



Conscience Bay, Setauket, NY. Credit: Elizabeth Hornstein

# Sustainable and Resilient Communities

## 3rd Annual Long Island Funding Workshop

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM



9:45 AM	<b>Welcome</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Long Island Sound Sustainable &amp; Resilient Communities Resources &amp; Assistance Programs</b>
10:15 AM	<b>Lightning Talk Presentations from Funders</b>
11:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:25 AM	<b>Lightning Talk Presentations from Funders Continued</b>
12:30 PM	<b>Successful Awardees Panel</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM	<b>Networking with Funders</b>
2:30 PM	<b>Workshop Ends</b>



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Save questions  
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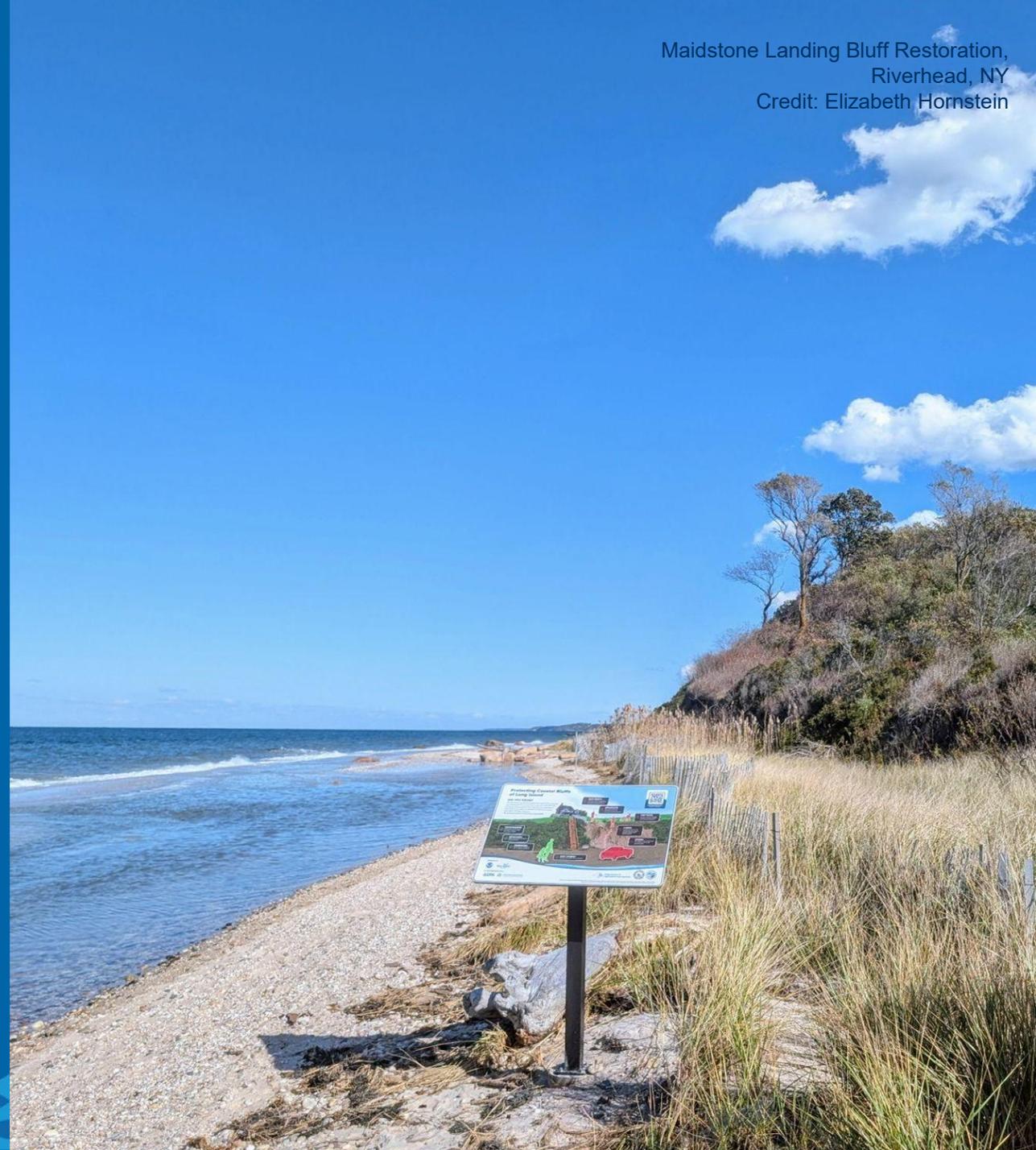


Be respectful and  
give everyone a  
chance to participate



Maidstone Landing Bluff Restoration,  
Riverhead, NY  
Credit: Elizabeth Hornstein

# Sustainable and Resilient Communities Resources & Assistance Programs

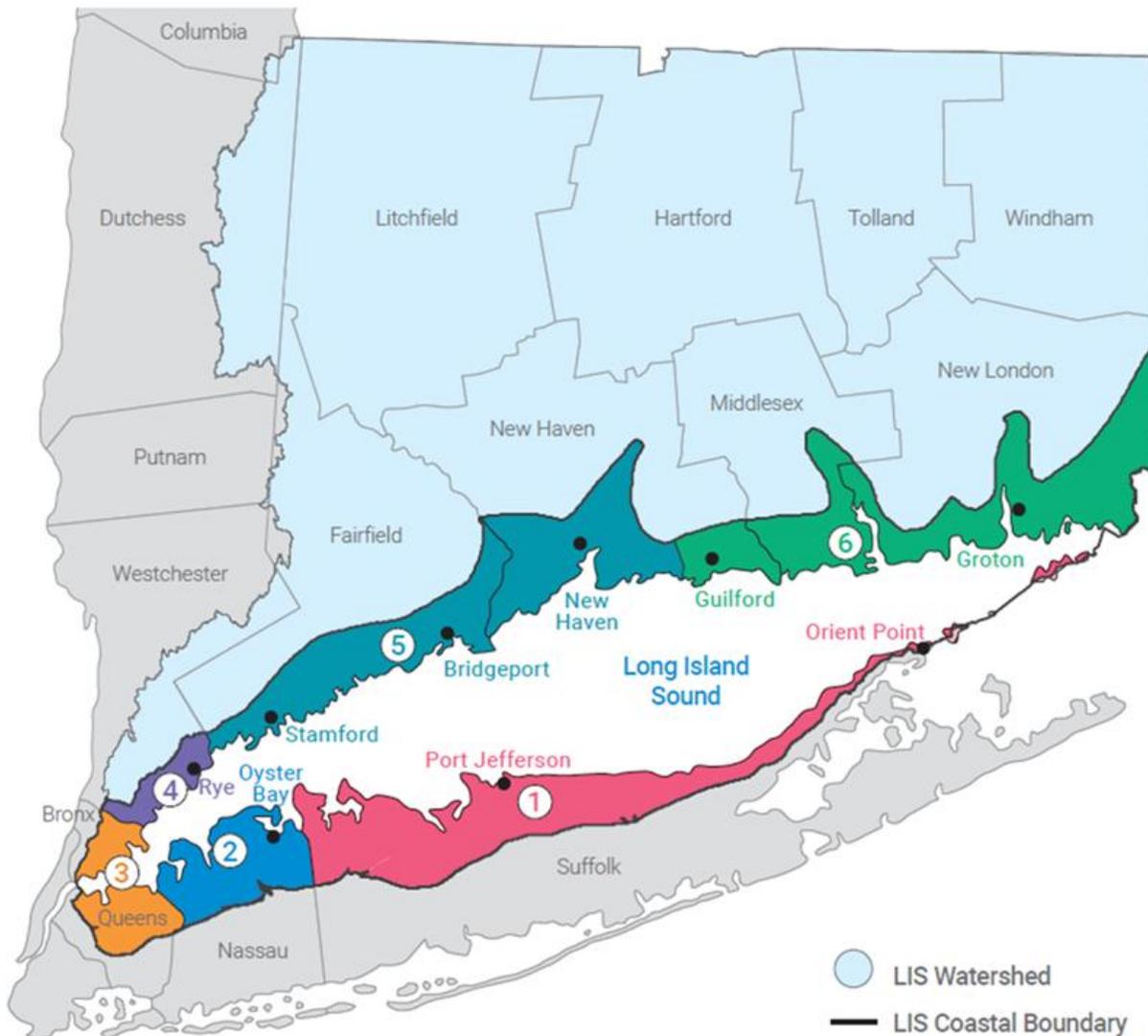




## WHO WE ARE

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



- 1 Suffolk County  
**Elizabeth Hornstein**
- 2 Nassau County  
**Sarah Schaefer-Brown**
- 3 NYC - Bronx & Queens  
**Ben Goldberg**
- 4 Westchester County  
**Sara Powell**
- 5 Western CT  
**Deb Visco Abibou**
- 6 Eastern CT  
**Sarah Schechter**

## 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.



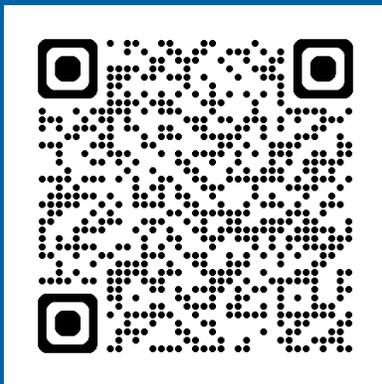
### **Resilience Initiative Implementation**

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



# Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub

[www.lisresilience.org](http://www.lisresilience.org)



**Finding climate  
resources just  
got easier**

**Your hub for Long  
Island Sound Resilience  
Resources is here!**

LISRESILIENCE.ORG

# New Flooding Tool

## USGS Compound Flood Hazard Mapper

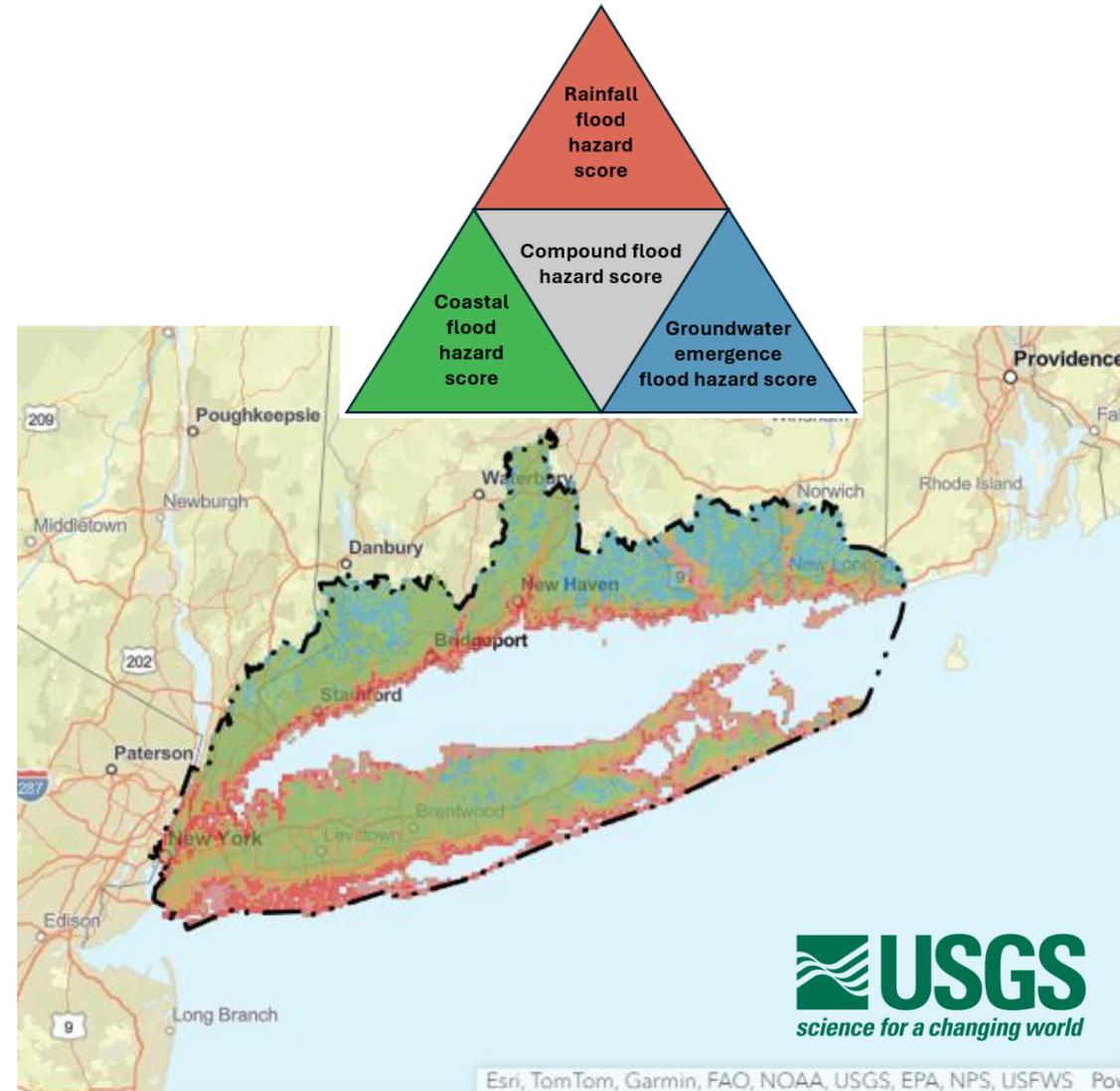
Mapper includes Long Island, NYC, Westchester and coastal areas of southern CT

Displays susceptibility to:

- Coastal flooding
- Flash flooding
- Groundwater flooding
- Compounding (Co-occurrence of drivers)

Includes supplemental maps

Tool will help communities understand areas that may be vulnerable to flooding



Credit: USGS Compound Flood Hazard Mapper

# Funding Database

## Filters

Select one or more of the filters below to find relevant tools and resources for your needs

Status

Select a Status ▼

Planning Phase

Select a Planning Phase ▼

Location

New York State ▼

Topic

Select a Topic ▼

Eligibility

Select an Applicant Type ▼

Reset Filters

Apply Filters

**Need help deciding where to start?**

Learn how to identify, prioritize, and implement high-impact projects

[View Resilience Planning Guide](#)

## Case Studies

See how other communities are building climate resilience

[View Case Studies](#)

**Need help with your project?**

Apply to our Assistance Programs

Funding

Open: Due on Mar 31, 2026

**17 days**

remaining to apply

\$100,000 – \$7M

## National Coastal Resilience Fund 2026

The National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) is a national focused on reducing risks to coastal communities. The NCRF is now soliciting pre-proposals for coastal resilience projects that restore, increase, and...

New York State

Connecticut State

Erosion Flooding Habitat Land Use Nature-based Solutions

Sea Level Rise Aquatic Resources Extreme Weather & Storms

Community Engagement Wetlands

[View Details](#)

Funding

Open: Due on Apr 15, 2026

**4 weeks**

remaining to apply

## Open Space Conservation Grant Program

This is a new grant program through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act for land conservation partners to protect and preserve open space in New York State. Up to \$25 million is available through...

New York State

Habitat Land Use Nature-based Solutions Recreation & Access

[View Details](#)

Grant writing assistance available! – [Click here to learn more](#)

Funding

Open: Due on May 1, 2026

**6 weeks**

remaining to apply

\$2,000-\$15,000

## Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District – Part C Funding

The Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District (the District) is seeking to fund a limited number of mission-aligned projects during 2026. Eligible applicants include local governments in Nassau County and not-for...

New York State

Erosion Flooding Habitat Land Use Nature-based Solutions

Stormwater Management Water Quality Funding/Grants Wetlands

Green Infrastructure

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Grant writing assistance available! – [Click here to learn more](#)

Funding

Open: Due on May 19, 2026

**9 weeks**

remaining to apply

\$50K – \$2M

## Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2026



# Case Studies



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Select a Location

Topic

Select a Topic

Reset Filters

Apply Filters

### Need help deciding where to start?

Learn how to identify, prioritize, and implement high-impact projects

[View Resilience Planning Guide](#)

### Funding Database

Find funding for your project

[View Funding Database](#)

Case Study

Project

Rye, NY

### Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary Living Shoreline

Shoreline erosion problems had been noted at Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary in Rye, NY in the early 2000s, and after the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and subsequent storms, it was clear there was a...

