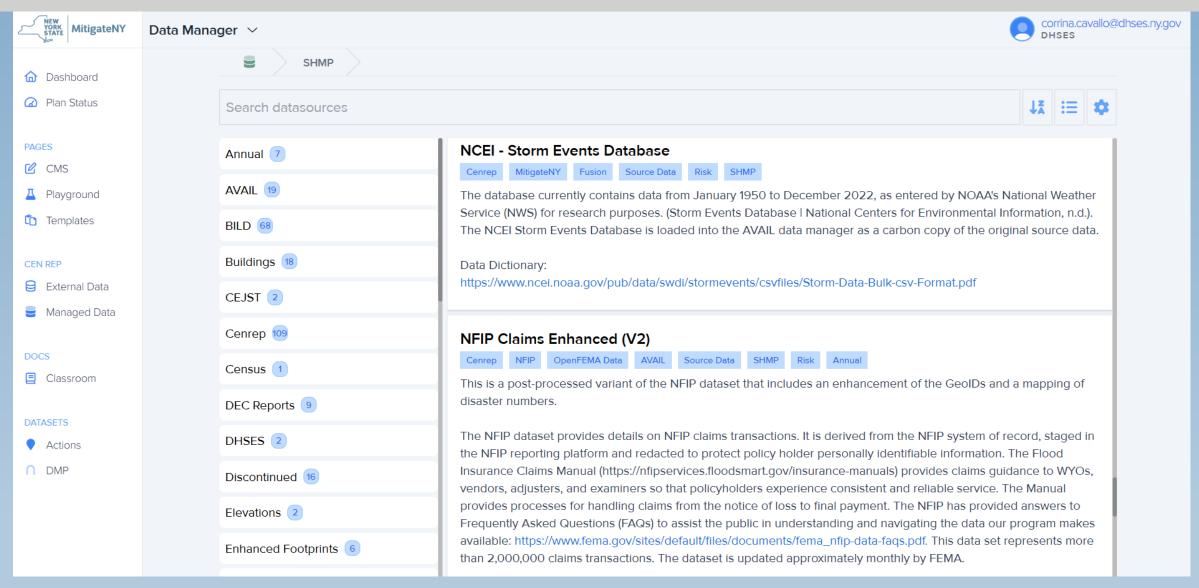
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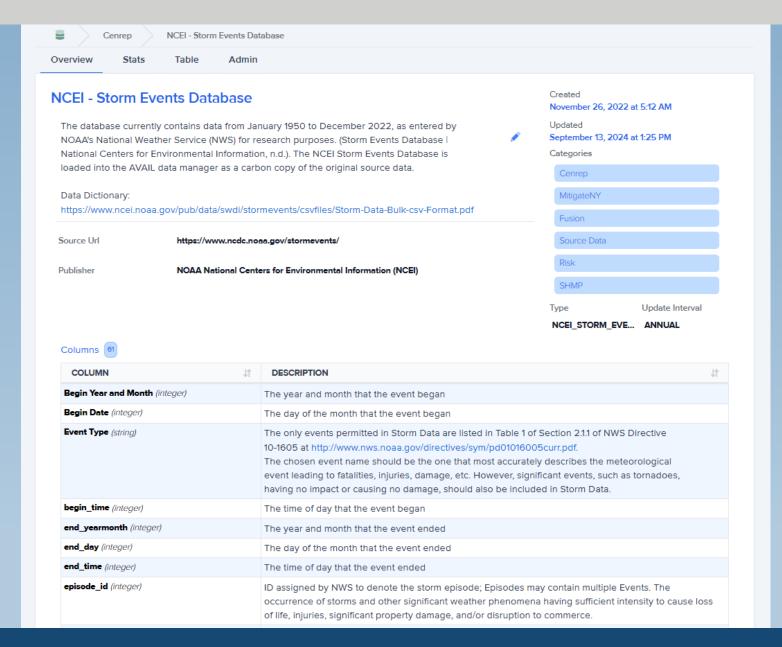
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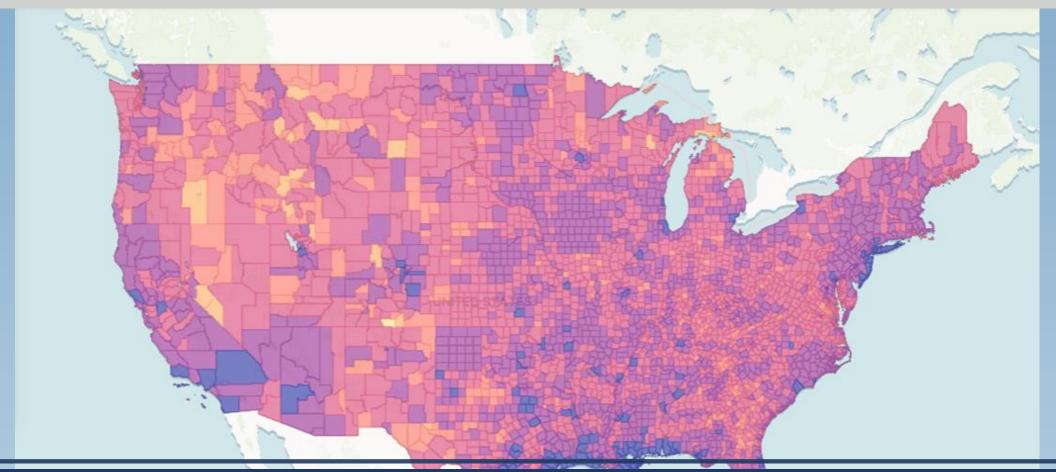
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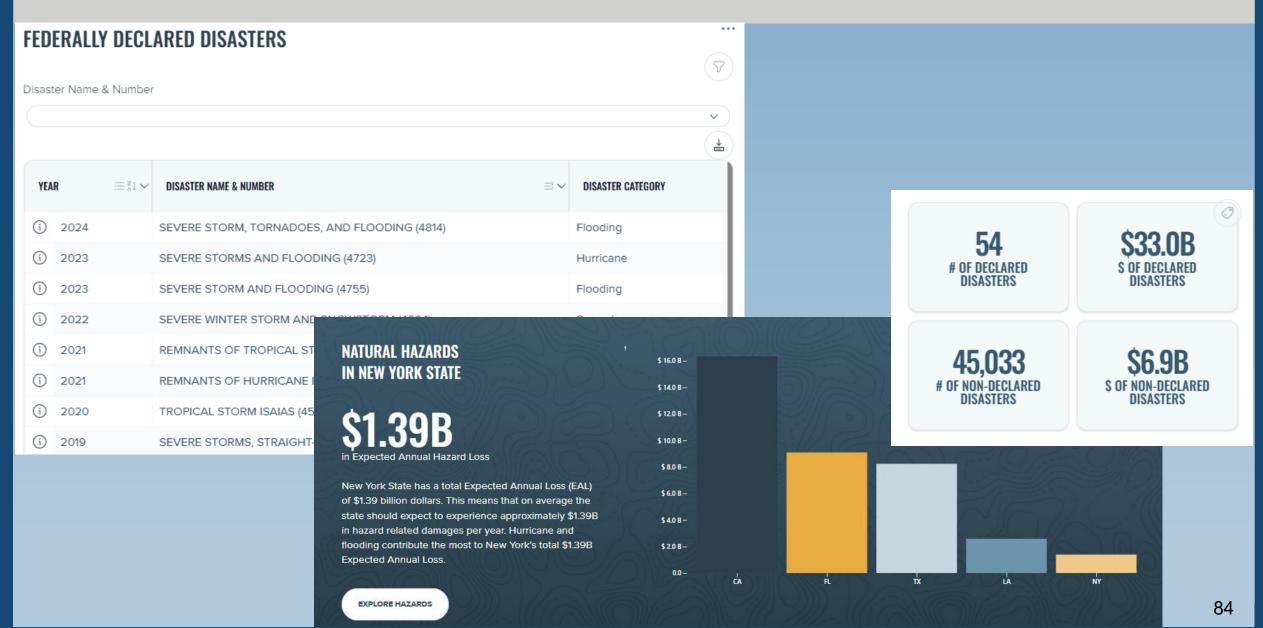