New York State

Habitat

Community Engagement

Wetlands

[View Details](#)

Case Study

Project

Halesite, NY

### Halesite Park Shoreline Restoration

With support from the Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program, in December 2024 1653 Foundation was awarded \$549,955 from the NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program to fund the...

New York State

Erosion

Habitat

Land Use

Nature-based Solutions

Stormwater Management

Water Quality

Recreation & Access

Wetlands

Green Infrastructure

[View Details](#)

Case Study

Plan

Old Saybrook, CT

### Planning to Restore Chalker and Chanman Beach

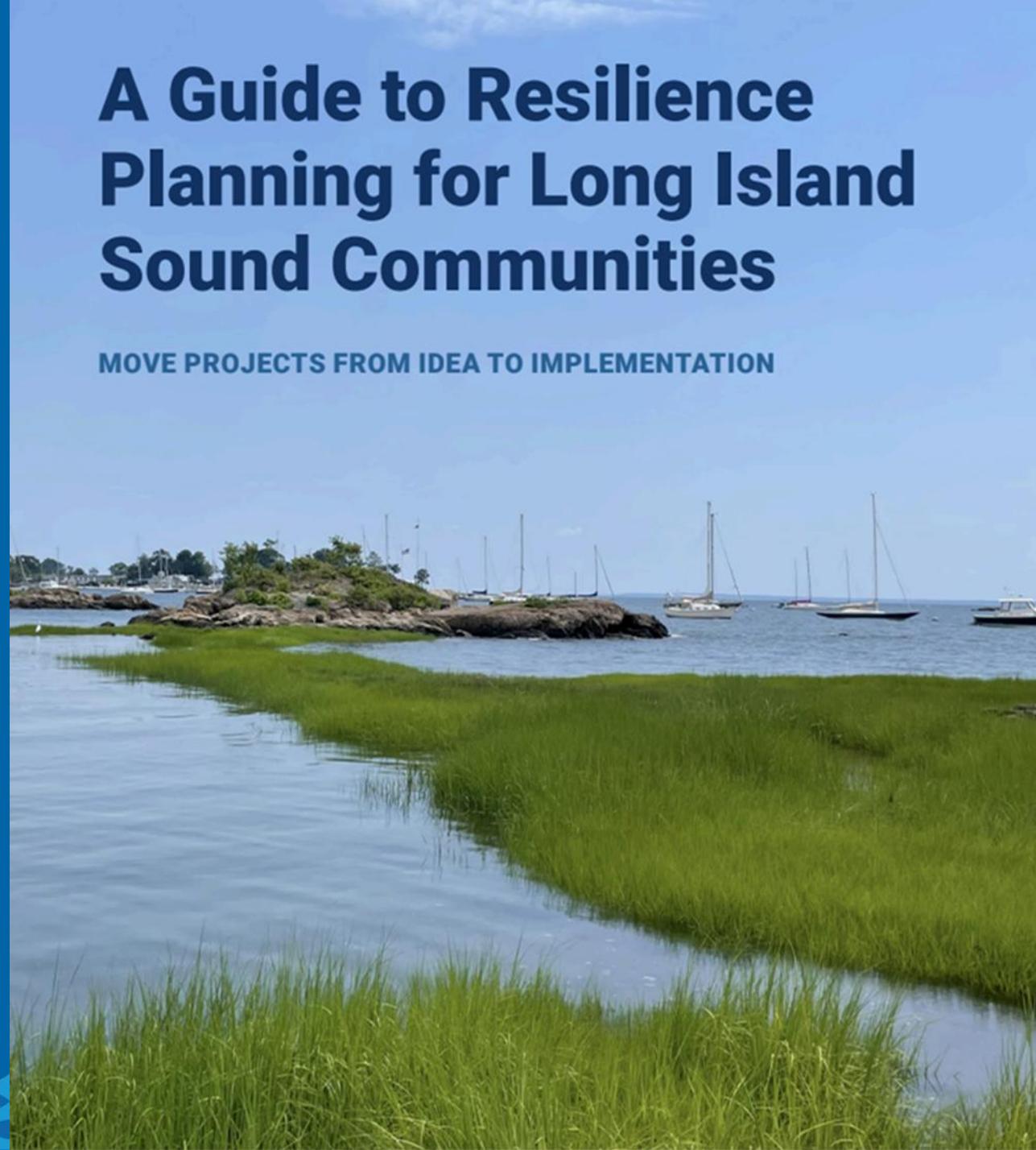


LONG ISLAND SOUND  
PARTNERSHIP

# Resilience Planning Guide

# A Guide to Resilience Planning for Long Island Sound Communities

MOVE PROJECTS FROM IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION



## A Guide to Resilience Planning

Use the PERSISTS criteria below to help identify, prioritize, and implement high-impact projects

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

**P**

Permittable

**E**

Engaged

**R**

Realistic

**S**

Safe

**I**

Innovative

**S**

Scientific

**T**

Transferable

**S**

Sustainable

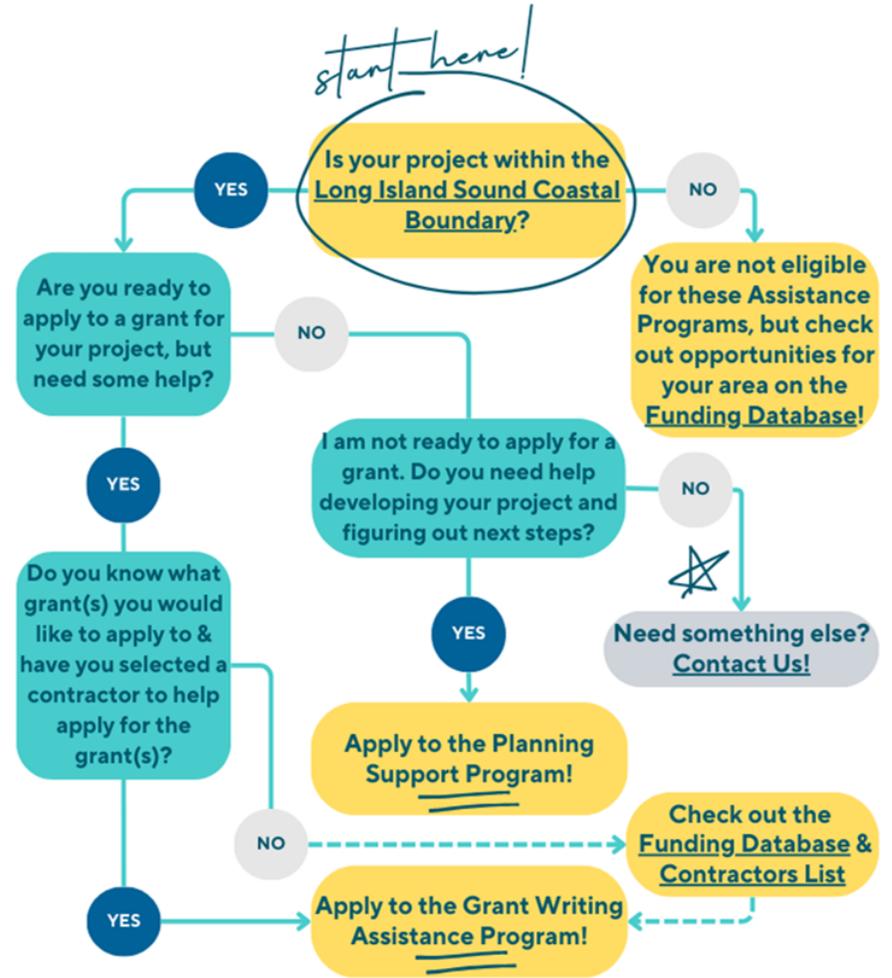


# SRC Resilience Assistance Programs



## What Assistance Program is right for me?

Click on the image to interact



## 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

*Released December 1, 2025  
Reviewing Submitted Applications Now!*



## Round 1 (Gray points)

Projects are completed or nearing completion

***Awarded nearly \$1.1M to 15 Communities***

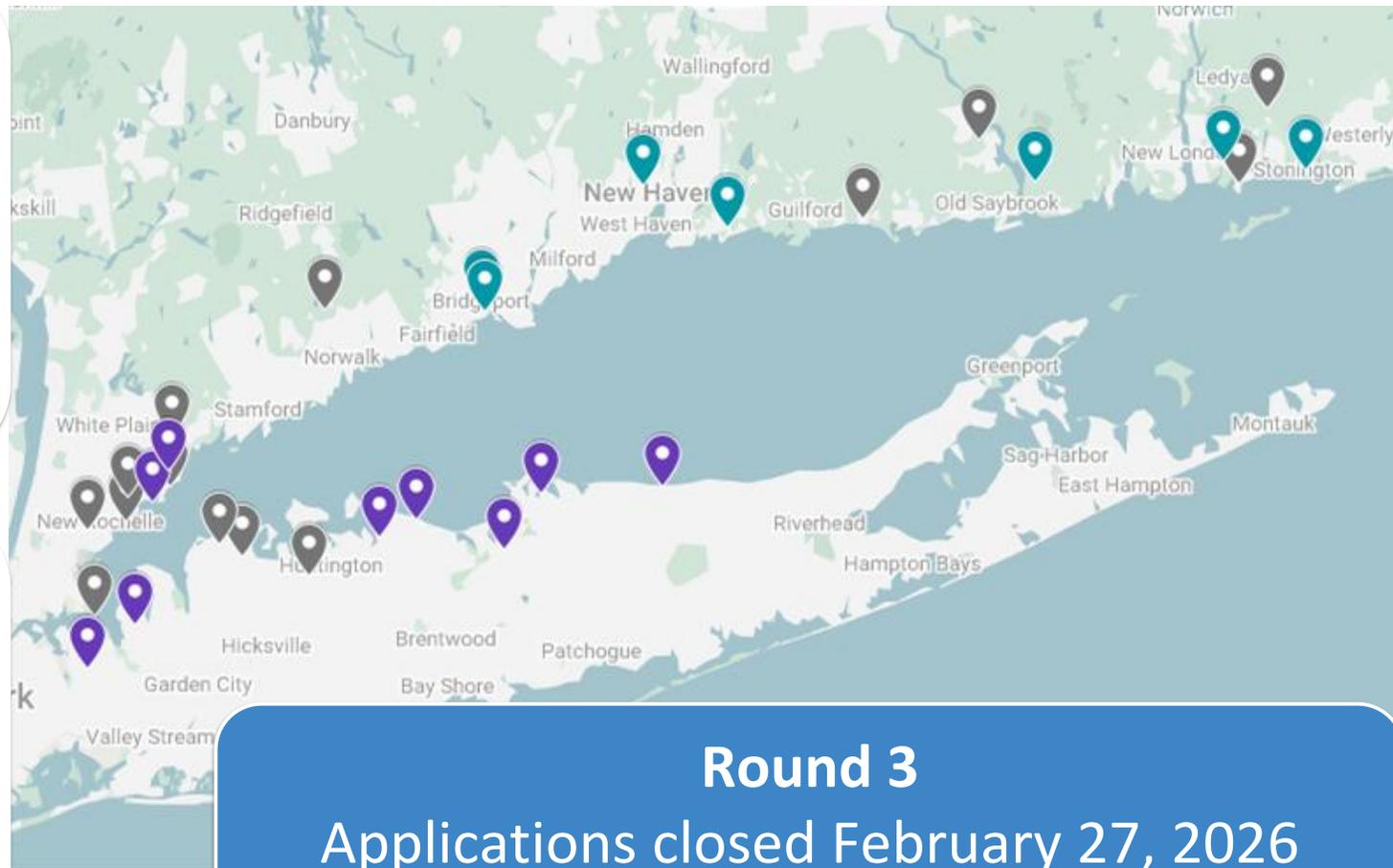
5 in CT and 10 in NY

## Round 2 (Teal & Purple points)

Projects started Fall 2025

***Awarded Over \$1 Million to 16 Communities***

7 in CT and 9 in NY



## Round 3

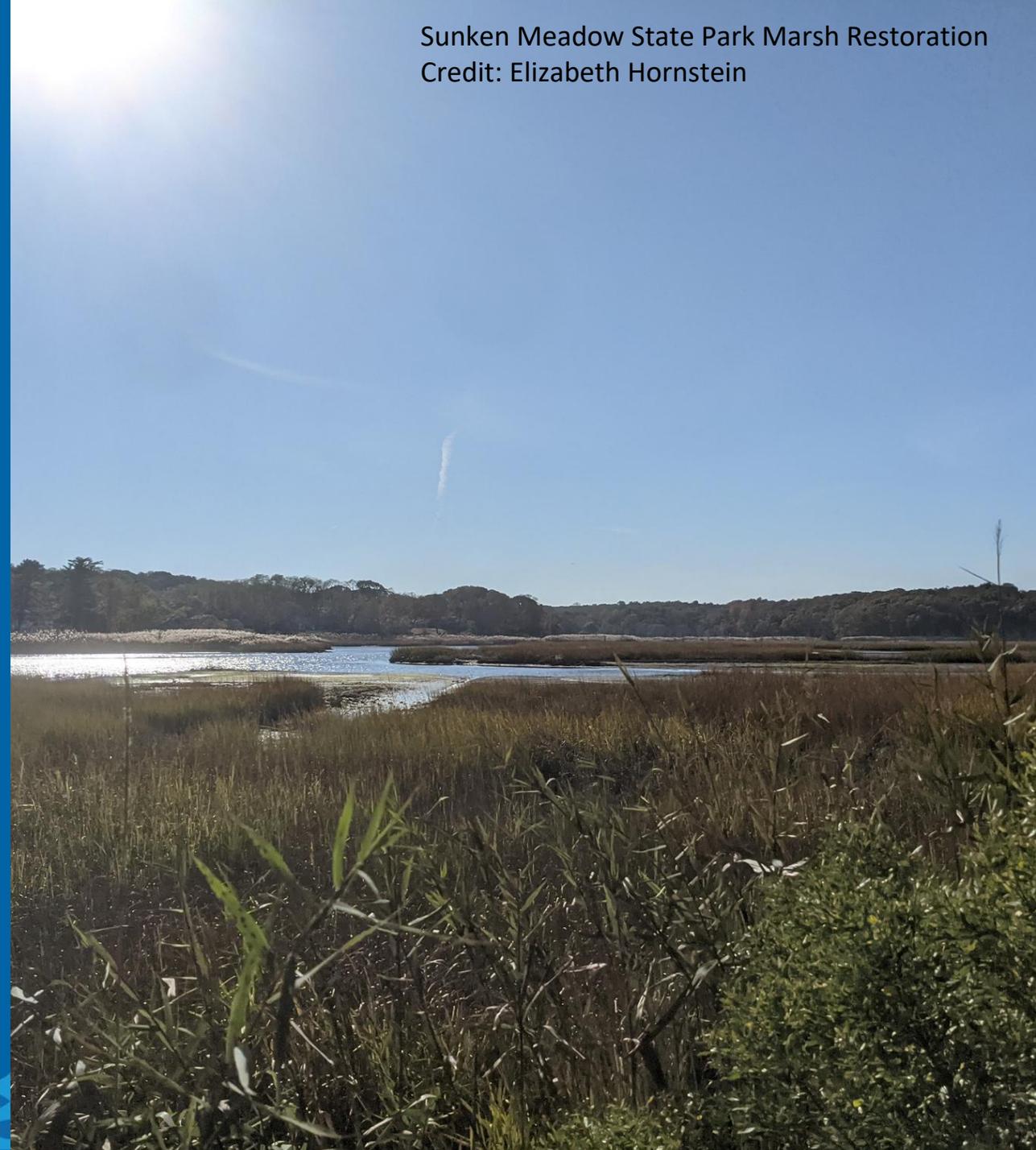
Applications closed February 27, 2026

***Up to \$1.5 Million available***



# Lightning Talk Presentations from Funders

Sunken Meadow State Park Marsh Restoration  
Credit: Elizabeth Hornstein



# Carrie Clingan

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

**Program Director, Northeast Watersheds**

**Long Island Sound Futures Fund**

**[www.nfwf.org/LISFF](http://www.nfwf.org/LISFF)**



# Long Island Sound Futures Fund

- **What does your program fund?**

Projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound

- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**

- Implementation
- Education and Public Participation
- Design/Planning

- **When is the funding available?**

- RFP released 3/10
- Proposals due 5/19
- Award notifications November 2026



# Long Island Sound Futures Fund

- **How much \$ is available?**
  - Anticipated \$12M
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - 1:.5 match ratio
  - \$100,000 grant would require \$50,000 in matching contributions
- **Who is eligible?**
  - Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local government, municipal government, Tribal Governments/Organizations and educational institutions



# Additional Guidance

## Application Support

- **NFWF Proposal Labs**

Discussions with NFWF staff to discuss project ideas or ask application questions

- **LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program**

Contact [LISresilience@gmail.com](mailto:LISresilience@gmail.com)



# Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund



RESTORE  
AMERICA'S  
ESTUARIES



## Shahela Begum

**Restore America's Estuaries**

**Program Director**

**Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund (LISCIF)**

**[sbegum@estuaries.org](mailto:sbegum@estuaries.org)**

**<https://estuaries.org/liscif/>**

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# Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund



RESTORE  
AMERICA'S  
ESTUARIES



- **What does your program fund?**
    - Projects located in environmentally distressed communities to address environmental issues and improve the quality and accessibility to the Long Island Sound.
    - LISCIF also provides technical assistance for capacity building for applicants located in communities affected by environmental and human health risks.
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# Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund



RESTORE  
AMERICA'S  
ESTUARIES



- **What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?**
    - Projects that result in quantifiable pollutant prevention or reduction.
    - Restoring habitat within the Important Coastal Habitat Types targeted by LISS.
    - Projects that foster a diverse balance and abundant populations of fish, birds, and wildlife.
    - Public engagement, knowledge, and stewardship.
    - Projects that enhance community resilience and sustainability.
    - Planning and design that set-the-stage for implementation of water quality projects, eligible habitat restoration projects and resilience projects.
    - Community-based science projects.
    - Data management and integration projects.
    - Other similar activities that the applicant proposes, and EPA approves, that are consistent with Section 119 of the Clean Water Act.
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- LIS Partnership Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan Themes

# Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund



RESTORE  
AMERICA'S  
ESTUARIES



- **When is the funding available?**
    - September 1, 2026
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - \$1,200,000
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - No match requirements.
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Tribes, non-profit organizations, state, county, local governments, and their subdivisions, and academic institutions.
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- Attend informational webinars in September, when the RFA releases.
- Schedule a 1-1 call in case you have any questions or need support in submitting your Letter of Intent.
- Attend available trainings on grant writing and creating a federal budget in the Fall if you think you will need support.
- Get started on your SAM registration if you don't have one or renewal.





# THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR & GREEN JOBS ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT



TOM HISGEN, GRANTS COORDINATOR – ENVIRONMENTAL  
BOND ACT

MARCH 25, 2026

## What is the Bond Act?

# A Historic \$4.2 Billion

*Specifically, the Environmental Bond Act authorizes:*

- **\$1.5 billion** for climate change mitigation;
- **\$1.1 billion** for restoration and flood risk reduction\*;
- **\$650 million** for water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure\*;
- **\$650 million** for open space land conservation and recreation; and
- **\*\$300 million** for other projects not specifically allocated in the Act.

# Bond Act Priorities

**Mitigating and Adapting  
to Climate Change**



**Protecting  
Natural Resources**

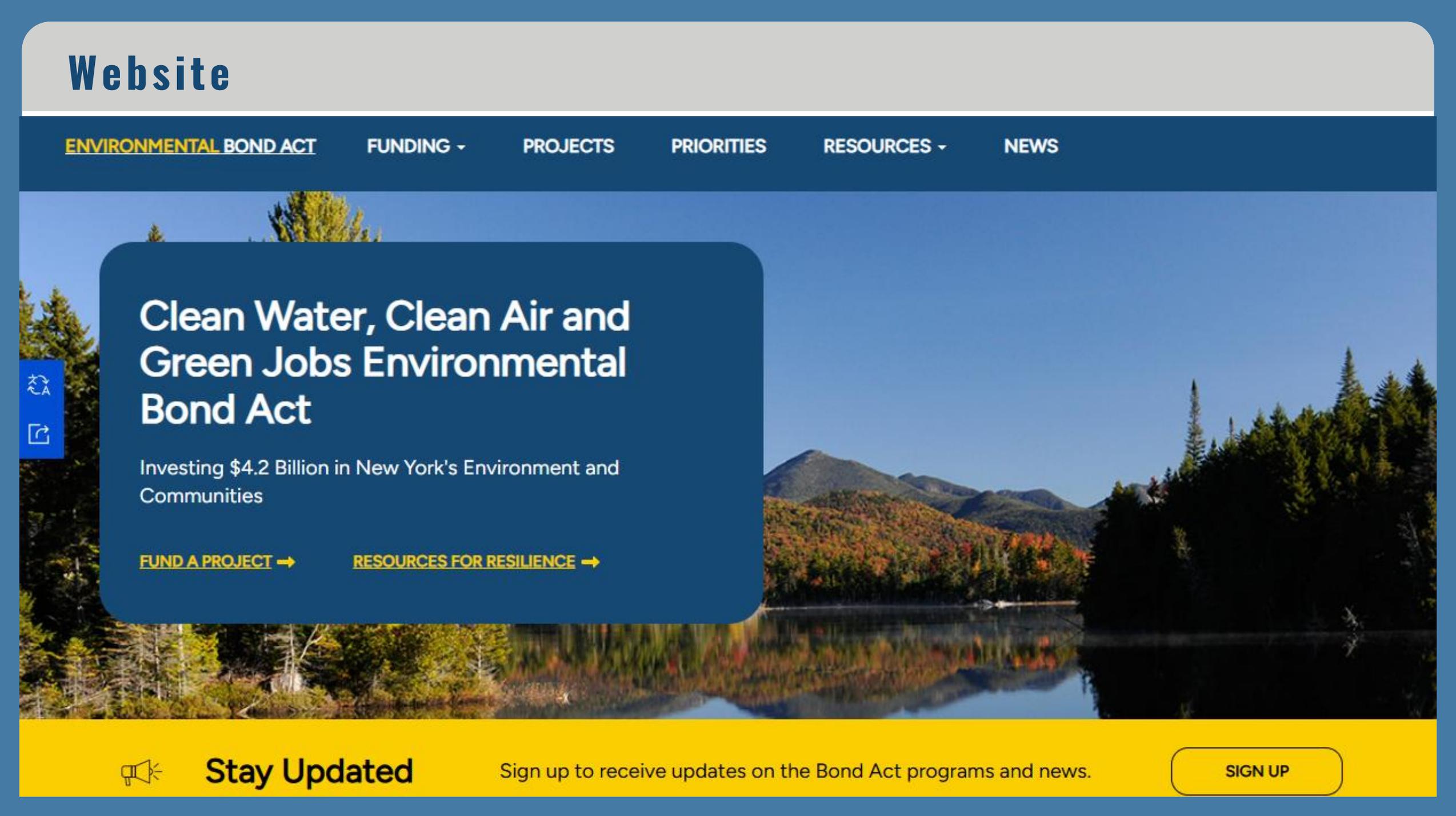


**Advancing  
Environmental Justice**



**Creating Jobs**



A scenic landscape photograph showing a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding forest and mountains. The trees are in various shades of green and autumnal colors. The sky is clear and blue. The mountains in the background are partially covered in forest.

## Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

Investing \$4.2 Billion in New York's Environment and Communities

[FUND A PROJECT →](#)

[RESOURCES FOR RESILIENCE →](#)



**Stay Updated**

Sign up to receive updates on the Bond Act programs and news.

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# Comments Received for Eligibility Guidelines

Read the Environmental Notice Bulletin	Public Comment Deadline
N/A	N/A

## Archived Eligibility Guidelines

Agency	Title	Publish Date	Comment Period Close Date
DEC / OPRHP	<a href="#">Eligibility Guidelines for Habitat Restoration and Enhancement on Public Lands</a>	9/3/2025	10/3/2025
DEC / OPRHP	<a href="#">Eligibility Guidelines for Restoring and Expanding Forests through Reforestation and Afforestation Practices</a>	5/21/2025	6/20/2025
AGM	<a href="#">Eligibility Guidelines for Farmland Protection Through Farmland Protection Implementation Grants through the Department of Agriculture and Markets</a>	2/26/2025	3/28/2025
DEC	<a href="#">Eligibility Guidelines for Funding by the DEC for Infrastructure Projects that Protect Drinking Water Supplies from the impacts of HABs</a>	12/11/2024	1/10/2025
EFC / DEC	<a href="#">Statewide - Eligibility Guidelines for Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction Through the Resilient Watersheds Grant Program - NYSDEC</a>	11/13/2024	12/13/2024
AGM / DEC	<a href="#">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</a>	11/13/2024	12/13/2024

# Funding Available Now



## [Agriculture Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program](#)

Bond Act funding is available for Soil and Water Conservation Districts to plan or implement Agricultural Best Management Practice systems on NYS farms.

**Apply by:** April 20, 2026



## [Open Space Conservation Grant Program](#)

Bond Act funding available to acquire land for the purpose of open space conservation and preservation.

**Apply by:** April 20, 2026



## [Electric School Bus Infrastructure](#)

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



## [Farmland Protection Implementation Grants](#)

Bond Act funding available for the implementation of certain farmland protection activities intended to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its supporting land base.

# Preview of Upcoming

## Anticipated new Bond Act funding opportunities for 2026

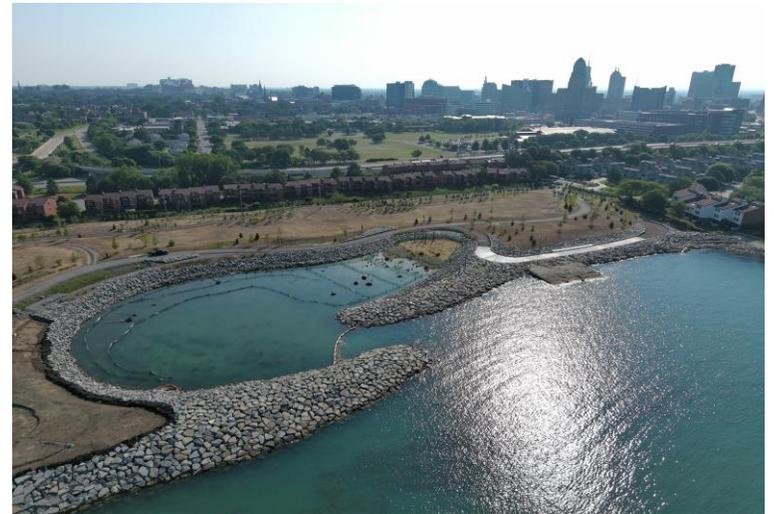
- Clean Green Schools: Projects to Enhance Outdoor Learning Spaces at Public Schools
- Community Reforestation Grant Program (CoRe)
- Habitat Restoration on Public Lands
- Blue Buffers Buyouts:



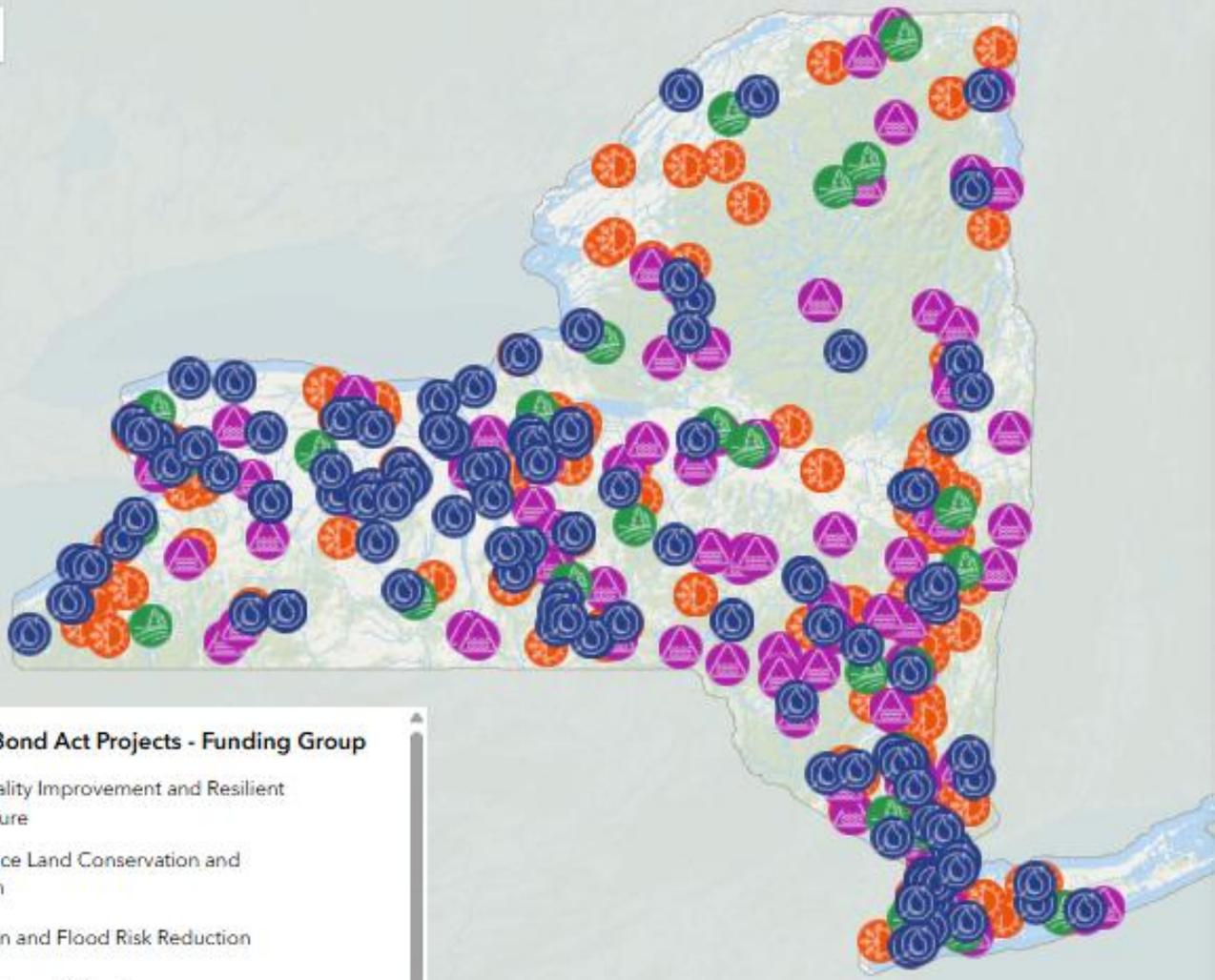
# Preview of Upcoming

## Returning Bond Act funding opportunities in 2026

- [Resilient Watershed Grants](#)
- **Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants**
  - [Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects \(2025\)](#)
  - [Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program \(LWRP\) Implementation Projects](#)
- [Green Resiliency Grants](#)
- [Water Quality Improvement Project \(WQIP\) Program](#)



# Website



### Environmental Bond Act Projects - Funding Group

- Water Quality Improvement and Resilient Infrastructure
- Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation
- Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction
- Climate Change Mitigation



## Project Overview

### Stormwater System Upgrades

#### FAST FACTS

**Project Lead:**  
Incorporated Village of Freeport

**Award Date:**  
9/26/25, 12:00 AM

**Project Start or Purchase Date:**  
4/1/26, 12:00 AM

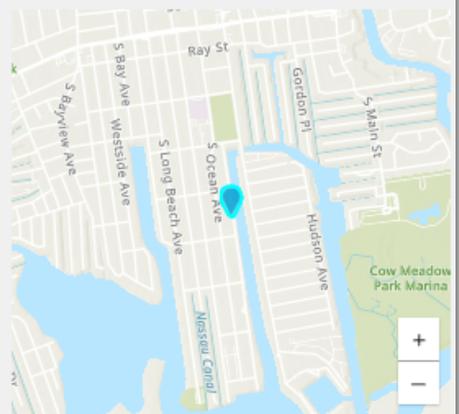
**Completion Date:**  
3/31/31, 12:00 AM

**Current Status:**  
Contract Pending

**Funding Provided Through:**  
DOS

**Bond Act Funding:**  
\$3,555,000

#### FREEPORT | NASSAU COUNTY LONG ISLAND



**Project Description:**  
The Village of Freeport will upgrade stormwater drainage including installation of new check valve vaults and automatic high-capacity pumps along Woodcleft Avenue. These upgrades will prevent backflow from the bay and enhance drainage capacity during storm events to improve the protection of local homes, businesses, and roadways from repeated flood damage.