MitigateNY: CenRep - FUSION Hazard Data

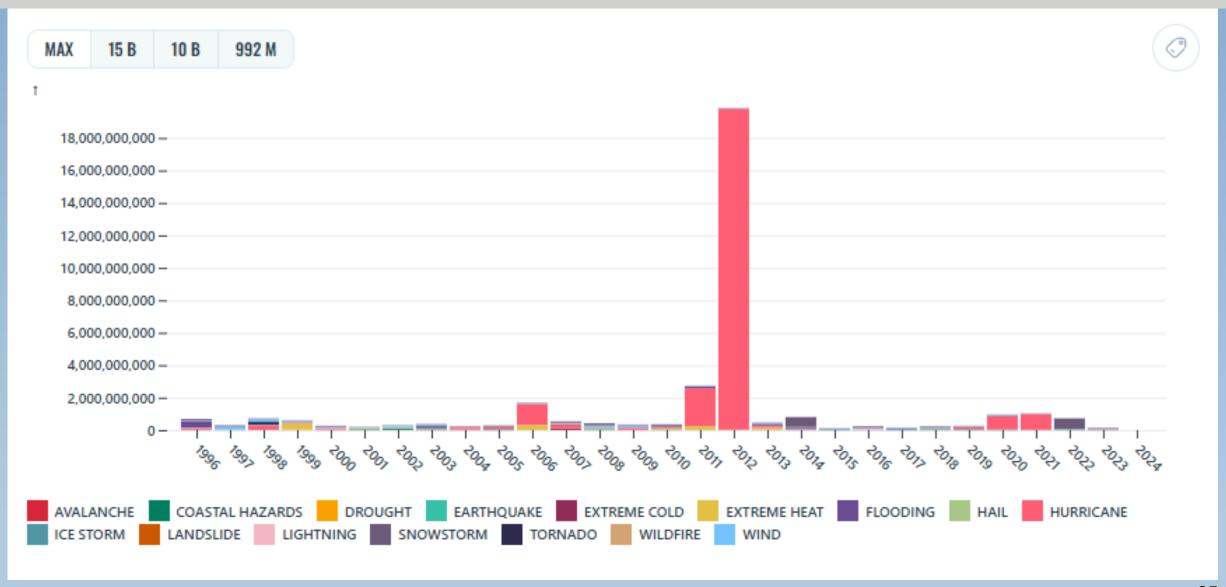


FUSION - Framework for Unifying Sources of Information on Natural Disasters

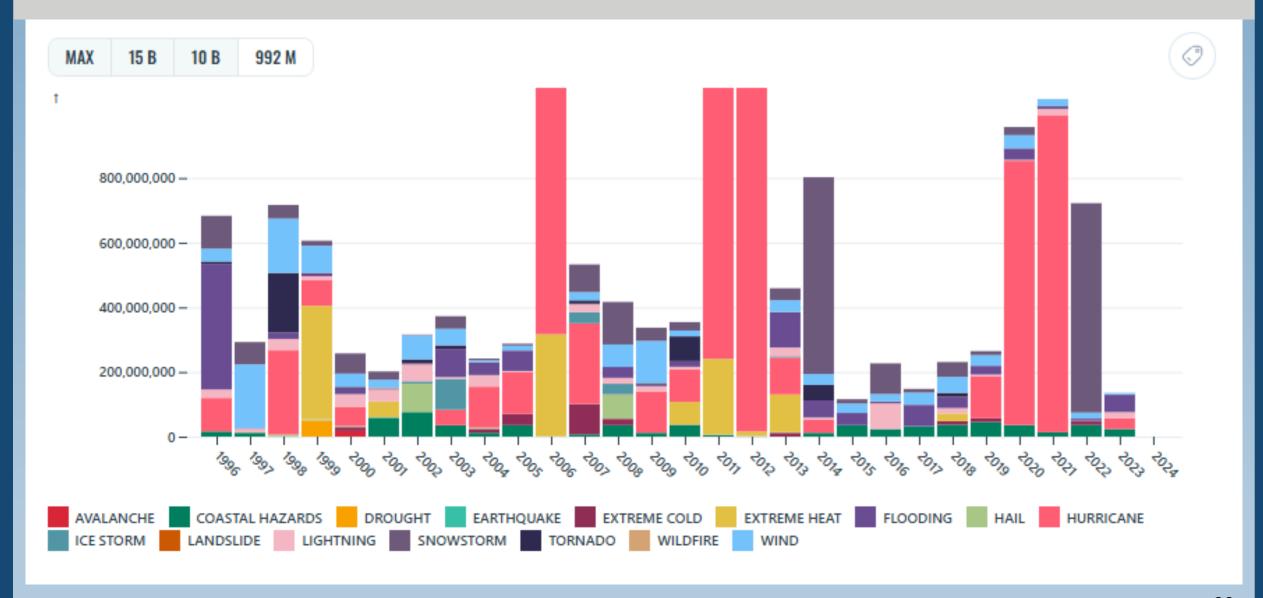
MitigateNY: State Hazard Mitigation Plan - Modular



MitigateNY: State Hazard Mitigation Plan – Hazard Visualizations

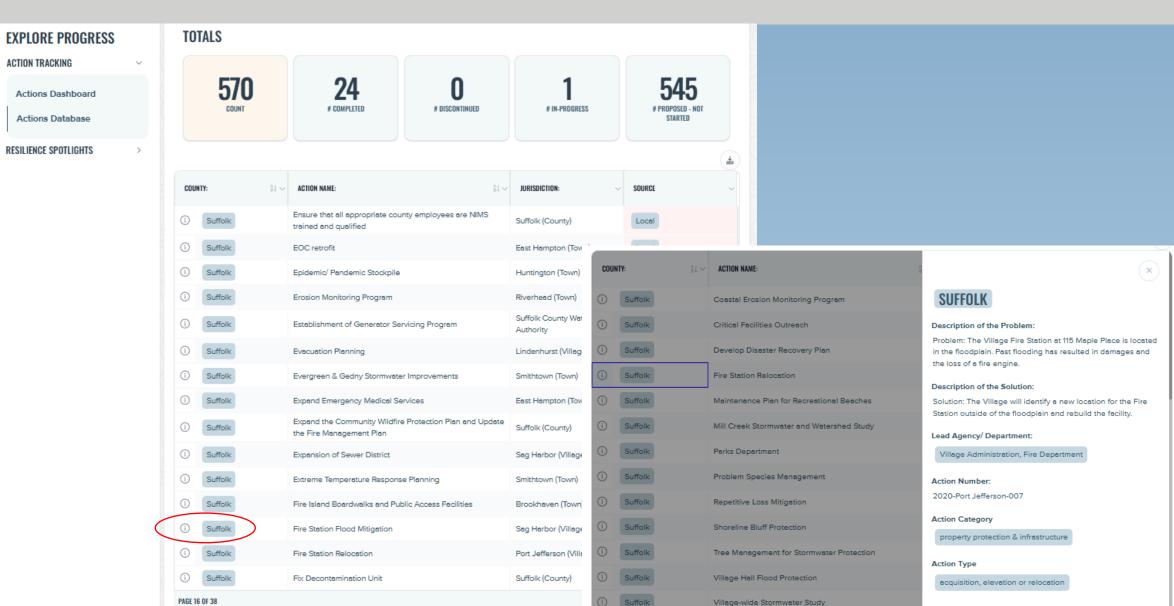


MitigateNY: State Hazard Mitigation Plan - Hazard Visualizations



MitigateNY: CenRep - Internal Data

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Hazards

MitigateNY: CenRep - Internal Data

EXPLORE PROGRESS

ACTION TRACKING

Actions Dashboard

Actions Database

RESILIENCE SPOTLIGHTS

TOTALS

COUNTY:

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Nassau

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244 COUNT 4 # COMPLETED

Cleft Road Electrical Utility Underground

Community Communications Update Project

Comprehensive Preparedness/Disaster Plan

County Mitigation Planning Website Access

Critical Slope Reinforcement Initiative (Revised)

Develop a Disaster Communications Plan

Department of Public Works and Recreation Hardening

Develop tree maintenance standards for residential

Develop Tree Removal and Maintenance Program

COOP - Continuance of Operation Plan

Critical Facility Flood Risk Education

Develop a Continuity of

Operations Plan

Community Outreach Emergency Information Service

Community Hazard Awareness Program

ACTION NAME:

Coastal Zoning District

O # DISCONTINUED

1 # IN-PROGRESS

JURISDICTION:

Mill Neck (Village)

Woodsburgh (Village)

Roslyn Harbor (Village)

Laurel Hollow (Village)

Russell Gardens (Village)

South Floral Park (Village)

Stewart Manor (Village)

Rockville Center (Village)

Nassau (County)

Sands Point (Village)

East Rockaway (Village)

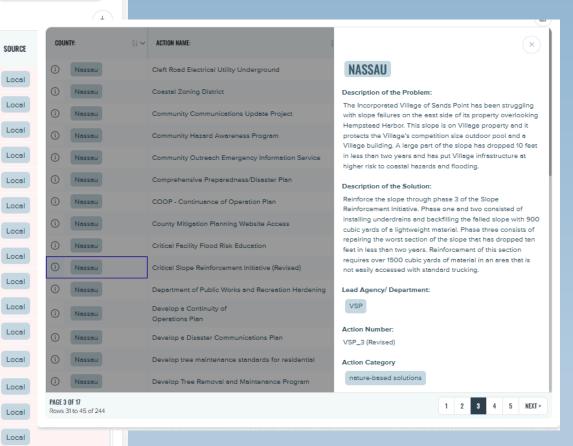
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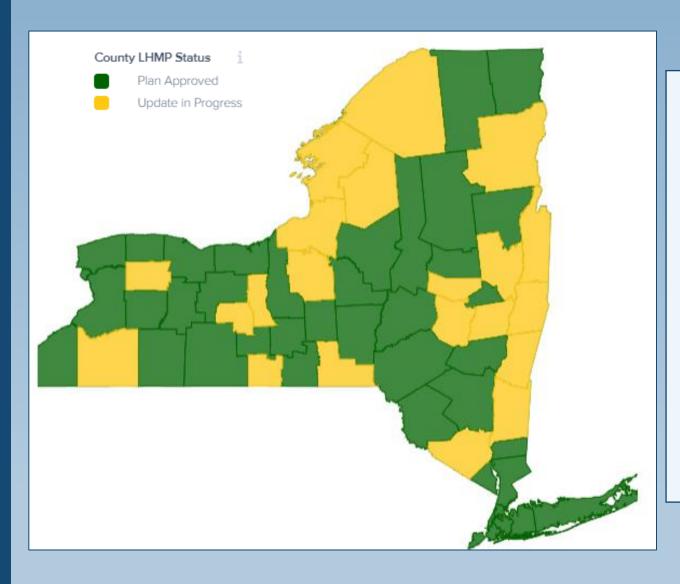
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Lynbrook (Village)

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PROPOSED - NOT STARTED





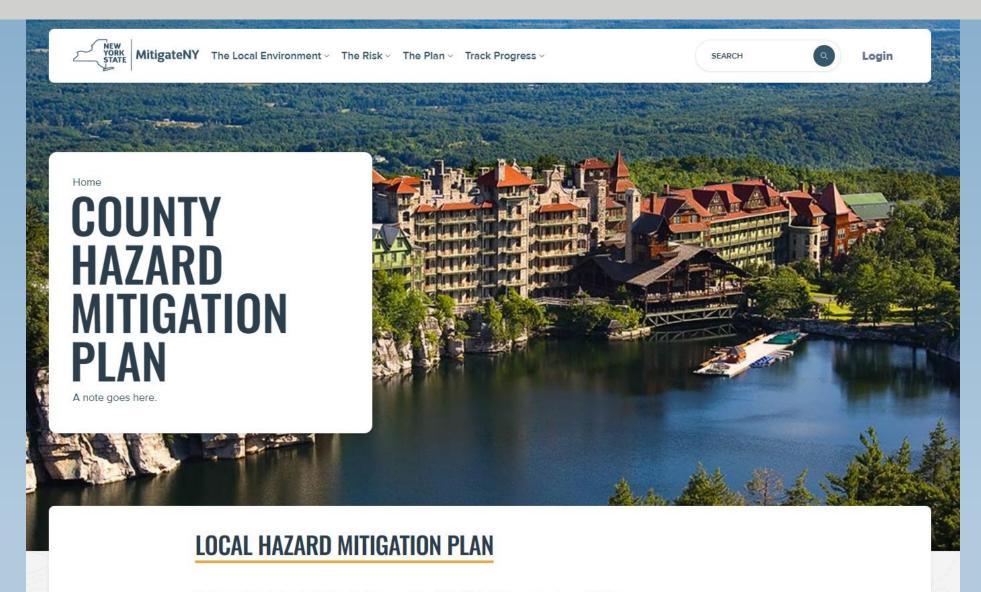
Every county in New York State has a multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