# Resources for Resilience

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT

FUNDING ▾

PROJECTS

PRIORITIES

RESOURCES ▾

NEWS

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT

## Resources for Resilience

### Community Assistance Teams

[Community Assistance Teams](#) administered by the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) help municipalities address their clean water infrastructure

## Funding Finder

### Filter Results

Funding Program contains

Eligible Applicants contains  
0 Selected  
*Select from the drop-down to filter by Eligible Applicant.*

Project Type contains  
0 Selected  
*Select from the drop-down to filter by Project Type.*

Is Statewide?  
 All  No  yes

0 Opportunities Closing this Week!  
35 Opportunities Currently Open!  
Displaying 121 funding opportunities

Eligible Applicants Definitions

Project Type Definitions

Project Phase Definitions

### Western New York Trail Town Grants

**Funding Source:** Parks & Trails New York (PTNY)  
**Region:** Western NY, Finger Lakes  
**Project Type:** Public Access, Economic Benefit  
**Project Phase:** Construction and Implementation  
**Eligible Applicants:** Non-Profit 501c3 Organizations, Local Government Entity

Status: Open Closing on 03/11/2026

### New York's Great Lakes Basin Small Grants Program

**Funding Source:** New York Sea Grant (NYSG); NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)  
**Region:** Great Lakes Basin  
**Project Type:** Invasive Species, Wildlife, Resilience, Habitat Restoration, Ecological Restoration, Conservation, Fish, Nonpoint Source, Remediation, Sustainability, Public Access, Education, Monitoring, Outreach, Climate Change, Flooding, Green Infrastructure  
**Project Phase:** Planning and Design, Construction and Implementation  
**Eligible Applicants:** Academic Institutions, Local Government Entity, Non-Profit 501c3 Organizations, Other

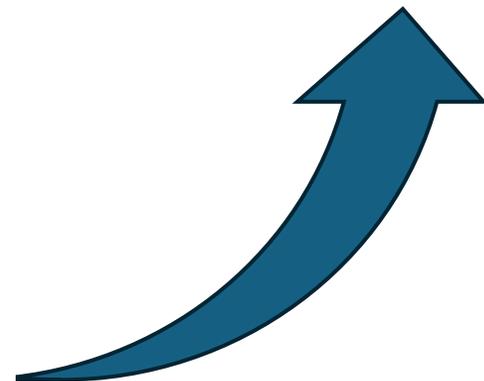
Status: Open Closing on 03/27/2026

### Community Assistance Program (CAP)

**Funding Source:** Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District (SCSWCD)  
**Region:** Suffolk County  
**Project Type:** Water Quality, Soils, Conservation, Habitat Restoration, Invasive Species, Stormwater, Resilience, Harmful Algal Blooms, Other  
**Project Phase:** Construction and Implementation  
**Eligible Applicants:** Local Government Entity, Non-Profit 501c3 Organizations, Other

Status: Open Closing on 03/31/2026

### Open Space Conservation Grant





# NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENT & UPDATE

Interagency workgroup implementing delivery of funds

Release of eligibility guidelines for public comment

Bond Act entities launch grant opportunities

**Stay Updated:**  
[environmentalbondact.ny.gov](https://environmentalbondact.ny.gov)  
[BondAct@dec.ny.gov](mailto:BondAct@dec.ny.gov)





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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program

(Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act)

**HALEY GALLO** (she/her)

Water Resources Specialist

**New York Department of State (DOS)**

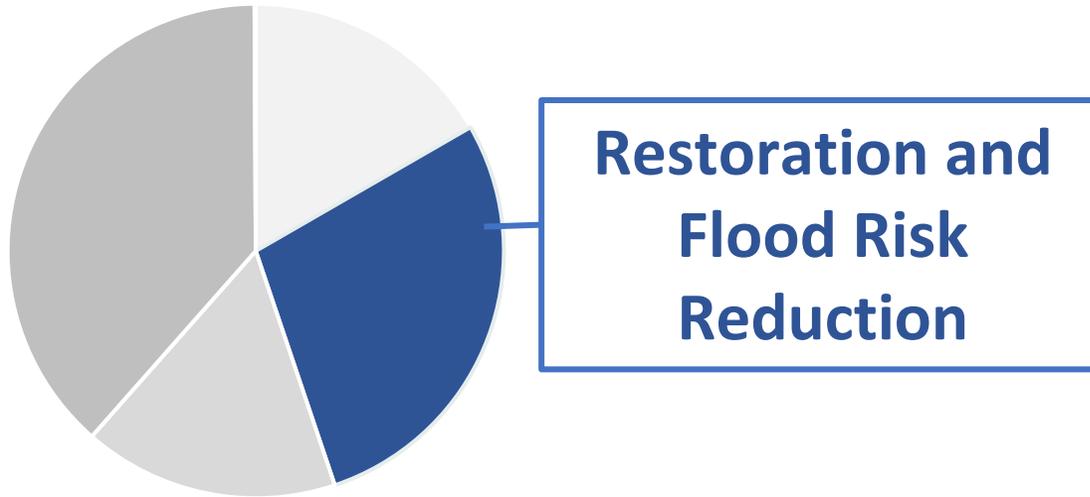
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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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**NYS DOS  
Community Resilience  
and Flood Risk  
Reduction Grants**

Clean Water, Clean Air and Green  
Jobs Environmental Bond Act

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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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NYS DOS Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction

Grants fund **design & construction** or **construction** of:

- **Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects**
- **Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Projects**

Funding is expected annually

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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants

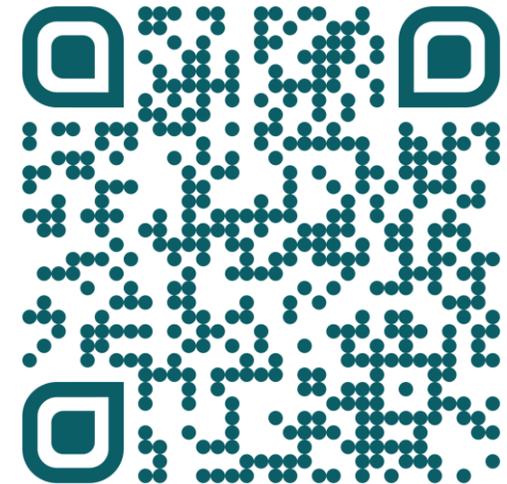


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## Program Priorities:

- Projects that increase resilience
- Projects that utilize green infrastructure and/or natural and nature-based features
- Projects that offer environmental, economic and social benefits
- Projects that address NYSDOS Resilience Principles

## NYS DOS Resilience Principles



[dos.ny.gov/  
resilience-principles](https://dos.ny.gov/resilience-principles)

# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## Eligible Activities:

### Climate Resiliency and Risk Reduction

- Natural and nature-based elements in combination with minimal structural elements (e.g. living shorelines)
  - Culvert right-sizing with natural stream bottoms
  - Vegetative buffers between land use and natural features
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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## Eligible Activities:

### Habitat/Ecosystem Resiliency and Restoration

- Dam removal
  - Floodplain reconnection
  - Salt marsh, stream and/or wetland restoration
  - Restoration projects that mitigate barriers to diadromous species migration
  - Runoff reduction and/or reduction of watershed imperviousness and preservation of groundwater infiltration
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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## Eligible Activities:

### Stormwater Management

- Projects to reduce localized flooding and/or provide resiliency
- Green and blue-green infrastructure
- Stormwater retrofit projects

### Local Waterfront Revitalization

- Projects to make public facilities more accessible and resilient
  - Flood-resilient waterfront parks
  - Shoreline stabilization in areas of public access and recreation
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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## COASTAL REHABILITATION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS



# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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**\$20  
MILLION**

At least \$20 million available to fund applications for the  
**Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience** project grants.

**\$300,00  
MINIMUM**

Minimum grant amount of **\$300,000**.

**90% STATE ASSISTANCE**  
**10% LOCAL MATCH**

# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects

### Eligible Applicants:

- Municipalities
- Not-for-Profits
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- New York State Agencies and New York State Authorities



With projects located within the NYS Coastal area; areas draining into the NYS Coastal area; and/or areas located within the Coastal Nonpoint Source boundary

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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## INLAND FLOODING AND LWRP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS



# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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and Community Infrastructure

**\$15  
MILLION**

At least \$15 million available to fund applications for the  
**Inland Flooding and LWRP Implementation** project grants.

**\$150,000  
MINIMUM**

Minimum grant amount of **\$150,000**.

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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



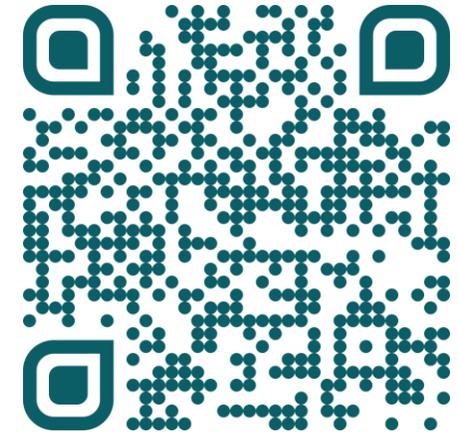
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## Inland Flooding and LWRP Implementation Projects

### Eligible Applicants:

- Villages, Towns, and Cities located:
  - along New York's coasts or inland waterways or,
  - within a DOS funded watershed management plan boundary.
- Counties with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more eligible Villages, Towns or Cities.

## NYS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program



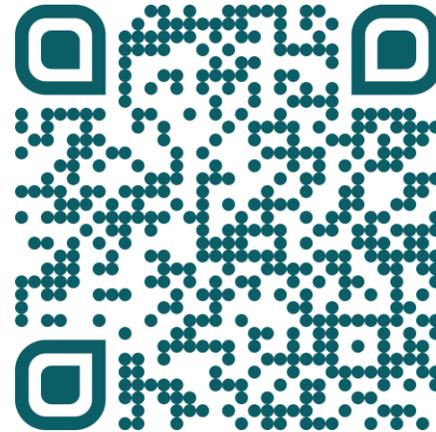
[dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program](https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program)

# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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## NYS DOS Funding & Bid Opportunities



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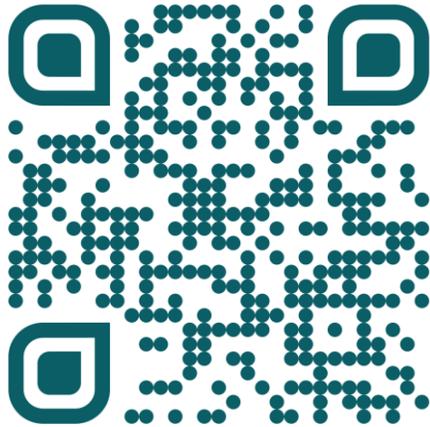
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# Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants



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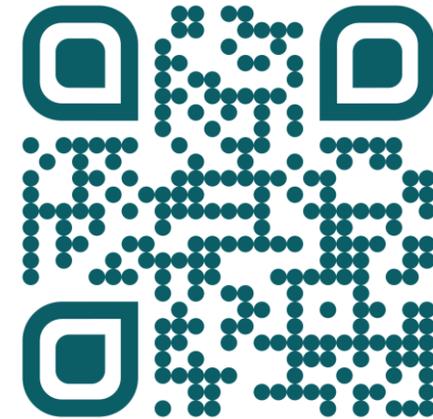
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**Environmental Protection Fund**  
**Local Waterfront Revitalization**  
**Program (LWRP)**



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**Coastal Resources Specialist 2**

# What is an LWRP?



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A Program supported by the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act (NYS Executive Law Article 42).

It consists of 3 Main Components:

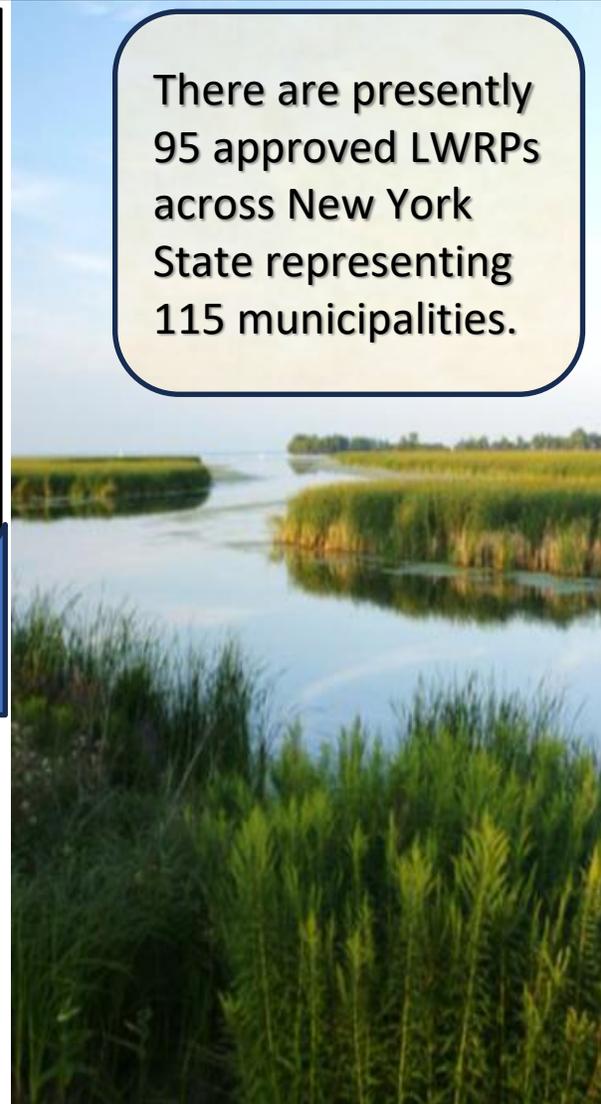
1. Community's Land and Water Use Plan.
2. Supporting Local Regulations.
3. Management Structure to Implement the Program.

DOS provides guidance and technical assistance to help municipalities prepare and implement the Program with financial assistance through Title 11 of the NYS Environmental Protection Fund.

There are presently 95 approved LWRPs across New York State representing 115 municipalities.

Throughout its development,

- A community cultivates a vision for their waterfront;
- Adopts policies and local laws to guide future activities and development;
- Identifies land and water uses and projects to revitalize their waterfront area and establish connections to their downtowns and neighborhoods.



# LWRP: Eligible Applicants



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## Who is eligible?

- LWRP Communities are villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean or designated inland waterways.
- Counties with the consent and acting on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways.



A map depicting eligible municipalities, coastal waterbodies, and designated inland waterways, the Coastal Waterbodies and Designated Inland Waterways List, and additional grant program information are available on the Department of State's website at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities> or the resources section of the DOS LWRP webpage.



# LWRP: What Does it Fund?



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Since 1993, 1,793 EPF LWRP grants have been awarded, totaling more than \$369 million for a variety of revitalization activities both in planning and implementation projects.

### Planning Grants:

- Preparing or Updating an LWRP including Updating an LWRP to be more Resilient to Climate Risks
- Preparing an LWRP Component, including a Watershed Management Plan

Preparation of an LWRP - a comprehensive land and water use program that expresses a community's vision for the waterfront and refines State coastal policies to reflect local or regional needs and objectives and allows them to be enforced at the local level.

### Implementation Grants:

- Implementing an LWRP or completed LWRP Component may include: feasibility, marketing, design, design/construction, and construction.
- Eligible Applicants must have an approved or substantially completed Draft LWRP prepared (draft Sections I – V) or a completed LWRP Component.
- Project must be within the WRA or component plan boundary and proof of site control must be submitted with application.