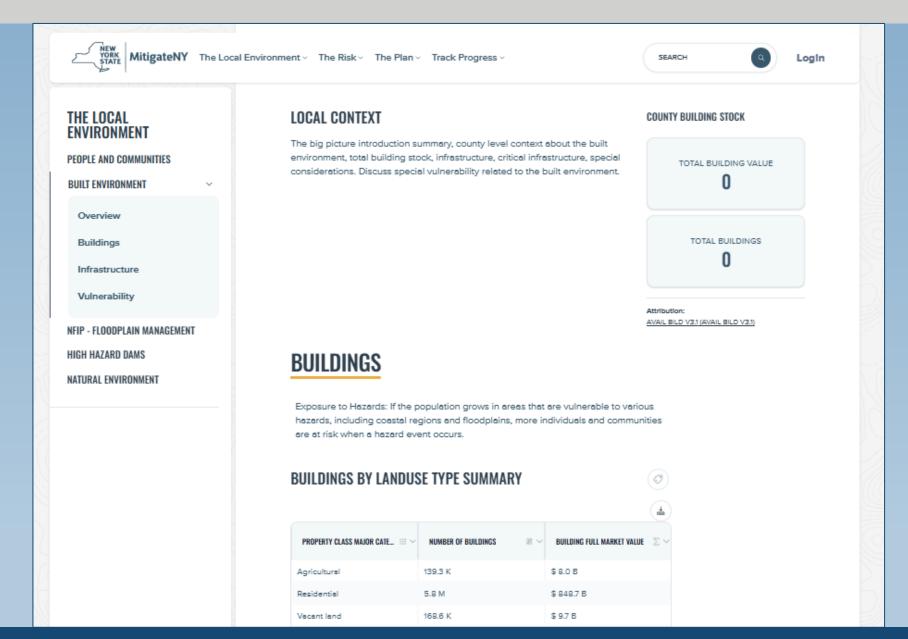
- Funded
- Mandated
- Maintained & Updated

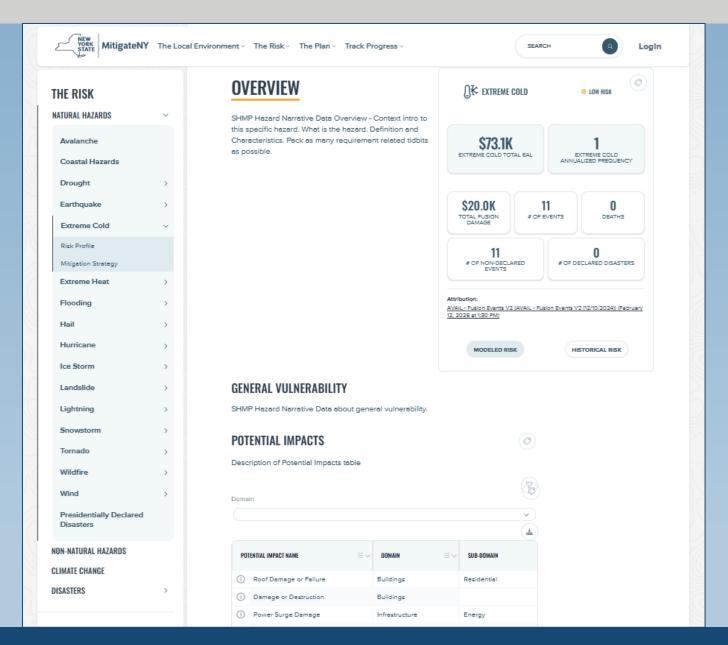
County led – community focused.

Engages nearly all jurisdictions and municipal government officials across all NYS counties

Planning process identifies hazards, assess risks and vulnerabilities, and develop mitigation strategies that can be funded using a wide range of resources.







MitigateNY: CenRep - BILD BILD – Buildings Information and Land-use Dataset

Questions & Contact Info





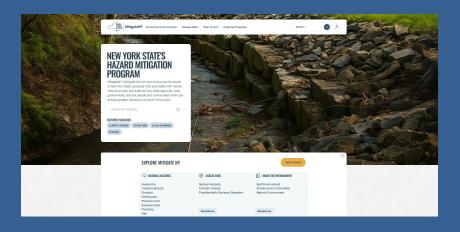
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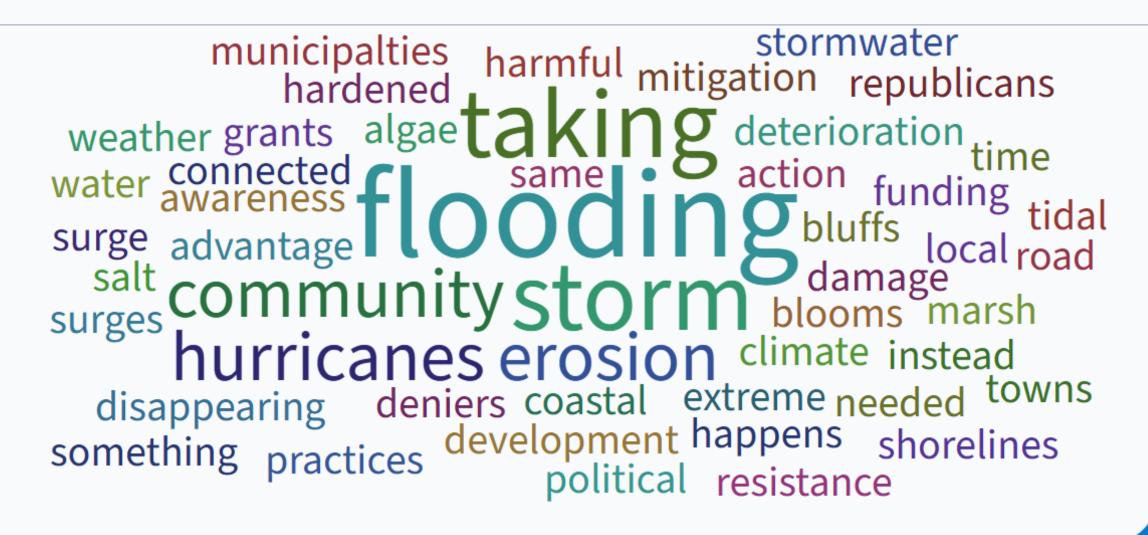
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What do you think is the biggest coastal resilience issue facing Long Island Sound communities in Nassau County?





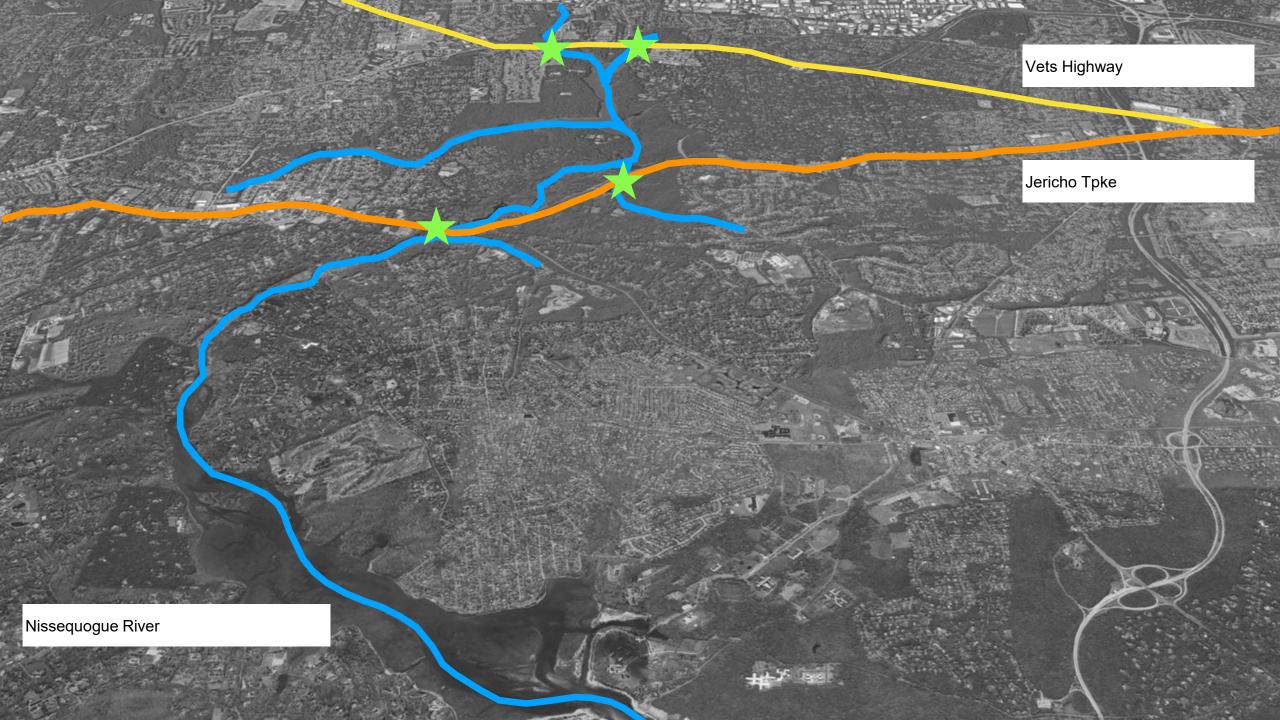


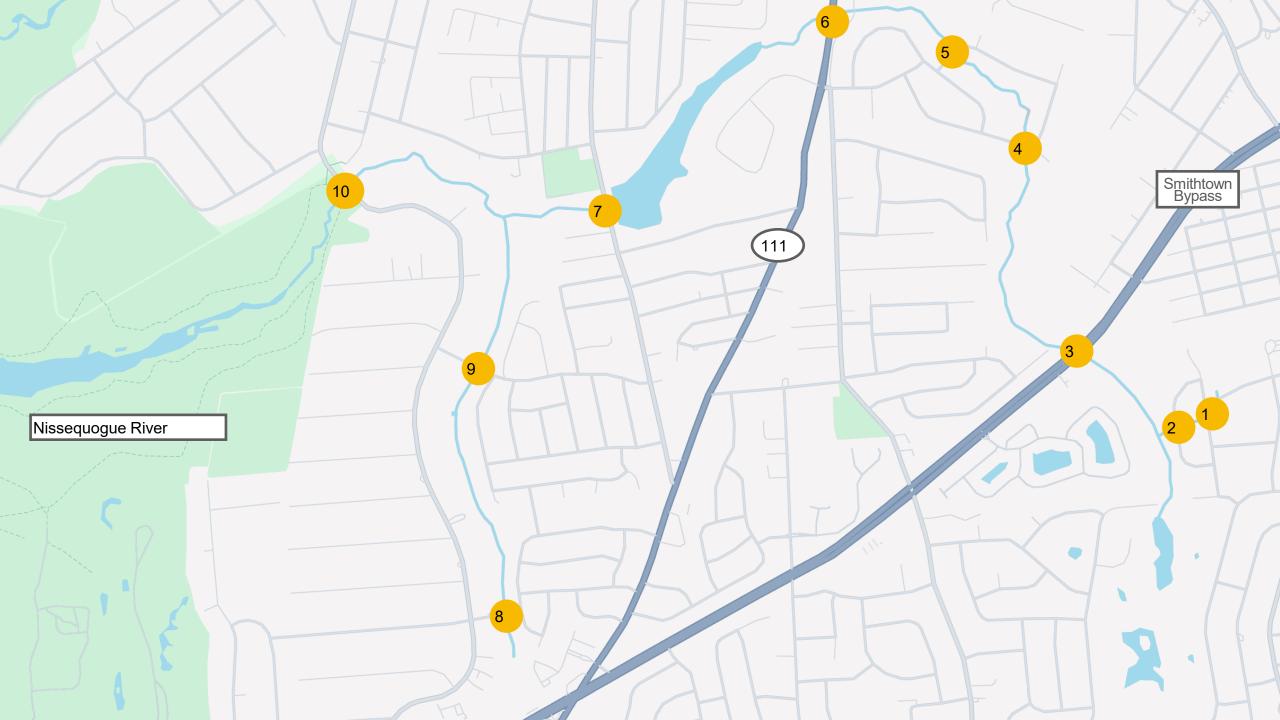


Beaver Brook, Mill Neck. Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown

Resilience Resources & Tools







Roadways & railroads and rivers & streams are long, linear features of the landscape.

Their primary role is **transportation** - whether it's cars/trains/people or water/sediments/organisms.

Connectivity is key to the continued functioning of both systems.

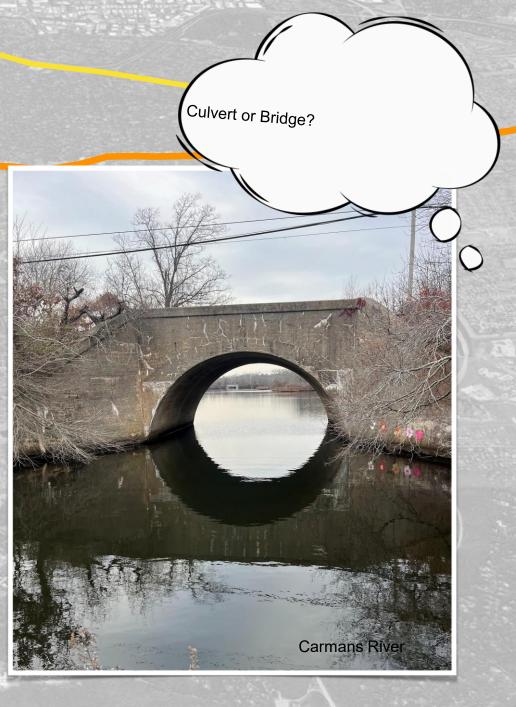
ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road

Culverts and **bridges** allow roads to pass over rivers, streams, tidal creeks and wetlands.

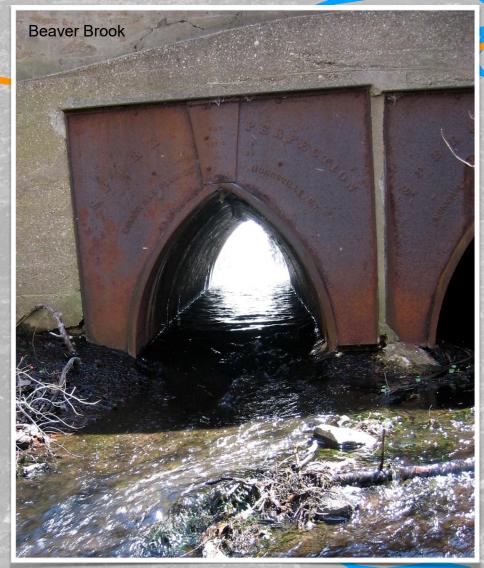
Undersized, poorly designed, or failing infrastructure at these crossings restricts water flow and can lead to flooding, road closures, property damage, degraded natural systems and impaired water quality.

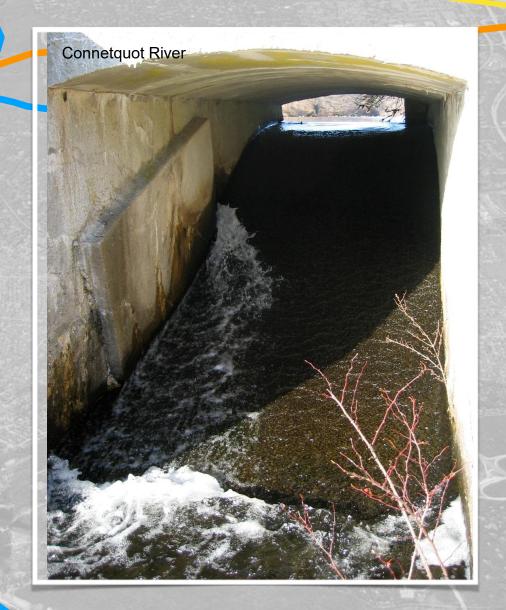
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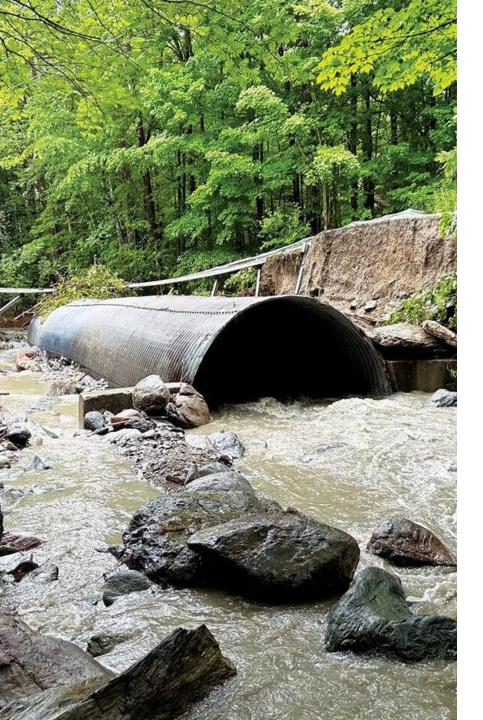




ROAD-STREAM CROSSINGS: Where the Water Meets the Road

Ideally, our transportation infrastructure should **not**:

- 1. Put roadways/railroads at risk of being impacted by storms, or
- 2. Degrade the ecological health and resiliency of our rivers and streams



Transportation Vulnerability





Ecological Impacts:

- Perched culverts with excess drop at the outlet
- Undersized culverts create high water velocity, turbulence & outlet scour
- Undersized culverts can impound water and accumulate debris at the culvert inlet
- Oversized culverts can create inadequate water depths



Ecological Impacts:

- Disconnect rivers & streams
- Fragment wildlife habitat
- Disrupt sediment/nutrient transport
- Block wildlife movement (aquatic, semi-aquatic and terrestrial)

THE SOLUTION? RightSizing!

Road-Stream Crossings that:

- 1. Make roadways/railroads resilient to storm impacts
- 2. Allow waterways to act naturally; promote healthy & resilient rivers and streams