# LWRP: Grant Funding



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### When is the funding available?

Details for 2026 EPF LWRP Grant Funding and Request for Applications (RFA) will be available in May after the CFA announcement.

- Grant Awards will be announced late 2026.
- Most contracts are fully executed by 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the following year.
- Funding for the LWRP is available under Title 11 of the New York State Environmental Protection Fund.

### How much \$ is available?

- Total program funding available varies each grant year and will be announced in the RFA. In the 2024 CFA round, DOS awarded 21 EPF LWRP grants totaling \$14.2 million.
- Minimum State EPF LWRP funding request is typically \$50,000 per application.
- Maximum State EPF LWRP funding request is dependent upon the total funding available in a given year. \$2 million per application was the max for the 2024 grant round.

## Local Match Requirements

- State assistance 75%, local match 25%
- If the project is located in an environmental justice community, then State assistance 85%, local match 15%

## Determining State Funding Request

Total Eligible Project Cost \* % State Funding  
(either 0.75 or 0.85)  
= State Funds Requested

i.e. - \$200,000 \* 0.75 = \$150,000 State Funds

\$200,000 \* 0.25 = \$50,000 Local Match

Link to DEC Potential Environmental Justice Area mapping is available at:

<https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>

or <https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>



# LWRP: Eligible Projects



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# Watershed Management Plans



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Economic Development & Planning



LAKE RONKONKOMA  
Watershed Management Plan



This Watershed Management Plan was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.



Funding is Available for Design  
& Construction

Projects recommended  
in Watershed Management  
Plans funded by DOS  
EPF LWRP.

### What makes a grant proposal competitive?

- Aim to address the project priorities for a given grant cycle.
- Write Descriptive Narratives, Identify Generic Work Plan Tasks, Provide a Clear Timeline with estimated completion dates and a budget that identifies costs per task.
- Elaborate on the proposal's sustainability, resiliency, and adaptation goals and objectives, i.e., provide a clear description on how a proposal may:
  - improve public access and accessibility to waterfront recreation or,
  - how a waterfront will be redeveloped sustainably and become more resilient to climate risks.

**Common Mistakes/Pitfalls:** Forgetting to click the requirement link next to each question. Applicants may miss out on helpful tips on what to include in your response.

# Other Considerations: LWRP Evaluation Criteria



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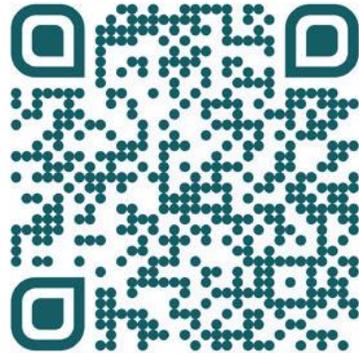
Sample scoring from prior grant cycle. Be mindful of the sections that are given higher values and spend more time writing strong narratives.

- **LWRP Priorities (4 points)**
- **Public Outreach & Engagement (4 points)**
- **Local Capacity & Previous Performance (4 points)**
- **Public Benefit (20 points total)**
  - Regional Significance
  - Local Significance
  - Waterfront Public Access
  - Natural Resources
  - Economic Value

- **Resiliency & Sustainability (6 points)**
- **Implementation (16 points)**
  - Scope of Work
  - Project Readiness & Time Frame
- **Disadvantaged and Underserved Communities (4 points)**
- **Smart Growth (2 points)**
- **Evaluation of Budget and Cost (20 points)**
- **REDC Endorsement (20 points)**



## Funding & Bid Opportunities



[dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities](https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities)

## LWRP Preparation Webinar



[dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program](https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program)

# Grant Resources



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## Previously Awarded Communities & Project Information



[dos.ny.gov/opdci-contract-resources](https://dos.ny.gov/opdci-contract-resources)

Thank you and good luck!

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## Water Resources Management Guidance



[dos.ny.gov/water-resources-management](https://dos.ny.gov/water-resources-management)



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**Role: Revitalization Specialist**

**What funding program you're here to represent: Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA), Smart Growth (SG), Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), NY Forward**

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- **What does your program fund?**
    - Area-wide community-based plans to redevelop brownfields and abandoned sites.
  - **What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?**
    - Revitalize neighborhoods and communities impacted by known or suspected brownfield sites.
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - 2026 CFA Application
- 
- **How much \$ is available?**
    - Varies, \$2M available for 2025 CFA cycle.
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Yes - minimum 10% local match requirement.
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Municipalities, Community-Based Organizations, Community Boards

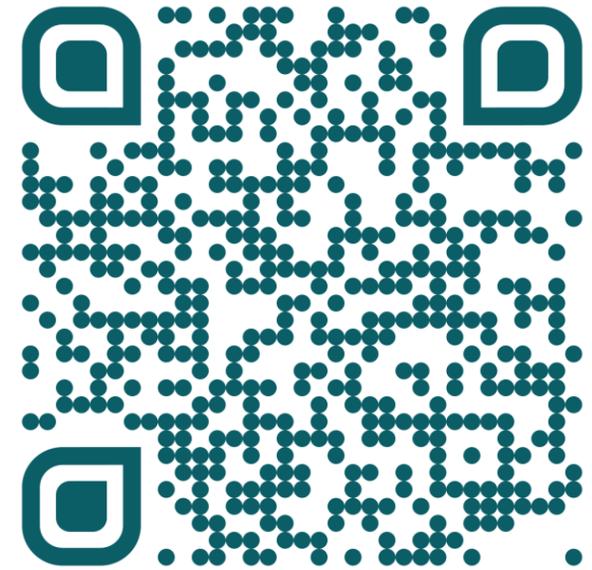
# Additional Guidance (BOA)



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- **What makes a grant proposal competitive?**
  - Applications that truly reflect the needs of the community.
- **Common mistakes/pitfalls:**
  - Letting consultants write applications without much input from the community— consultants are great, but no one knows your community better than you do!
- **Any other considerations:**
  - Making your proposed budget as detailed and realistic as possible.

Scan here for more information on BOA:



[dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment](https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment)

# Smart Growth (SG)



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- **What does your program fund?**
    - The creation, or modification, of comprehensive plans, area plans, or zoning codes to align with Smart Growth principals.
  - **What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?**
    - To support communities with a demonstrated commitment to Smart Growth Principles.
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - 2026 CFA Application
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - Varies, \$2M available for 2025 CFA.
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Yes – Minimum 10% local match.
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Municipalities
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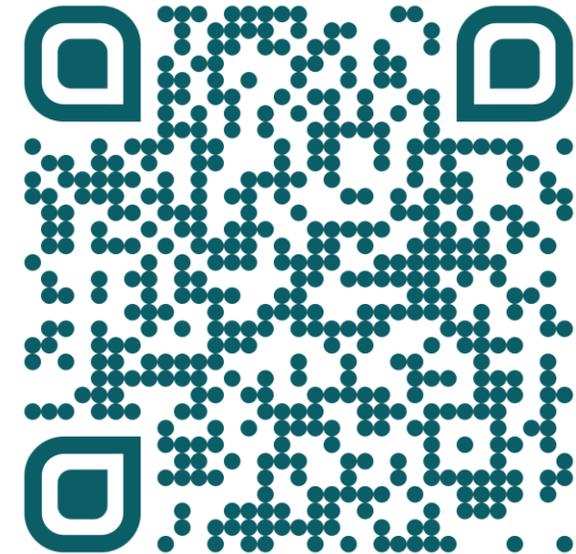
# Additional Guidance (SG)



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- **What makes a grant proposal competitive?**
  - Applications that incorporate and demonstrate a commitment to NYS' Smart Growth Principles in a way that feels authentic to the community.
- **Common mistakes/pitfalls:**
  - Allowing consultants to write applications without much input from the communities—no one knows your community as well as you do!
- **Any other considerations:**
  - Making your proposed budget as detailed and realistic as possible.

Scan here for more information on Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning (SG):



[dos.ny.gov/nys-smart-growth-program](https://dos.ny.gov/nys-smart-growth-program)

# Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) & NY Forward



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- **What does your program fund?**
    - The creation and implementation of a revitalization plan for a designated area within a downtown.
  - **What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?**
    - To support communities with a demonstrated commitment to revitalization and creating new housing opportunities.
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - 2026 CFA Application
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - One \$10M award for DRI, two \$4.5M NY Forward Awards per region (except NYC).
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Municipalities/Non-Profits: No
    - Private Sponsors: Yes, 25%
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Municipalities who are Designated Pro-Housing Communities
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# Additional Guidance (DRI/NY Forward)



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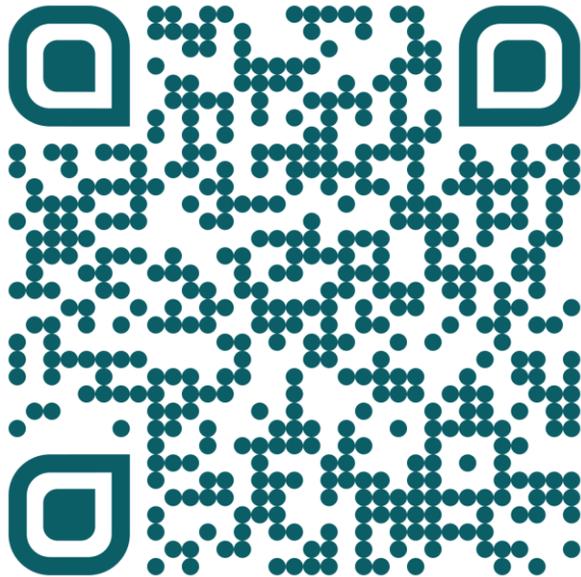
- **What makes a grant proposal competitive?**
    - A community with a demonstrated commitment to revitalization, a strong idea of how to realistically utilize the funding, and who have already laid a strong framework for the grant's implementation (e.g. an updated Comprehensive Plan).
  - **Common mistakes/pitfalls:**
    - Allowing consultants to write applications without heavy input from local leadership, as well as being against the creation of housing.
  - **Any other considerations:**
    - Try and demonstrate a full way to utilize the \$10M or \$4.5M award as well as indicate you are open to accepting either grant opportunity in your application.
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# Additional Guidance (DRI/NY Forward)



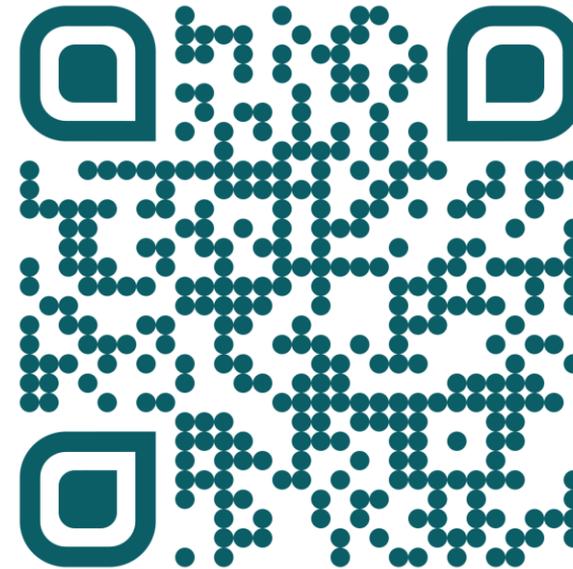
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Scan here for more information on the  
Downtown Revitalization Initiative  
(DRI):



[www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative](http://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative)

Scan here for more  
information on the NY  
Forward:



[www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward](http://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward)

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**Water Quality Improvement Project  
Grants (WQIP)  
Non-Agriculture Non-Point Source  
Planning and MS4 Mapping (NPG) Grant**

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Division of Water

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# **WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WQIP) PROGRAM**



## **Types of Projects**

- Implementation of water quality and habitat improvement projects

## **Priorities**

- Improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, protect a drinking water source, or improve dam safety

## **Application period**

- Typically mid-May – End of July in the CFA

## **Available funding (dependent on project type)**

- \$100,000 - \$15 million

## **Match requirements**

- 25% of requested funds

## **Eligibility (dependent on project type)**

- Municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations

# NON-AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE PLANNING AND MS4 MAPPING GRANT (NPG)



## Types of Projects

- Nonpoint Source Reports
- MS4 Mapping

## Priorities

- Initial planning of non-agricultural nonpoint source, enhanced flood and climate resiliency and dam safety projects
- Mapping of regulated MS4 systems

## Application period

- Typically mid-May – End of July in the CFA

## Available funding (dependent on project type)

- \$50,000 - \$400,000

## Match requirements

- 10% of requested funds

## Eligibility (dependent on project type)

- Municipalities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts

## Additional Guidance

### The most important tip for success:

- Attach everything required

### Applicants should keep in mind:

- Start application process early
- Make connection to water quality (show how your project fits the grant)
- Self score your application

### Any other considerations:

- Points for PEJA and DAC communities, points for flood resiliency and Climate Smart Communities





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**Director, Downstate Territory Climate Smart Communities**

**Climate Smart Communities Grant Program**

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# Climate Smart Communities Grant Program



- **What does your program fund?**
  - GHG mitigation
    - ✓ Reduction in VMT
    - ✓ Reduction of organic waste in landfills
    - ✓ Refrigerant Management [*Variable refrigerant flow/volume systems are not eligible*]. See RFA for specific requirements
    - ✓ Renewable energy projects [*CAN NOT return energy to the grid for sale*].
  - Climate change adaptation
    - ✓ Increasing/preserving natural resilience
    - ✓ Reduction of flood risk
    - ✓ Replacing/right-sizing/removing flow barriers
    - ✓ Extreme event/heat preparation
  - Certain engineering feasibility studies
  - Certain CSC Certification Actions
  - **Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities: counties, cities, towns, and villages of NYS
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# Climate Smart Communities Grant Program



- **When is the funding available?**
    - Early May opening with close at the end of July in the consolidated funding application.
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - Implementation Min/Max: \$50,000/\$2M
    - 15% cap engineering (except for feasibility studies)
    - Certification Min/Max: \$10,000/\$200k
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - 50% or 20% of eligible project costs (see RFA for details)
    - Federal and State funds cannot be used as match
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# Climate Smart Communities Grant Program – Contact Information



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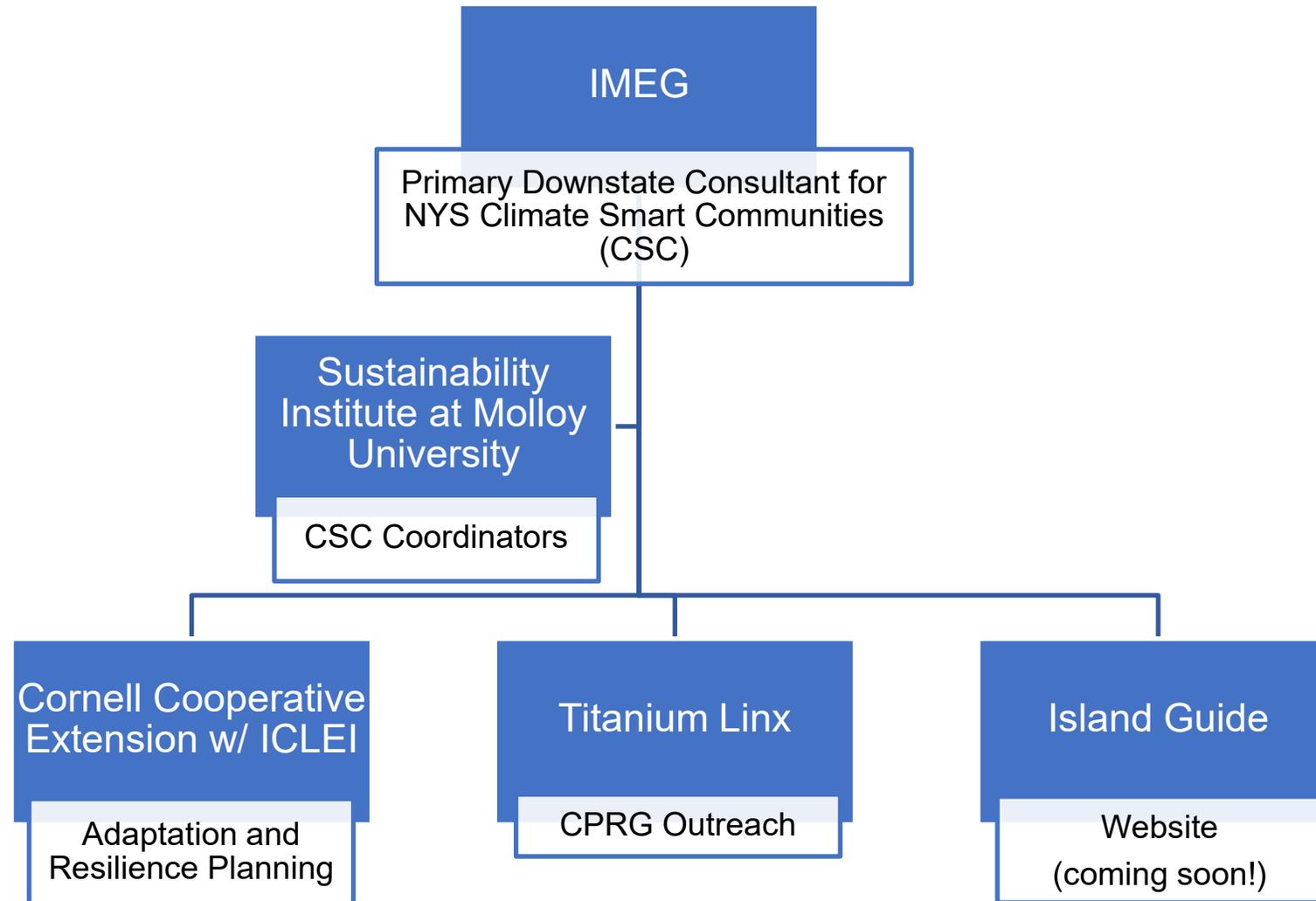
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# CSC Coordinator Services



- A team of Climate Smart Communities coordinators are available to provide free technical assistance to communities on Long Island and NYC.
  - Coordinators facilitate local action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change through outreach, planning, education, and capacity building.
  - Coordinators will meet with you and your elected officials to explain the program and see what path is right for your community.
  - Technical assistance includes help with GHG inventories, Climate Action Plans (CAPs), adaptation plans, certification action reviews, and identification of potential grants to help implement your plans.
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# CSC Coordinator Services



## 12 CSC Pledge Elements

Build a climate-smart community.

Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

Decrease energy usage.

Shift to clean, renewable energy.

Use climate-smart material management.

Implement climate-smart land use.

Enhance community resilience to climate change.

Support a green innovation economy.

Inform and inspire the public.

Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Innovation.

Performance.

## What Is a CCARP?

A Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) is:

1. An **inventory** of your community's **vulnerabilities** to climate change
2. A specific, actionable set of **adaptation strategies** that address those vulnerabilities
3. A **blueprint for implementing** and monitoring progress on those strategies

## About the Long Island CCARP Cohort



- **Get a CCARP (for free!):** Receive expert guidance, ready-to-use templates, and 1:1 support to complete your community's CCARP in 9–12 months.
- **Turn Risk into Action:** Advance a plan that identifies local climate risks and clear, implementable strategies that position your community for long-term resilience.

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About Actions & Certification Support

Participating Climate Smart Communities:

REGISTERED COMMUNITIES	426	BRONZE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES	146
PEOPLE LIVING IN CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES	9,602,076	SILVER CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES	17

**PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment**

4 Points 8 Points 16 Points BRONZE PRIORITY SILVER PRIORITY PRINT

**A. Why is this action important?**

Climate resilience begins with understanding hazards posed by a changing climate. Identifying community vulnerabilities and risks helps identify and prioritize actions to reduce risk in your community. In conducting a vulnerability assessment, the local government must consider current and future conditions. For example, in assessing the risk of flooding a coastline, a community should include conditions associated with projected sea level rise in 2050 and 2100. The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program recommends that local governments complete a vulnerability assessment as one of the first and most important steps in developing an effective strategy for adapting to climate change at the local level.

Developing a vulnerability assessment involves identifying, analyzing and prioritizing the effects of climate hazards and risks, like flooding, heat stress or short-term drought. A climate hazard is a physical event or trend that could affect a population segment of the entire community, specific areas, assets, or entire systems (for example, transportation infrastructure) including the local economy and industries. A vulnerability assessment process should consider diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) to finish since vulnerabilities will likely lead to varying risks across the diverse population in your community.

**Certification Criteria**

<b>Mandatory</b>	2	2
<b>Priority</b>	3	6
<b>Points</b>	120	300
<b>Pledge Elements</b>	4	7

Show requirements for:

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**Planned Action Totals (Planned)**

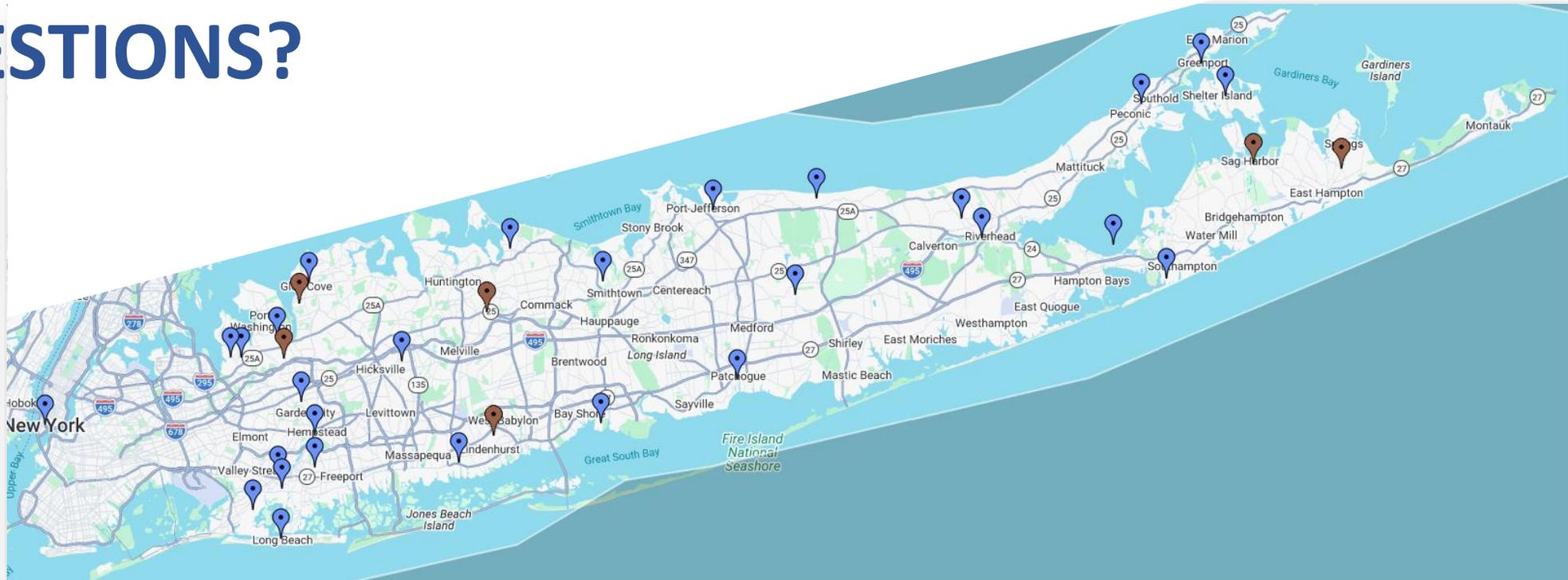
<b>Mandatory</b>	0/2
<b>Priority</b>	0/13
<b>Total Points</b>	0/1102
<b>Pledge Elements</b>	0/12
<b>Total Actions</b>	0/115

Mark actions as planned to determine whether or not your application would meet certification criteria.

# CSC Coordinator Services



## QUESTIONS?



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**Office of Environmental Justice**

**Community Impact Grant**

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# Community Impact Grant



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- **What does our program fund?**
    - **Projects addressing multiple environmental or public health risks affecting Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and Potential Environmental Justice Areas (PEJAs) in New York State**
  - **What are priorities for our [current/next] funding cycle?**
    - **Many project types are fundable, including capacity building**
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - **Yearly; supported by the Environmental Protection Fund**
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# Community Impact Grant



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- **How much \$ is available?**
  - **Upcoming CIG grant opportunity is for \$7 million**
  - **Award amounts range between \$50,000 to \$200,000**
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - **No match requirements, and this grant funds salaries! 😊**
- **Who is eligible?**
  - **Community-based organizations that serve DACs and PEJAs**
  - **Must be a Tribal organization or 501(c)(3) not-for-profit**



# Project Types Funded



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**Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture**

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**Air, Soil, and Water Quality Monitoring**

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**Environmental Education for Environmental Justice Communities**

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**Household Hazardous Waste Reduction**

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**Open Space and Green Infrastructure Projects**

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**Pollution Education**

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**Green Jobs Outreach, Education, and Training**

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**Other environmental projects that benefit the community**

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# Community Impact Grant



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**The CIG has both organization and location eligibility requirements (please see Request For Applications (RFA) for full eligibility):**

- **The organization must serve the residents of an area equal to or smaller than one NYS Region outside of New York City, OR equal to or smaller than one of the five boroughs within New York City;**
  - **Total annual revenue must not exceed \$3,000,000;**
  - **Must include a research component that will be used to expand the knowledge or understanding of the affected community.**
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# Tips for Success – What to do first



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**Register and  
Prequalify in the  
Statewide  
Financial  
System (SFS)!**

Give yourself at least 5 weeks before the deadline to complete.

**More detail is  
better!**

Reviewers want to see that the project, timeline, and budget have been considered thoroughly.

**Innovative EJ  
projects are  
always  
welcome!**

Capacity building for existing or new projects are also accepted.

# Tips for Success – Common Errors



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Is your  
**organization**  
eligible?

Reviewers want to see that the project, timeline, and budget have been considered thoroughly.

Is your **project**  
eligible?

What impact will your project have? Is it EJ focused, and does it serve a PEJA or DAC?

**Research  
components  
are required!**

How will your project increase the education and awareness of the affected community?

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# Tips for Success – For your bid



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Project is  
**community  
focused** and  
**meets the need**

How does your project address the environmental harms or health hazards?

Bid is **well  
organized** and  
**tells a clear  
story**

Define outcomes and deliverables, project impact on community, and outreach approach

Budget is  
**specific** and  
**cost-effective**

Are your expenses eligible? Are you within the guidelines for salary, fringe, etc.?

# Our Websites



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## OEJ Grants Webpage:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/environmental-justice/grant-programs>

- [Office of Environmental Justice \(OEJ\) Grant Awards: Beginning 2006 | State of New York](#)
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- [Grant Applications – NYSDEC](#) (all DEC grants)

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**Potential Environmental Justice Areas**

**Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)**

**OEJ Grants**

**Environmental Excellence Awards**

The map displays a grid of streets in Syracuse, NY, with several areas highlighted in blue and yellow. The blue areas represent Potential Environmental Justice Areas, and the yellow areas represent Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). The map includes street names such as W Genesee St, W Fayette St, and W Wilbur Ave. The city name "Syracuse" is prominently displayed in the center of the map.

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Environmental Facilities Corporation

# FUNDING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Community Assistance Teams

MARCH 18, 2026

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## – INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

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**State  
Revolving  
Fund  
SRF**

**Engineering  
Planning  
Grant  
EPG**

**Water Infrastructure  
Improvement  
Grant  
WIIA**

**Intermunicipal  
Grant  
IMG**

## – RESILIENCE, INNOVATION & SECURITY

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**Green  
Resiliency  
Grant  
GRG**

**Green  
Innovation  
Grant  
GIGP**

**Cybersecurity  
Grants  
SECURE**

# STATE REVOLVING FUNDS - FINANCING

## Low-cost financing to undertake critical sewer and wastewater projects

Funds both clean and drinking water projects

- Clean Water Priority – water quality
- Drinking Water Priority – public health

- Total Funding: limits on hardship funding
- Match: none
- Eligible Entities: Municipalities (see next slide)
- Applications are Due by 5 p.m. on May 29

### Market Rate

Based on EFC's bond rating for projects with a score below the subsidy line

### Subsidized

- 33⅓% reduction for Drinking Water projects
- 50% reduction for Clean Water projects

### Interest-Free

Interest-Free Financing for projects that meet hardship criteria

# SRF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS/ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

## Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Affordable **low-cost financing** for communities and public authorities for sewer projects such as:

- Repairing and upgrading wastewater treatment plants
- Correcting combined and sanitary sewer overflows
- Protecting water bodies from runoff pollution

## CWSRF Eligible Entities

### *Municipalities*

- Any county, city, town, village
- District corporation
- County or town improvement district
- School district
- Indian nation or tribe
- NY public benefit corporation or public authority
- NY State agencies

# ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANTS

## Funding for hardship communities to pay for the initial planning of eligible CWSRF projects

- Total Funding: \$3M
- No required match
- Eligible Entities: Same as CWSRF
- Applications are Due by 4 p.m. on June 12

Communities must meet Median Household requirements to be eligible	
Median Household Income*	Regions
Equal to or less than <b>\$110,000</b>	Long Island Mid-Hudson New York City

*\*According to the United States Census American Community Survey 2023*

- Grant awards of up to **\$100,000** for inflow/infiltration studies required by enforcement action
- Grant awards of up to **\$50,000** for all other projects

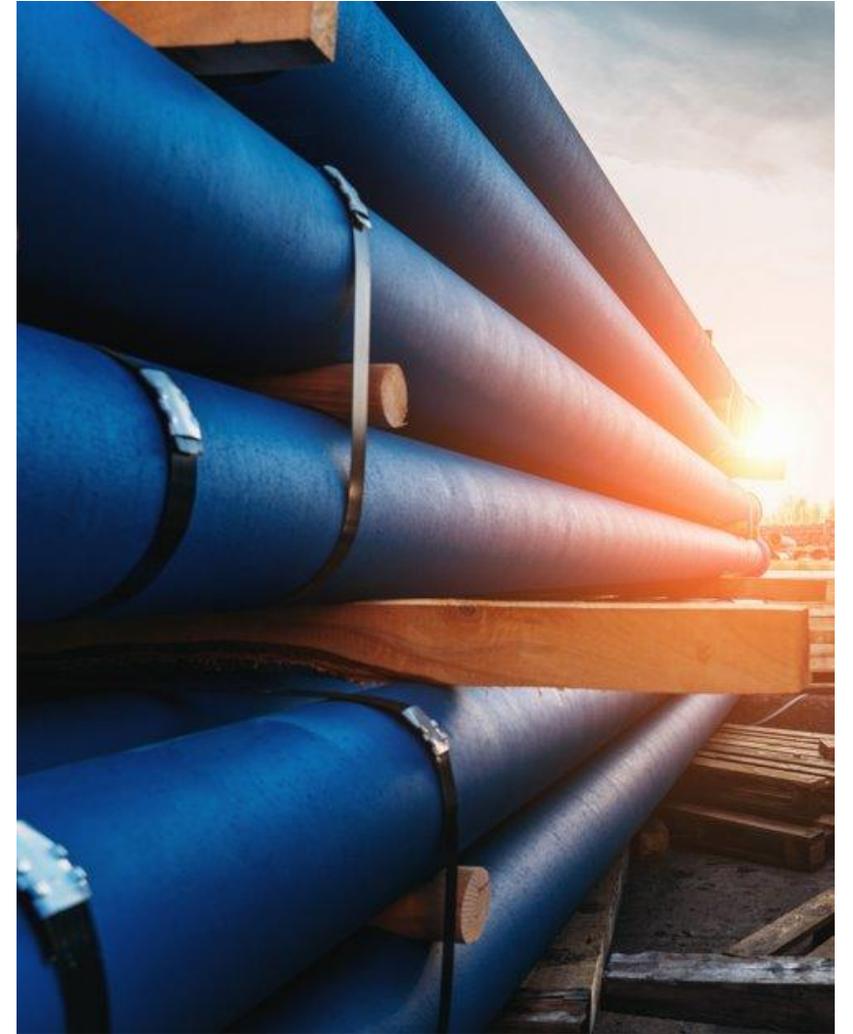
# WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

**WIIA provides competitive grants to help communities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water projects**

Funds both clean and drinking water projects

- Clean Water Priority – water quality
- Drinking Water Priority – public health

- Grant of up to 25% of costs, up to \$25M
- Eligible Entities: Same as CWSRF
- Dependent on state budget, normally launches late Spring



# INTERMUNICIPAL GRANTS

## Available for both clean water and drinking water projects undertaken jointly by multiple municipalities

- One lead municipality must apply on behalf of all cooperating municipalities
- Grant of up to 40%, up to \$30 million
- Eligible Entities: Same as CWSRF
- Dependent on state budget, normally launches late Spring



Must have a current, valid, and binding project Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between at least two cooperating municipalities related to the financing and implementation of the project.