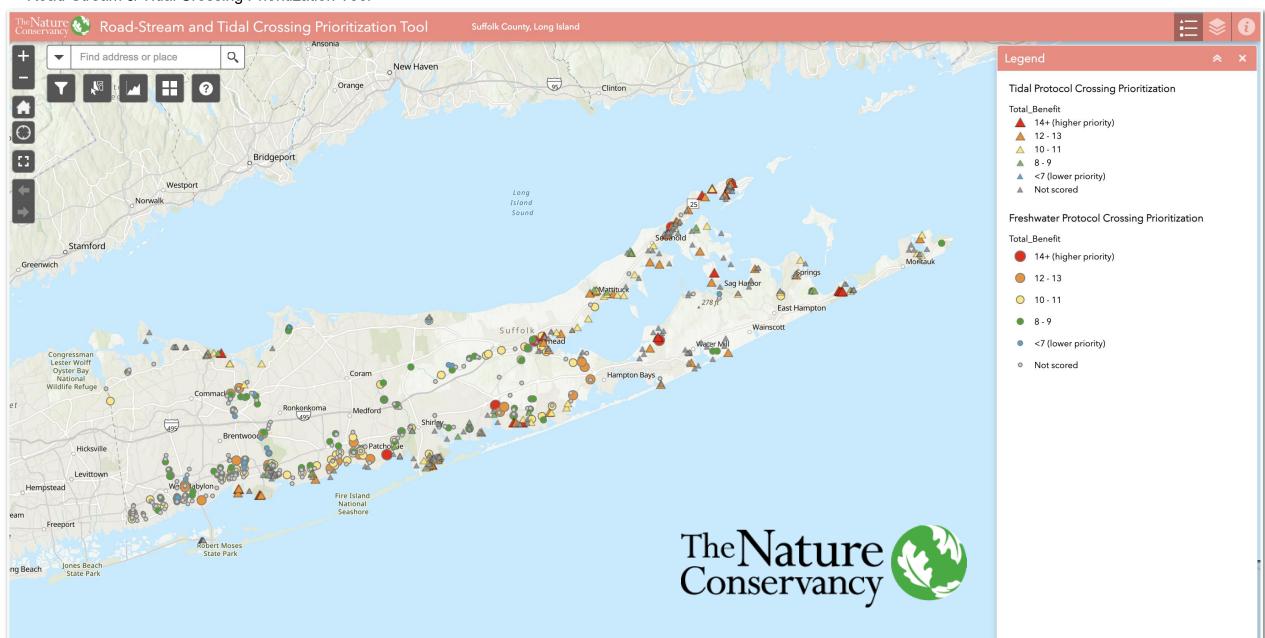


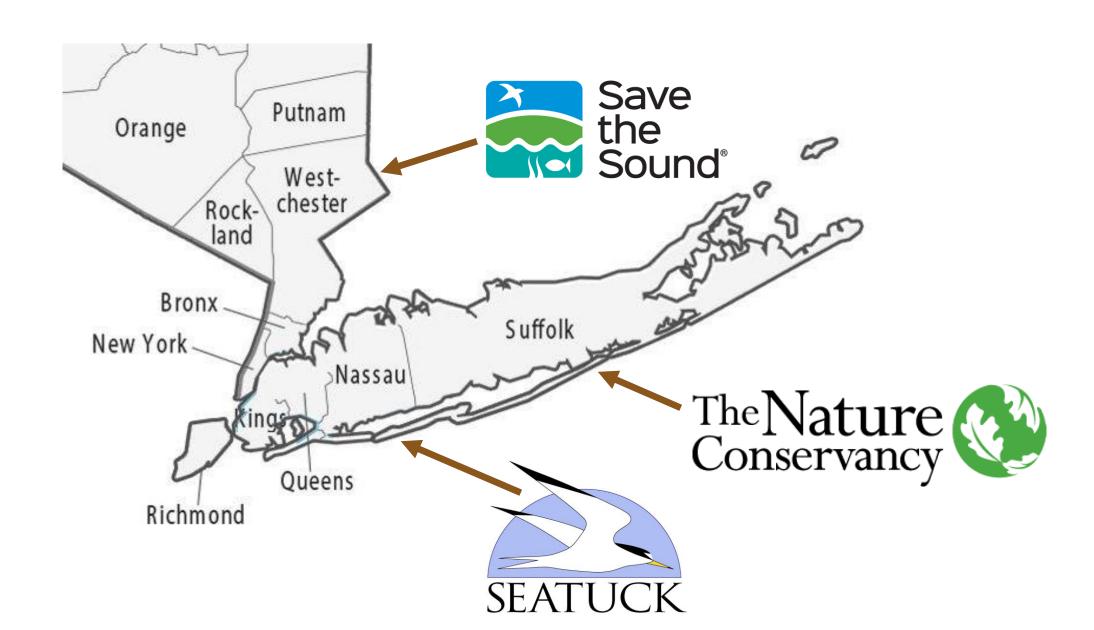




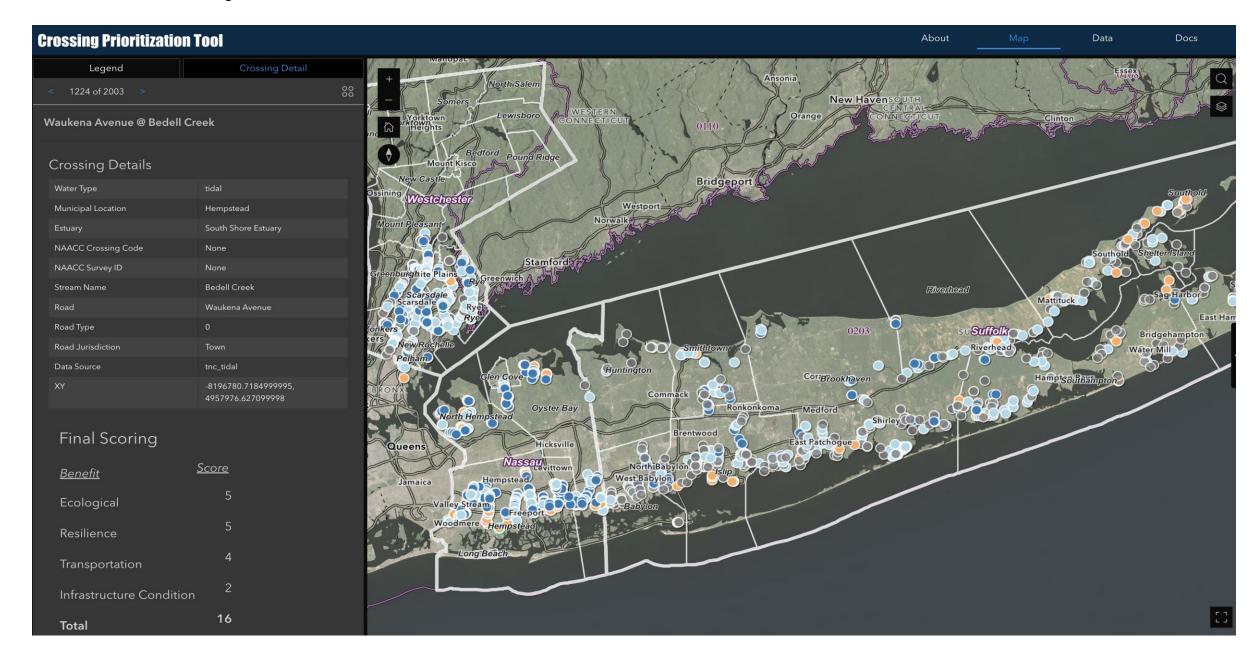
- Established in 2015
- Coordinated by University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Developed a unified protocol for assessing aquatic passability at roadstream crossings
- Develop a programmatic infrastructure (the NAACC) to support crossing assessments throughout the 13-state North Atlantic region

Road-Stream & Tidal Crossing Prioritization Tool

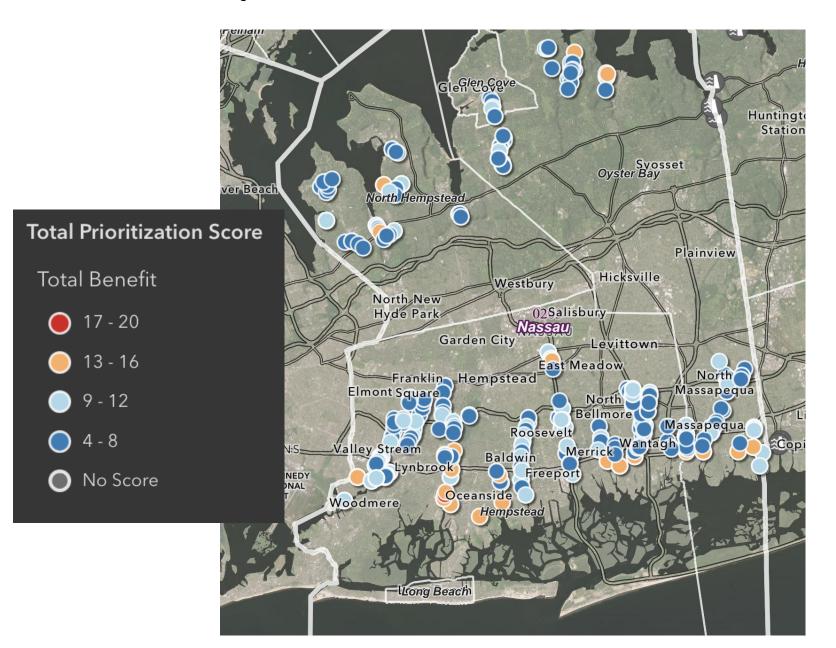




Road-Stream & Tidal Crossing Prioritization Tool



Road-Stream & Tidal Crossing Prioritization Tool



Four categories of benefits:

- Ecological
- Resilience
- Transportation
- Infrastructure





Which types of flooding are you most concerned about (check all that apply)?

Stormwater Flooding

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Groundwater Flooding

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Compound Flood Hazard Mapper

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Forum
October 2025
Kathleen Fallon, PhD





An Update...

- Part 1: USGS is working to finalize and make mapper publicly available
 - Were aiming for mid-November
 - However, government shutdown 10/1/2025
 - Will delay release, but hopefully only slightly

- Part 2: NYSG will be leading outreach about mapper
 - Upcoming workshops
 - Assessment of mapper
 - Development and release of Toolkit



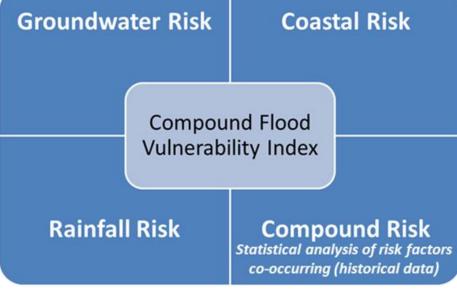
Compound Flooding-

the co-occurrence of multiple flood drivers

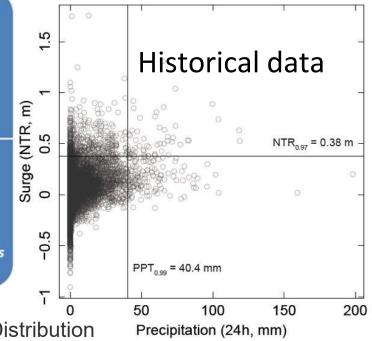














Goal of project(s)

Mapper

- Develop a tool that will help decision-makers understand areas within a community that are vulnerable to compound flooding
- Communicate compound flood hazards

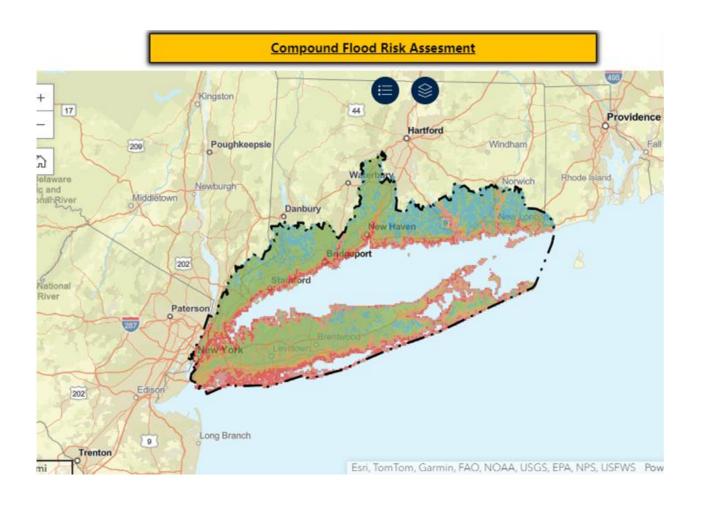
Outreach

- Promote the use of the mapper
- Assess the mappers useability
- Develop a toolkit to assist decision-makers



Overview of mapper tool

- Mapper includes all of Long Island, and coastal contributing areas to LIS in southern CT
- Click on any grid cell to view the susceptibility to:
 - coastal flooding
 - flash flooding
 - groundwater flooding
 - compound effects
- Supplemental maps include sea level rise scenarios







Coastal Flood Hazard

- Sea Level Rise is main driver of inundation extent



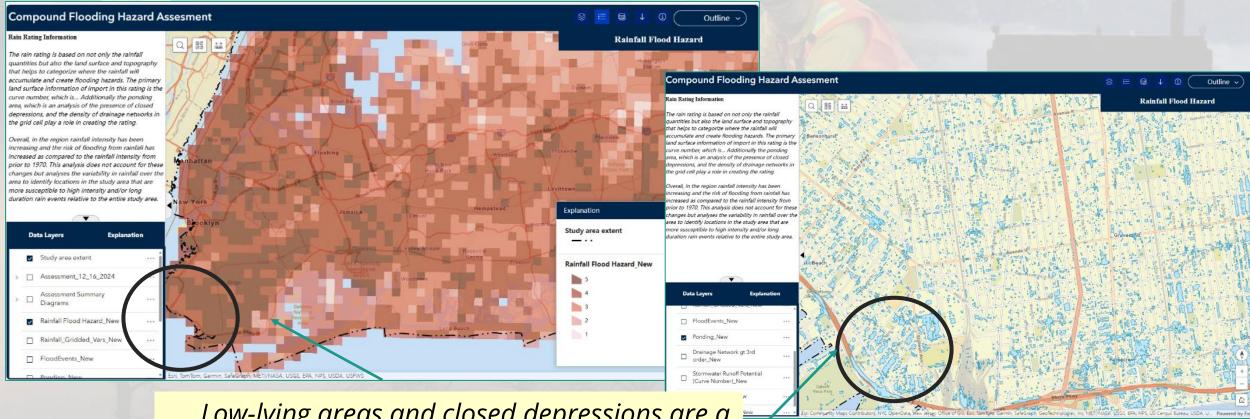






Rainfall/Pluvial Flood Hazard

Runoff potential is most important contributing factor



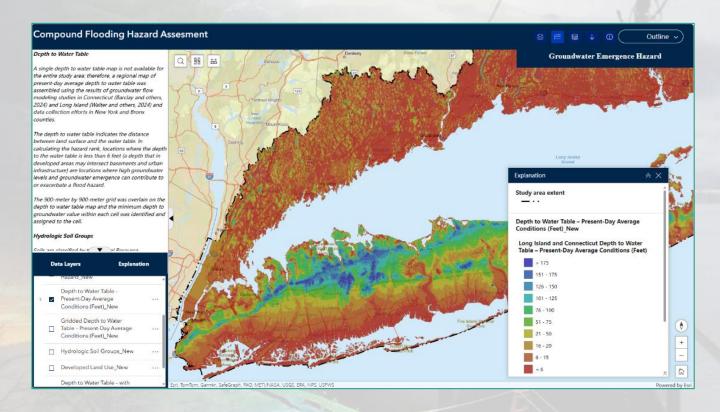


Low-lying areas and closed depressions are a contributing factor to high rainfall flood hazard ranks



Groundwater Emergence Flood Hazard

- Groundwater emergence flood hazard driven by depth to water table
 - SLR case (results for Long Island only) similar to average condition case
 - Many locations with high groundwater emergence flood hazard rank are heavily developed









Welcome to the USGS Long Island Sound Study Compound Flood Risk Mapper.