# GREEN RESILIENCY GRANTS (GRG) – 2025



Grants for  
Flood  
Prone  
Communities

**\$60 MILLION**

Total Funding Available

**\$1 MILLION**

Minimum Project Award

**\$10 MILLION**

Maximum Project Award

**May fund up to 90% of Eligible Project Costs**

All projects must be capable of capturing, treating, or increasing time of concentration for a minimum of **2,500 cubic feet of stormwater per 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile rainfall event within a clearly defined drainage area** that contributes to a specific water quality or quantity concern.

**Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)** will receive no less than **35 percent** of the benefit from this funding.

# GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP) - 2025

Grants to support green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and environmental innovation projects



**\$3 MILLION**  
Maximum Project Award

**May fund up to 90% of Eligible Project Costs**

## ELIGIBLE PRACTICES:

### **Green Stormwater Infrastructure**

Maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltration, evapotranspiration, and harvesting stormwater

### **Energy Efficiency**

Reduce energy consumption or produce renewable energy for a wastewater treatment plant

### **Water Efficiency**

Reuse, conserve, or improve water efficiency

### **Environmental Innovation**

New or innovative approaches to manage water resources sustainably

# SECURE PROGRAM

## Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement (SECURE) Program

### SECURE Assessment Grant

- For assisting clean water and drinking water systems evaluate their cybersecurity
- Grants up to \$50,000

### SECURE Implementation Grant

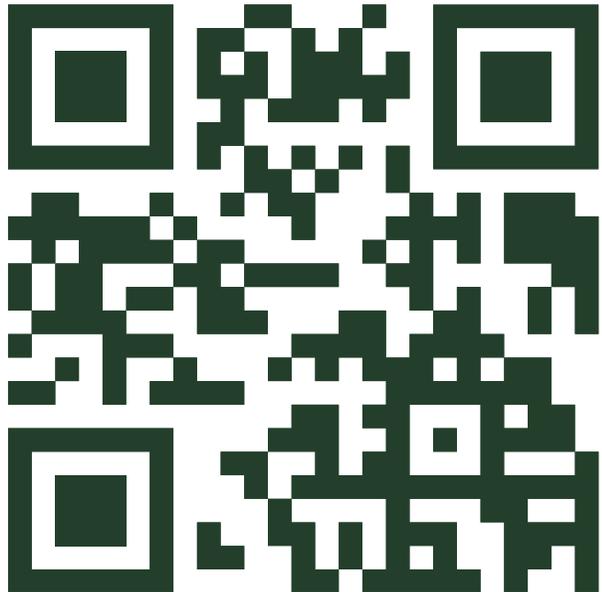
- For implementation of needed cybersecurity upgrades to meet state standards
- Grants up to 20% of net eligible costs, up to \$100,000



- Total Funding: \$2.5M
- Eligible Entities: Same as WIIA
- Applications are Due by 5 p.m. on May 15

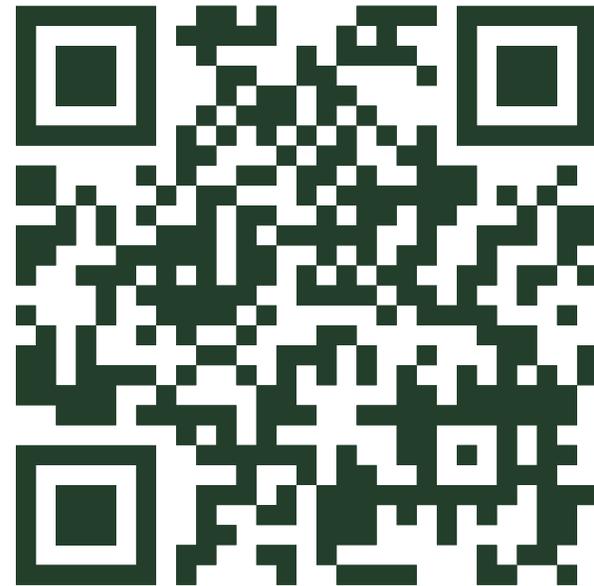
# CONTACT US

## INFORMATION ABOUT GRANTS AND FINANCING



**[CWSRFinfo@efc.ny.gov](mailto:CWSRFinfo@efc.ny.gov)**

## REQUEST A MEETING, SIGN UP FOR EMAILS, & REGISTER FOR WEBINARS



## Contact the Teams

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[efc.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov](mailto:efc.dl.CommunityAssistance@efc.ny.gov)



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**New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  
Office of Disaster Recovery Programs: Hazard Mitigation**

**Hazard Mitigation Programs:**

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or HMGP (404)
  - Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
  - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
  - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current
  - Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (HM RLF)
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## What does your program fund?

- FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in ways that reduce or mitigate future disaster losses in their communities. This funding becomes available following a Presidentially declared disaster. The following project types are eligible: Hazard Mitigation Planning, Hazard Mitigation Projects, Planning Related Activities and Advance Assistance



- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle**
  - See section - State Priorities when a Notice of Funding Opportunity is published
- **When is the funding available?**
  - The grant program is available after a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
- **How much \$ is available?**
  - 15% of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. Final numbers are established at the 12-Month Lock-In Ceiling



- **Are there match requirements?**
    - 25% Non-Federal
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - **Eligible Subapplicants** for HMGP assistance include federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, local governments (to include State-recognized Indian Tribes and authorized Indian Tribal organizations), and certain Private Non-Profits (PNPs) that perform a government-like function.
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- **What does your program fund?**
    - BRIC prioritizes comprehensive, long-term risk reduction strategies that improve public infrastructure, mitigate risk to one or more Community Lifelines, and support adoption and enforcement of improved/modernized building codes. The following project types are eligible: Construction, Scoping, Planning and Planning Related activities
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - State Agencies
    - Local Governments
    - Indian Tribal Governments
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- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**
  - See *Federal Priorities* in the Notice of Funding Opportunities(NOFO)
- **When is the funding available?**
  - Typically, early fall
- **How much \$ is available?**
  - TBD established by FEMA at the time a NOFO is released.
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - 25% Non-Federal



- **What does your program fund?**
    - The FMA program is specifically designed to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - State Agencies
    - Local Governments
    - Indian Tribal Governments
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- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**
  - See *Federal Priorities* in the Notice of Funding Opportunities
- **When is the funding available?**
  - Typically, early fall.

- **How much \$ is available?**
  - TBD when the NOFO is announced
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - 25% Non-Federal  
*FEMA may increase the cost share to 100% federal for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties and 90% federal for Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.*



- **What does your program fund?**
    - The Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current (Swift Current) program provides funding to mitigate buildings insured through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to reduce risk against future flood damage.
    - Availability is subject to major disaster declaration following a flood-related event.
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Local Governments
    - Indian Tribal Governments
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- **When is the funding available?**
    - Funds will be made available to states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments that receive a major disaster declaration following a flood-related disaster event and meet all other eligibility criteria.
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - Available funding is TBD, determined by FEMA.
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- **Are there match requirements?**

*Cost shares differ by property type\**

- **100% federal cost share** for structures that are **FMA defined Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)**
  - **90% federal cost share** for structures that are **FMA defined Repetitive Loss (RL)**
  - **90% federal cost share** for NFIP-insured structures located within a census tract with a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score not less than 0.5001 and the activity is funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). FEMA will use the following three SVI themes to determine the SVI score; Socioeconomic Status, Household Characteristics and Housing Type and Transportation.
  - **Up to 75% federal cost share** for NFIP-insured structures that do not meet SRL, RL or BIL cost share eligibility.
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- **What does your program fund?**
    - The HM Revolving Loan Fund makes low interest loans (1% or less) available to local governments to fund eligible hazard mitigation activities. While projects have to be HM-eligible, they do not have to have a passing benefit-cost analysis score. After a project is completed, the loan and any interest are repaid to the state revolving loan fund during a 20- or 30-year repayment period (not to exceed the useful life of the item or project) which begins one year after project completion. Interest forms can be submitted [here](#).
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - Accepting interest forms statewide on a rolling basis.
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- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**

- Disadvantaged, underserved and Socially Vulnerable (as defined below) areas proposing projects to foster resilience.
  - Non-federal cost share for existing hazard mitigation projects.
  - Mitigation projects that address the following:
    - Localized flood risk reduction
    - Social stabilization
    - Infrastructure Retrofit
    - Generators
  - Projects not eligible under other Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants due to not passing a benefit cost analysis.
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# Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (HM RLF)



Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services

- **How much \$ is available?**
  - Loans cannot exceed \$5 million per project.
- **Loan funds may be used for:**
  - Projects or activities that mitigate the impacts of a natural hazard
  - Mitigation Planning
  - Building code adoption and enforcement
  - Zoning and land use planning changes
  - Technical assistance to loan recipients
  - Entity loan fund administration costs
  - The non-federal cost share requirements for other FEMA HMA grants\*

*\*Loan recipient must additionally comply with all HMA program requirements and regulations.*

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- **Who is eligible?**

- Only local governments are eligible to apply.
  - Loan applicants must have a current local multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in place.
  - Proposed projects must be allowable under FEMA Hazard Mitigation Guidance.
  - Loan recipients must establish a dedicated source of revenue to support loan repayment.
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# Additional Guidance



**Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services**

Please reach out to your County POC's to participate in you County Multi-Jurisdictional HMP update:

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Nassau: **John Buttler & Megan Fazzolari**

Nassau County Office of Emergency Management

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# Additional Guidance



**Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services**

**NYS DHSES Hazard Mitigation Website:**

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/hazard-mitigation>

**NYS Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

<https://hazardmitigation.ny.gov/>

**Learn more from FEMA:**

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation>

**FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide:**

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/hazard-mitigation-assistance-guidance>

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Requirements:**

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/hazard-mitigation-planning/requirements>

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New York State Homes and Community Renewal is making available a loan and/or grant program of up to **\$50,000** to help homeowners at risk of flooding or who have sustained property damage due to heavy rainfalls, or other flooding events.

The program allows for **home improvements** to **mitigate flood damage**, make climate-ready improvements, and other non-luxury improvements to make a home safe.

**Who is Eligible?**

- ✓ Owner-occupied, 1-4 unit buildings
- ✓ Low to moderate income (120% of area median)

**Projects Can Include:**

- Repairing Flood Damage
- Installing Storm Mitigation Improvements
  - o Storm Shutters
  - o Shatter Proof Glass Windows
- Floodproofing Interior Systems
  - o Installing Flood Vents
  - o Sump Pumps
  - o Backwater Valve
  - o Backflow Preventers

- Elevating Electrical Equipment
- Purchase and Installation of Energy/Electrification Improvements
  - o Energy efficient appliances
  - o High efficiency windows
  - o Insulation to Walls and/or ceilings
  - o Replace existing Systems with All Electric Heat Pump
- Other Flood Mitigation Improvements

**To Learn More about the Program:**



Local Program Administrators:



# Resilient Retrofit

- Launched January 2023 as a \$10 million pilot program funded under the first Five Year Housing Plan.
- In FY 2024/25 State of the State, Governor Hochul included a request to expand the program by an additional \$20 million allocation.
- Three CDFI Program Administrators were selected through a competitive RFP: Home HeadQuarters Inc., Community Development Long Island, The Center for NYC Neighborhoods/Sustainable Neighborhoods
- A half loan/half grant product of up to \$50,000 to help homeowners make flood resiliency improvements and fortify against future storm damage.

# Program Terms

- Primary residence homeowners in 1-4 unit properties, with household income limits of up to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI)
  - Condos and coops are ineligible if part of the building with more than 4 units.
- Loan portion is borrowed at 3% APR interest rate
- Loan Terms can be between 5 – 10 years
- Loan is recorded with the County and LPA will be in second lien position
- No minimum Credit score requirement, however, DTI should not exceed 50%

# Program Terms

- Projects must be for eligible flood and storm mitigation improvements. This work has to constitute 50% of the project.
- Energy efficiency upgrades are eligible after the 50% resiliency threshold is met.
- Flood insurance will be required if required by the primary mortgage lender.

## Type of Resiliency Work

- Backwater Valve Installation
- Basement Waterproofing
- Crawl Space Floodproofing
- Dehumidifier installation
- Drain Tile Installation
- Driveway Repair
- Driveway Regrading
- Dry Well Installation
- Electrical Repair
- Flood vent installation
- Foundation repairs
- French drain installation
- Furnace/HVAC repair/replacement
- Gutter Repair/Replacement
- House Raising
- Insulation to prevent water intrusion
- Lifting Mechanicals
- Mold Remediation/Abatement
- Plumbing Work to Maintain Resiliency Measures
- Roof Repair
- Sealing/Repairs Ducts
- Securing Shoreline/Bulkhead/Bluffs
- Shatter Proof Windows
- Siding Repair / Replacement
- Storm Shutters
- Sump Pump Installation
- Trenching to Create better drainage (indoor/exterior)
- Vapor Barrier

## Type of Upgrades

- Electrical Upgrade
- Energy Efficiency Appliances
- Heat Pump Installation
- Roof Replacement
- Solar Panels
- Window replacement

# Homeowner Experience

## Document Package:

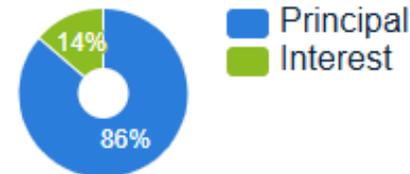
- Homeowner Application to LPA
- Promissory Note / Mortgage
- Declaration of Interest Recorded at the County
- Homeowner/Contractor Contract
- Certificate of Completion (signed by owner & Contractor)

LPA inspector completes an internal document certifying job completion.