The Long Island Sound Study Compound Flood Risk Mapper presents individual and combined flood risk from rainfall, coastal storm surge and shallow or emerging groundwater on a 900-meter by 900-meter grid for existing conditions. Supplemental maps, at a higher resolution, are also available by selecting Coastal Flood Risk, Rainfall Accumulation Flood Risk or Groundwater Emergence Risk buttons. These supplemental maps present existing conditions and sea level rise scenarios. The Mapper can help communities visualize potential risk associated with individual and combined flood drivers, identify areas and resources that may be at risk, and provide a basis for enhancing their local response effort during a flooding event.

Study Overview

The Long Island Sound Study (LISS), created in 1985, is a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, private organizations and educational institutions working together to restore and protect the Sound. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) New England and New York Water Science Centers are partners in the Long Island Sound Study (LISS). The Sustainable and Resilient Communities Work Group (SRC) was established to help advance progress on select objectives and implementation actions of the LISS Comprehensive Conservation and Management Pan (CCMP).

The USGS is assisting the SRC work group with its assessment of compound flood risk from the combined effects of sea level rise on storm surge, tidal and groundwater flooding, and stormwater. The study area for the LISS compound flood risk study, and a concurrent study supported by Hurricane Ida supplemental FEMA funding, includes Coastal Connecticut, New York City and Long Island Counties of Bronx, New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk.

This information is preliminary and is subject to revision. It is being provided to meet the need for timely best science. The information is provided on the condition that neither the U.S. Geological Survey nor the U.S. Government shall be held liable for any damages resulting from the authorized or unauthorized use of the information. October 2023

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Launch Interactive Mapper

USGS Compound Flooding Risk Assesment

Preliminary Information Subject to Revision. Not for Citation or Distribution.

Outline ~

Compound Flood Risk Assesment

Overall Assesment

Zoom in or out within the Compound Flood Risk Assessment map area or enter an address using the search tool. Click on cell within the Compound Flood Risk Assessment map area. Click on the center of one grid cell to select a single model grid cell. Once a single cell is selected, the information for that selected cell will populate this dialog area. Independent Risk Rankings bar chart can be view by clicking on the black arrow on the right side of this page.

Compound Flood Information

Compound flood risk is based on an analysis of historical data that uses the occurrence of past compound events to determine the relationship between the different flood drivers of coastal water levels, rainfall amount and groundwater emergence.

The entire study area shows some level of compounding of flood drivers. The "Overall Flood Risk Category" indicates the strength of that compounding. It is determined by the frequency of past events that cooccurred, as compared with individual flood drivers that did not co-occur with other drivers and as such are considered to be independent events.





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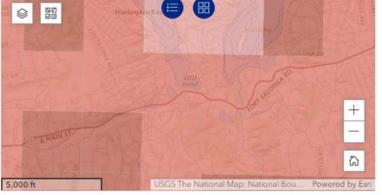
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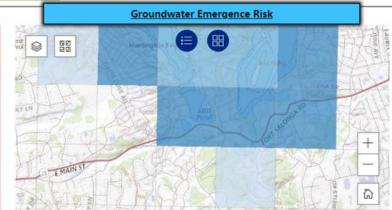
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Coastal Flood Risk

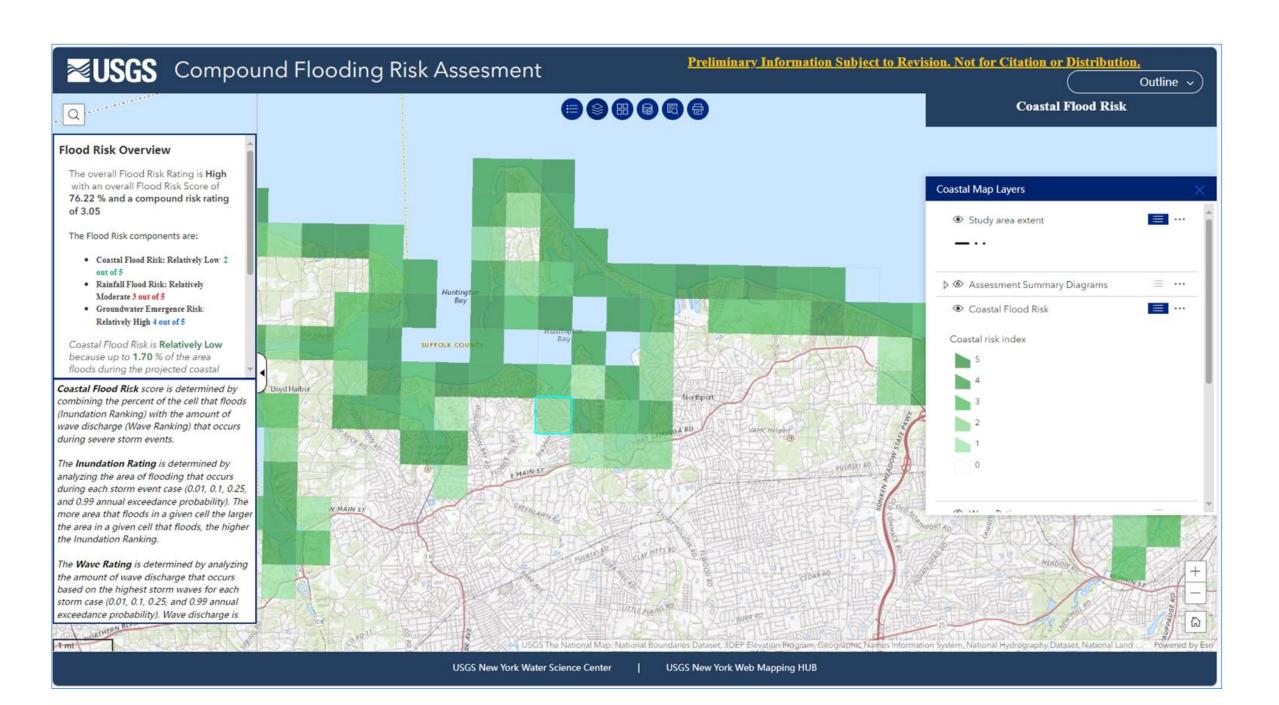
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Rainfall Flood Risk



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How might this information be applied?

Compound Flood Indicator

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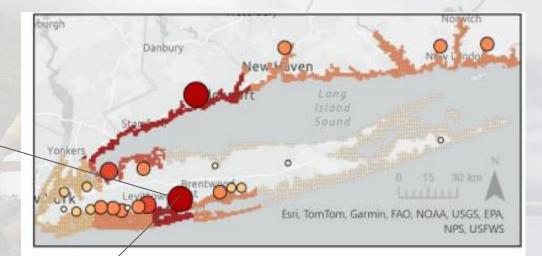
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The selected cell is in Town of Oyster Bay in Nassau County.

The Compound Flood Hazard Rank is 5 out of 5.

Calculated hazard ranks from individual flood drivers are:

- Coastal Flood Hazard: 1 out of 5
- Rainfall Flood Hazard: 5 out of 5
- Groundwater Emergence Hazard: 4 out of 5



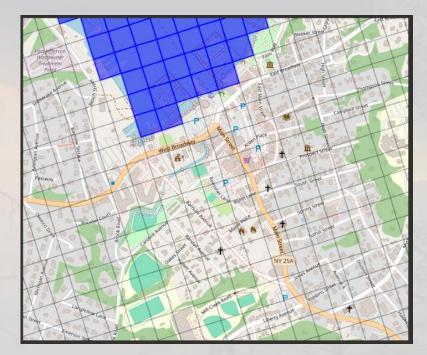
Don't be fooled by the low surge score: when combined with intense rain and high groundwater, all three hazards can contribute to serious flooding.

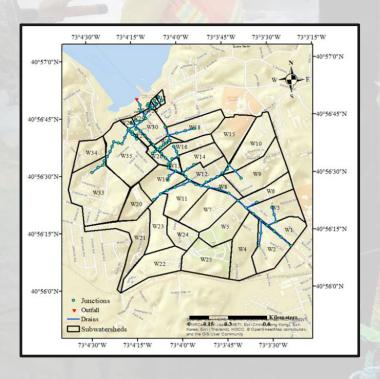




Port Jefferson Phase 2

- "Stitching" together coastal, groundwater, and stormwater models for Port Jefferson
- Exploring hydraulic connections between coastal creeks and groundwater
- Confirming models capture observed water levels and flooding response
- Discussion of scenarios









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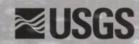
Let us know if you are interested in learning more!



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PROVIDING RESOURCES TO LOCAL OFFICIALS ABOUT COASTAL FLOODING AND EROSION

Long Island Sound Coastal Resilience Forum

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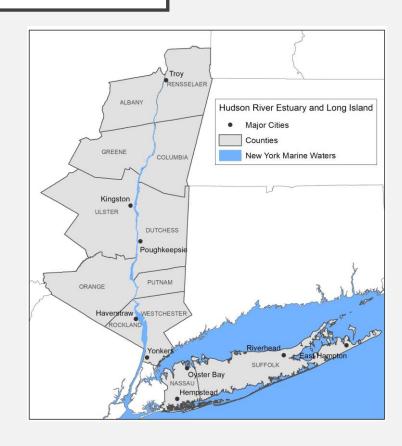






PROJECT BACKGROUND

- In 2020, NYSG entered a CTP with FEMA Region 2
- Identified a need for outreach and education of shoreline decision-makers
 - Lack of general education of natural shoreline and watershed processes
 - Leads to decisions that exacerbate flooding and erosion issues
- Goal: provide resources to stakeholders making and influencing decisions about the shoreline





NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Chance to hear from target audience in 2020-2021
 - 12 officials, 10 consultants, 9 residents, 3 marinas
- Open ended, semi-structured questions about risks and hazards of living and working along the shorelines
- **KEY FINDINGS**
 - Need for a collection of educational resources
 - More clarity is needed around regulations
 - Uncertainty exists around the effectiveness of nature-based solutions which prevent implementation
 - Preservation and revitalization of public recreational access to the shoreline is important
 - Concerns exist about the risks to water quality from flooding and erosion hazards
 - Decision-makers play an important role in shoreline resilience

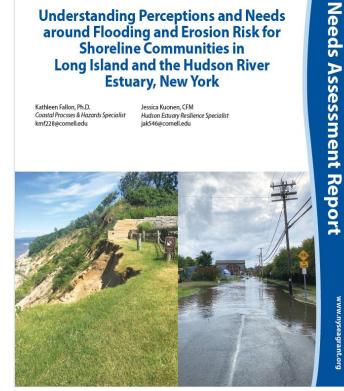




Understanding Perceptions and Needs around Flooding and Erosion Risk for **Shoreline Communities in** Long Island and the Hudson River **Estuary, New York**

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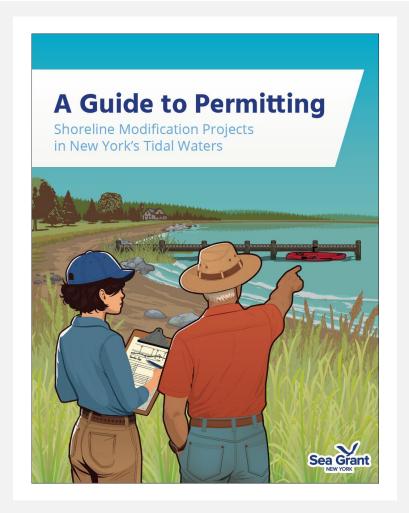


DYNAMIC SHORELINES: LONG ISLAND ARCGIS STORY MAP COLLECTION

- Easily accessible resource for shoreline decision-makers
- Present information in an engaging way
- COLLECTION
 - 1. Ll's Dynamic History: how shorelines were shaped
 - 2. LI's Coastal Processes: intro to features
 - 3. Living with Ll's Dynamic Shorelines: risks, impacts, adapt, mitigate
 - 4. The Future of LI: sea level rise and others
 - 5. The Community Risk and Resiliency Act
 - 6. Resources for LI Shoreline Decision-makers







- NYS permitting process is complex and can be confusing
- For any applicant using the NYS Joint Application for permitting of a shoreline modification project

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Appendices include: Mapping Activity, Checklist, and Links



How to Use This Guidance Document

Step 1: Understand the process, agencies, and typical shoreline modification projects

Step 2: Learn about what permits may be required

Step 3: Review relevant permit application requirements

Step 4: Complete application

Appendix

- Helps applicant use online mapping tools to think through what permits are needed
- Helps ensure application is complete prior to submission

Guide Disclaimer

- For educational and informational purposes only; information should not be used as substitution for regulatory advice
- Encourage to consult with all appropriate agencies during the permitting process, including local municipalities



STEP 1: PRE-APPLICATION PHASE

Research and discuss your project requirements

- Determine your jurisdiction and what permits you need. Use the Online Mapping Tool Activity located in Appendix A.
- Large, complex, projects might require in-person meetings to discuss project scope and alternatives prior to application.

Obtain site clearances

- Clear any existing violations with the reviewing agencies.
- Obtain 3rd party landowner permissions, if needed.

Submit Joint Application to agencies

- Your application must be complete and demonstrate that the project conforms to the regulatory requirements of all agencies. Refer to Advice and Instructions Section.
- Plans and drawings must contain the required information and be in the correct format for the agency.
- Supporting materials must be exactly as requested by agency.

STEP 2: INITIAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Agencies review application for completeness

Notice of Incomplete Notice of Complete*

STEP 3: FULL PROJECT REVIEW

Agencies conduct detailed project review

- Applicants should plan to respond to feedback during this period.
- Depending on your project's scope and impact, a Public Notice Period may be required.
- Comments are forwarded to you so you can address potential issues or provide more detail to clarify or justify your project.

STEP 4: PROJECT DECISION

PROJECT IS NOT (YET) APPROVED

Address the comments and resubmit

- If any agency does not authorize your application, it will not be approved.
- → You may appeal the process.

PROJECT IS APPROVED

You can proceed with your work. Keep in mind your project may require additional permits, variances, or changes from local jurisdiction and New York State agencies.

*This strategy may vary by region



A START GUIDE FOR ADDRESSING FLOODING AND EROSION IN LONG ISLAND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

- A compilation of resources that provide foundational information and additional resources; includes an activity that assists in navigating the guide and applying the concepts
- For local municipal officials, staff, and volunteers that regularly make or contribute to decisions
- Can be used when starting projects, creating educational campaigns, writing grants, reviewing development proposals, or training new decision-makers



Guided Question Activity

Section 1: Flooding and Erosion Basics

An overview of flood and erosion along the coastline

Section 2: Adapting to Flood and Erosion Risk

The steps communities can take to adapt and different adaptation strategies

Section 3: The Community Risk and Resiliency Act: Enhancing local flood laws

State-level policy implications, guidance documents, and model local laws

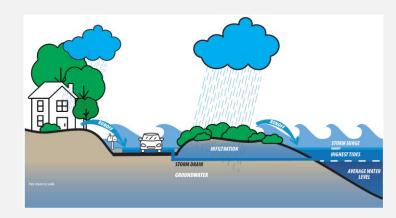
Section 4: Floodplain Management

Floodplain management basics, how to read a Flood Insurance Map and its limitations, and training and resources for floodplain administrators

Section 5: Flood Insurance

Common questions, answers, and misconceptions





- Section 6: Flood Safety: Emergency management terms and resources
 - Flood terminology, how to stay informed, and communication tips
- Section 7: Education and Outreach
 - The importance of educating the public and communication tips
- CASE STUDY: Town of East Hampton Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan
- PUBLICATION: A Guide to Permitting Shoreline Modification Projects in New York's Tidal Waters

How to use this Guide:

Step 1: Record where flooding and erosion occur in your community

Step 2: Identify where your community is in the process of increasing resilience and/or implementing adaptation strategies

Step 3: Review state-level guidance and determine how your community can apply

Step 4: Review your community's Flood Insurance Rate Maps and floodplain administration program

Step 5: Assess emergency communication procedures







Long Island Flooding and Erosion Quick Guide (bit.ly)

Flood Safety: Emergency Management Tips and Terms

National Weather Service Flood Forecast

The National Weather Service uses terms to describe levels of flood risk and flooding so residents can respond appropriately. Emergency managers can use the following terms and messages to communicate flood risk with community members.

Take Precautions! Flood Advisory: Issued when flooding is not expected to be severe enough to issue a flood warning, but it may cause significant inconvenience if caution is not exercised.

Get Prepared! Flood Watch: Issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will definitely occur, but it is possible.

Take Action! Flood Warning: Issued when a flood event is imminent or occurring. A flash flood warning may be issued if a flash flood is imminent or occurring, this is a sudden event that can occur where it is not directly raining. If you are in a flood-prone area, move to higher ground.



National Weather Service Coastal Flood Thresholds

Inundation: water covering normally dry land

Minor, Coastal Flood Advisory: Issued when 1-2 feet of inundation may occur along the shoreline and in vulnerable areas. There is a low threat of property damage and no direct threat to life.

Moderate, Coastal Flood Warning: Issued when 2-3 feet of inundation may occur along the shoreline and in vulnerable areas. There is an elevated threat of property damage and a risk to life, if one places themselves in unnecessary danger.

Major, Coastal Flood Warning: Issued when 3-5+ feet of inundation may occur along the shoreline and in vulnerable areas. There is a significant threat to life and property.

Are you interested in learning more?

- In-depth presentation
- Walk through Guided Question Activity
- Trainings and Workshops (potentially upcoming)

THANK YOU

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Would you be interested in participating in a community-of-practice around shoreline resilience and advancing natural and nature-based solutions?









Bluff at Sands Point Preserve. Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown

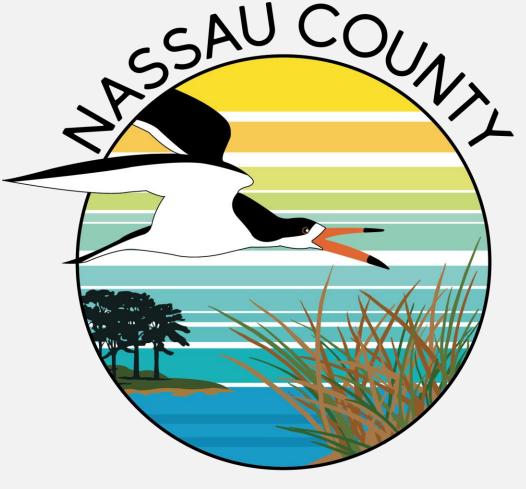
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Nassau County

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Agenda

District Overview

Nassau County S.E.P.T.I.C.

Part C funding Opportunity

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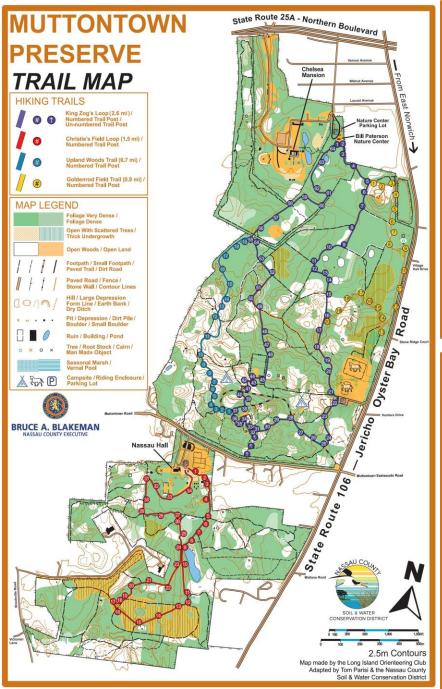


Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District

WHO WE ARE

- Soil and Water Conservation districts are local units of government that develop, manage, and direct natural resource programs at the community level. The Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District has been in existence since 1977, providing county residents with assistance, educational programs and services for over 45 years.
- Our purpose is to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance natural resources through education and technical assistance, and provide programs and technical services to all Nassau County residents and municipalities.
- Located at Nassau Hall in Muttontown Preserve, but provide County-wide conservation services













Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program - Overview



- Administered by the District on behalf of Nassau County
- Provides State and County financial incentives of up to \$20,000 to applicants looking to replace existing septic systems and cesspools with nitrogenreducing technologies

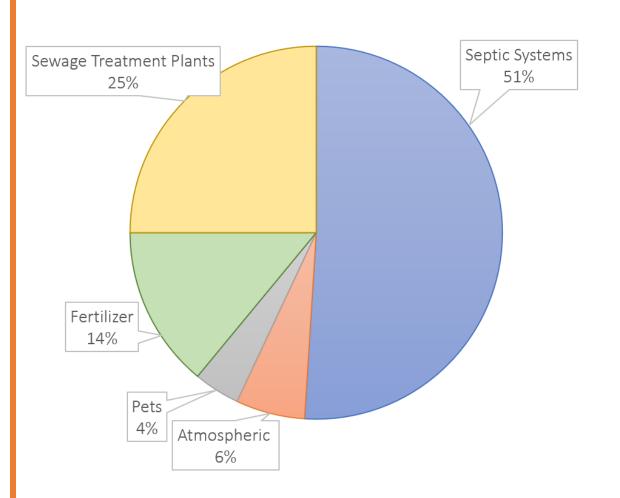
Join the Nassau County Septic Replacement Program

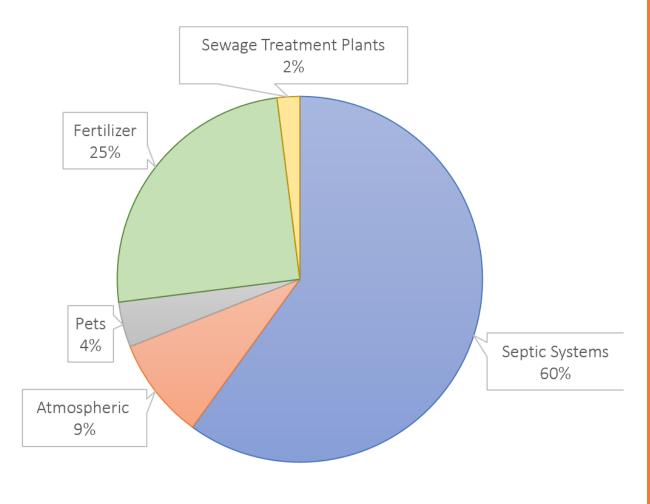
Help keep Long Island waterways clean by replacing your conventional or failing septic system with a new innovative advanced onsite wastewater treatment system. Eligible Applicants will receive a \$20,000 reimbursment for installing a nitrogen reducing septic system on their property.

Click here to learn more about the program



Distribution of Nitrogen to North Shore of Long Island





Hempstead Harbor, Manhasset Bay, and Little Neck Bay

Cold Spring Harbor, Oyster Bay, and Long Island Sound

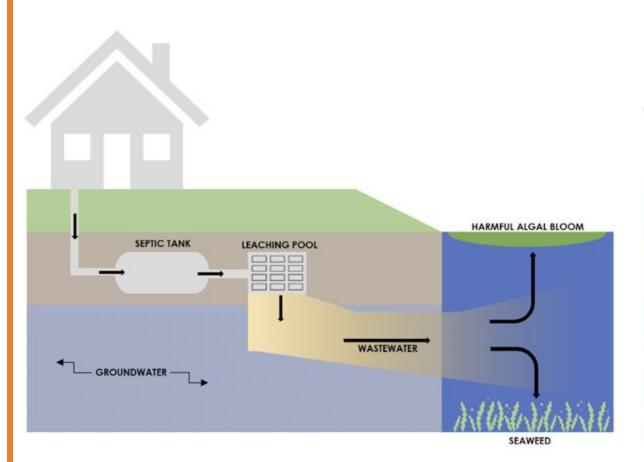


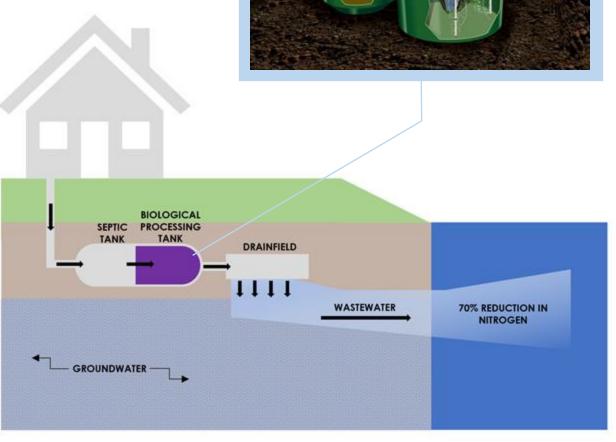
Effects of Excess Nitrogen on the Long Island Sound

- Fish Kills
- Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB)
 - Beach Closures
- Invasive Seaweed
- Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)
- Beach Closures
- Reduced Resiliency of coastal wetlands
 - Degradation of coastal habitats
 - Reduction in Stormwater filtration
 - Increased risk of coastal erosion



"Innovative Advanced (I/A) OWTS" can reduce nitrogen outputs into groundwater by up to 70%.





CONVENTIONAL SEPTIC TANK

NITROGEN-REDUCING IA SEPTIC TANK

Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program – Technologies with General Use Acceptance



Hydro-Action AN Series

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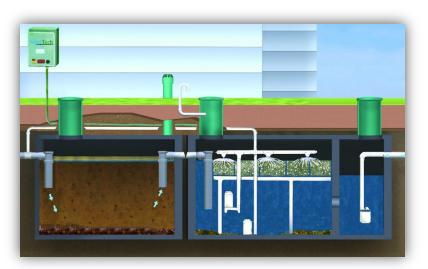
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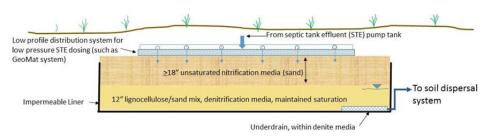


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Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program – Technologies with General Use Acceptance

Provisional Acceptance (can be installed with no limits or restrictions)



Nitrogen Reducing Biofilter

Frank M. Russo, P.E.

Associate Director for Wastewater Initiatives

NYS Center for Clean Water Technology at Stony Brook University

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/cleanwater

Norweco HydroKinetic
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Technologies Piloting Use Acceptance (Limited to 12 Installations)



Anua - Bio Coir Coconut Fiber Biofilter (A Series & IM Series)

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Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program – Technologies with General Use Acceptance

Technologies Piloting Use Acceptance (Limited to 12 Installations)

ECOPOD-NX by Infiltrator Water Technologies

Utilizes a fully submerged moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) media housed in a specially designed reactor box and utilizes airlift recirculation of nitrified effluent from the reactor tank to the pretreatment tank to augment denitrification effectiveness.



ECOPOD-Edge by Infiltrator Water Technologies

Utilizes fully submerged fixed film media housed in a specially designed reactor to treat wastewater. The system incorporates two compartments containing a total of four process unit operations within four distinct treatment zones to reduce effluent concentrations.

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Average S.E.P.T.I.C. Installation Costs

Average Cost - \$30,713.50

NOTE:

- This reflects only eligible reimbursable costs
- Grants are meant to offset and incentivize IA systems over conventional systems and cesspools
- Applicant should expect out-of-pocket expenses
- Grant Award amount to increase in 2026





Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program – Testimonial

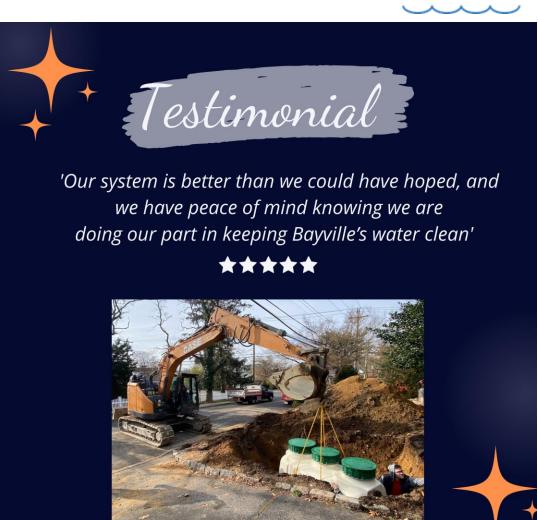


- Conventional septic system would have cost a minimum of \$16,000.00
- The total Design, Material, and Installation costs of the FujiClean CEN Series Clean-Water septic system was \$21,867.31.
- The Property Owner received \$20,000 in combined grants from Nassau County and New York State
- 'out-of-pocket' cost to Property Owner was \$1,867.31









NCSWCD – Part C Funding



- Projects must meet <u>one or more</u> of the follow criteria in Nassau County:
 - Conserve or improve soils
 - Improve water quality of our groundwater and/or surface water
 - Control and prevent soil erosion and/or prevent floodwater and sediment damages
 - Conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water
 - Preserve, increase, or improve natural resources including trees and plants
 - Control or eliminate invasive plants or wildlife
 - Control and abate NPS water pollution
 - Preserve wildlife

Part C Funding

Partners

- School Groups
- Local Community Organizations
- Towns and Villages
- Local Municipalities

Awards Amounts

- Between \$2K and \$15K per project, depending on the year
- Awards are distributed on a reimbursement basis

Timeline

- RFP released in February, Proposals due in March, Awards announced in April
- Successful Projects have one calendar year for completion
- Quarterly and Final Reports Required





The Reintroduction of Fire at the Hempstead Plains

Long Island's last remaining
Tallgrass Prairie, including over
200 plant species, 14 of which
are considered rare species.

This project covered a 5-acre section of grassland dominated by little blue stem and goldenrods, and a 1-acre plot in which the globally endangered, fire-dependent Sandplain Gerardia grows.

A Day In The Life of an Estuary

This program focuses on environmental education, community engagement, and water-quality monitoring.

Data collected is then shared around NYS.

Students will collect water samples, monitor tides, and use a seine net to capture and document native species.





Hydroseeding at Cedarmere Preserve

This Project covered a total area of 20,000 ft sq. Invasive species removal of hundreds of trees such as Norway maple, Tree of heaven, and Japanese maple.

Hydroseeding with native grasses and flowers was used to help control invasive ground cover plants such as English ivy.



This project involved the stabilization of 3,600 square feet of North Shore bluffs utilizing a new product from a local company, Coastal Technologies Corp. (CTC) called a "Cliff Stabilizer."

District funding covered the costs of Cliff Stabilizers, native plant installation, and periodic bluff monitoring.



Questions?





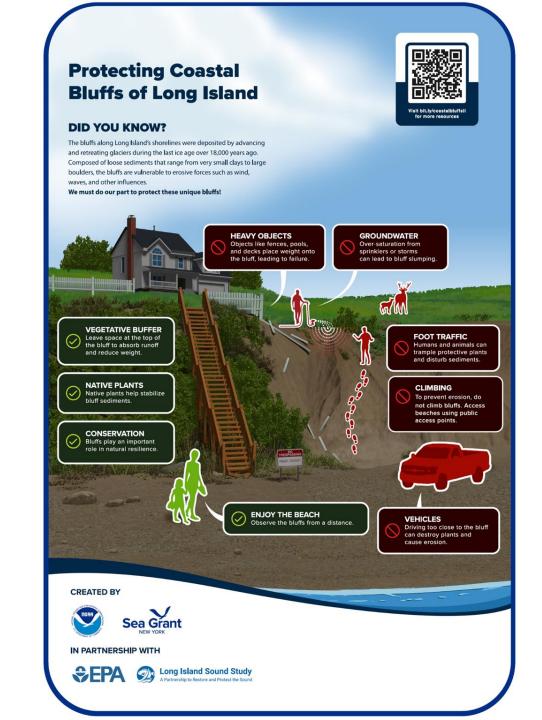
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LUNCH

Please submit feedback on this event!



We will begin our walking tour of the Sands Point Preserve in the Great Hall (here) at 1:45 pm.