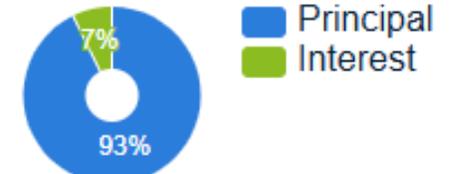
## Payment Structure (example):

- \$50,000 loan/grant
- Loan portion is \$25,000
- \$25,000 on a 3% monthly APR over 5-10 years = \$449 - 241 per month

Payment Every Month **\$241.40**  
Total of 120 Payments **\$28,968.22**  
Total Interest **\$3,968.22**



Payment Every Month **\$449.22**  
Total of 60 Payments **\$26,953.04**  
Total Interest **\$1,953.04**





# Alice Maiden

**NYS Office of Resilient Homes and Communities (RHC)**

**Assistant Program Manager**

**“Blue Buffers” Voluntary Flood Risk Property Buyout Program**

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# Blue Buffers Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **What does your program fund?**
    - The acquisition and demolition of private properties at high risk of flooding, purchased from willing sellers
    - The restoration of natural resources to facilitate beneficial open space, flood mitigation, and/or shoreline stabilization
    - Purchased land is maintained as open space in perpetuity
    - Funded by 2022 NYS Environmental Bond Act
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# Blue Buffers Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?**
    - Proposed buyout projects should meet 1+ of the following criteria:
      - Make a flood mitigation project feasible
      - Enhance environmentally sensitive habitat areas
      - Leverage additional funding sources
      - Ineligible through other buyout sources
      - Mitigate a flood hazard not described in the Environmental Bond Act
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# Blue Buffers Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **When is the funding available?**
  - Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released in 2026
- **Who is eligible?**
  - Units of Local Government can apply through the NOFA; TA will be available
- **How much \$ is available?**
  - TBA; Multiple funding rounds, committing \$250 million over several years
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - Match not required, but it can increase the competitiveness of an application
  - Units of Local Government may incur costs in maintaining restored land

# Additional Guidance



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- Contact [bluebuffers@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:bluebuffers@hcr.ny.gov) with questions
  - Visit [bluebuffers.org](https://bluebuffers.org) for more information, including:
    - NOFA release date (TBA)
    - Program policy guide
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**Office of Resilient Homes and Communities**

**Program Manager**

**Hurricane Ida Resilient Investments Through Support and Capital (RISC) Infrastructure**

**Grant Program**

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# RISC Infrastructure Grant Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **What does your program fund?**
    - The RISC Infrastructure Program will provide CDBG-DR funding for construction projects to public facilities and infrastructure that incorporate mitigation upgrades to reduce the risks of community flooding, especially those due to severe rain events like Hurricane Ida. Our goal is for 70% of all funds awarded under this program to principally benefit low-and-moderate (LMI) income areas and projects benefitting these communities will be prioritized.
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# RISC Infrastructure Grant Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **When is the funding available?**
    - A NOFA has been released on our website (<https://hcr.ny.gov/hurricane-ida-cdbg-dr-funding-opportunities>) as of February 17, 2026, with applications due by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We anticipate issuing preliminary awards by May 26, 2026.
  - **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**
    - All awarded projects must begin construction within 1 year of signing a grant agreement with us and the project must be completed no later than July 1st, 2029.
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# RISC Infrastructure Grant Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **Who is eligible for funding?**
    - Units of local government, State agencies and authorities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Public Schools, First Responder facilities, or Non-profit organizations that serve communities in Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties may apply for grant funding.
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# RISC Infrastructure Grant Program



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**  
Office of Resilient Homes  
and Communities

- **How much funding is available?**
    - \$17 million (we anticipate awarding five projects- four awards of up to \$3 million per project and one award of up to \$5 million). Projects requiring less than \$3 million in funding are also welcomed to apply.
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - There are no match requirements for this program.
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# Alison Branco

**The Nature Conservancy in New York  
Climate Adaptation Director**

**Climate Resilience Grant Program (CRGP)  
and  
CRGP Technical Assistance**

- **What does your program fund?**
  - Conserve Resilient Lands
  - Conserve Resilient Waters
- **When is the funding available?**
  - Applications Open Winter (approx. Nov-Feb)
  - Awarded April
  - Contracting Spring/Summer, 18 month contract

# Land or Water?

## New York Climate Resilience Grant Program

Fee and easement acquisitions

**Conserve Lands**  
Within mapped focal linkages and contains RCN

**Conserve Water**  
Intersect mapped hydrologic features throughout New York

Create enabling conditions for CRGP priorities or promote climate resilience

**Plan & Build Capacity**  
Focus on terrestrial connectivity and communities

**Plan & Build Capacity**  
Focus on climate adaptation, hydrologic features, and/or communities

**Technical Assistance**  
The Nature Conservancy is piloting a new program for land trusts across New York to receive tailored technical assistance aimed at accelerating the protection of lands vital to freshwater and coastal ecosystems, climate adaptation, and landscape connectivity

## Resilient and Connected Appalachians Grant Program

**Conserve Lands**  
>500 acres, within mapped focal linkages, and contains RCN

# CRGP & CRGP Technical Assistance

- What are the priorities?

Overall:

*Make way for water* so that people are safe from flooding, infrastructure systems are resilient, and nature can adapt



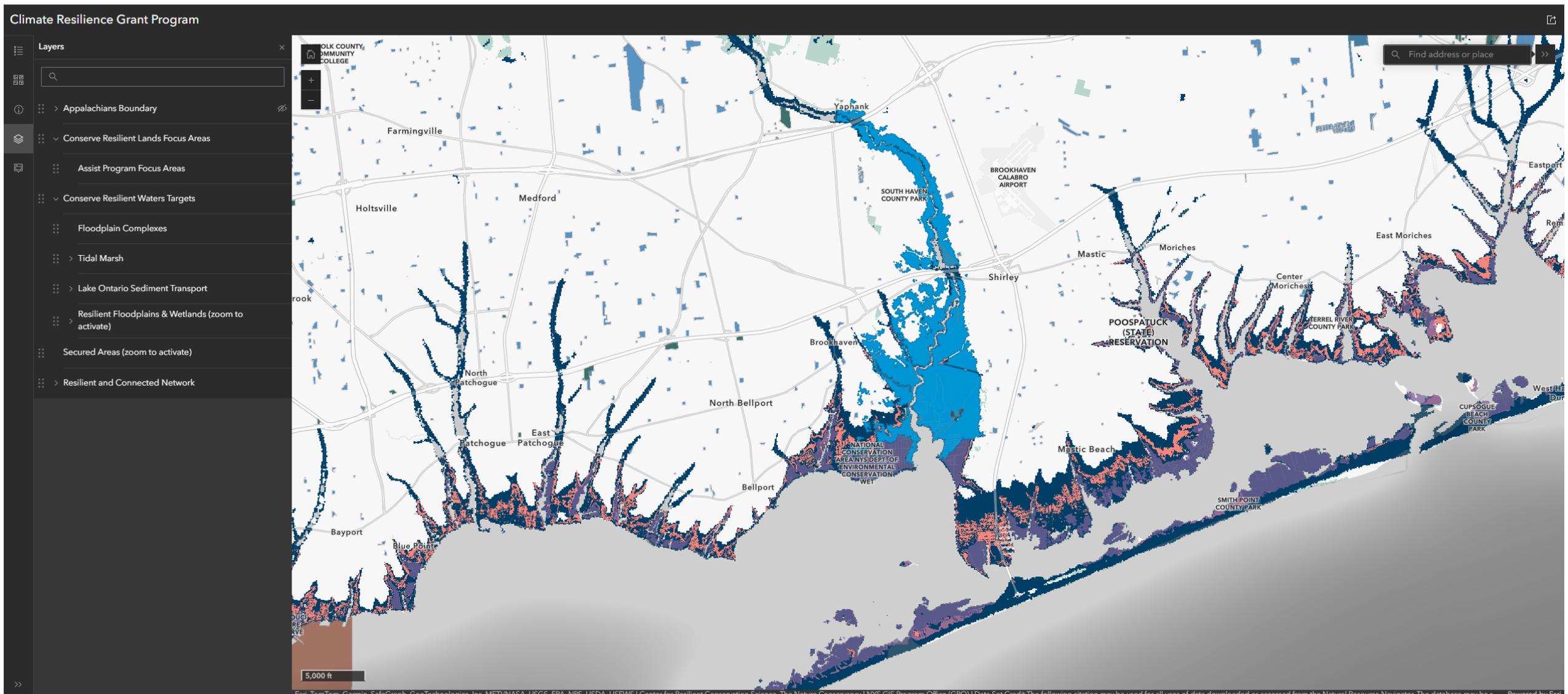
# Conserve Resilient Waters

- Resilient Floodplains and Wetlands
- Floodplain Complexes
- Sediment Contribution Zones and Depositional Areas
- Tidal Wetlands and Marsh Migration Corridors



# Web Map Application Demo

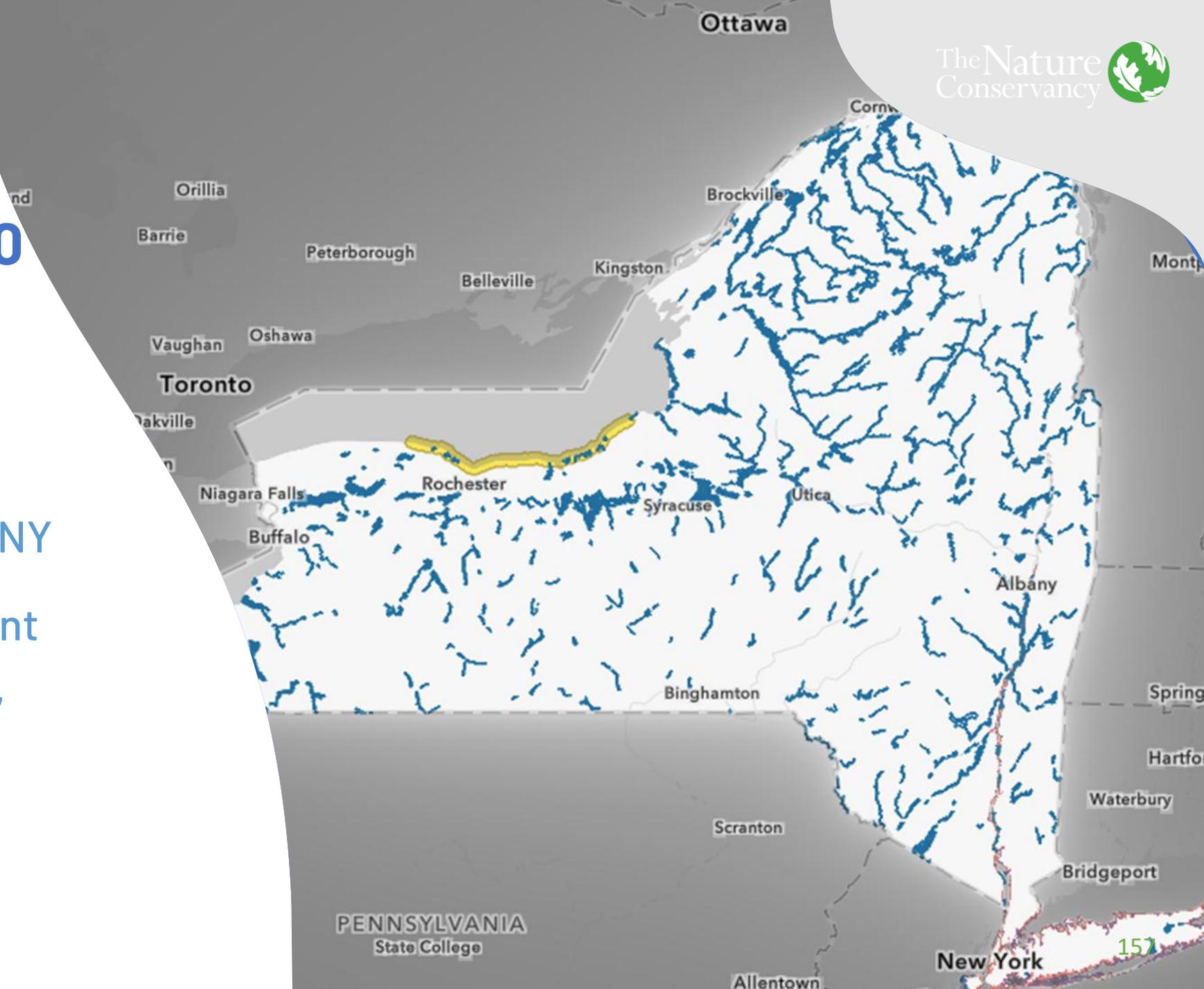
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# Conserve Resilient Waters: Acquisition \$50,000

- Fee and easement projects that protect Floodplains, Wetlands, and Shorelines across NY
- Community Engagement
- Close by June 30, 2027

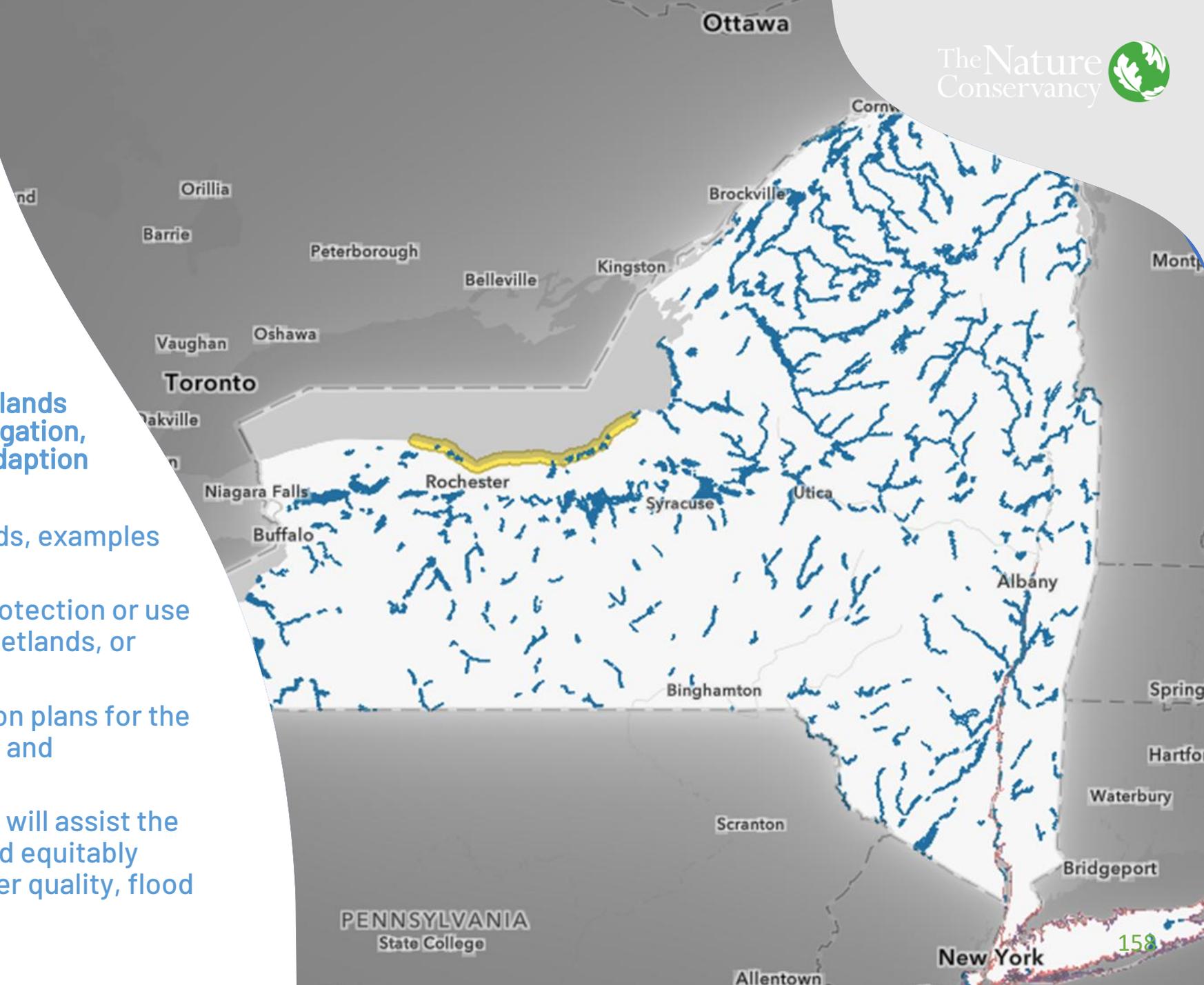


# Conserve Resilient Waters: Planning & Capacity \$25,000

Strengthen effectiveness in protecting lands and waters that contribute to flood mitigation, water quality, habitat protection, and adaption to sea-level rise.

In addition to those mentioned for Lands, examples include:

- Community engagement around protection or use of lands that contain floodplains, wetlands, or shorelines
- Developing or updating conservation plans for the protection of wetlands, shorelines, and floodplains
- Training of staff to learn a skill that will assist the organization in more effectively and equitably protecting lands important for water quality, flood mitigation and sediment transport



# Community Benefits and Engagement

Both programs prioritize projects that demonstrate meaningful community engagement, work with those historically excluded from conservation, and lead to more equitable benefits for people and communities.



# Technical Assistance Pilot

## New: Opportunity for Technical Assistance for Land Trusts

The Nature Conservancy is piloting a new program for land trusts across New York to receive tailored technical assistance aimed at accelerating the protection of lands vital to freshwater and coastal ecosystems, climate adaptation, and landscape connectivity. There is no cost to the land trust and no application is required to access this program.

[LEARN MORE](#)

- **How much \$ is available?**
  - Conserve Resilient Waters Acquisition: \$50,000
  - Conserve Resilient Waters Planning & Capacity: \$25,000
- **Are there match requirements?**
  - NOT REQUIRED, but encouraged



# CRGP and CRGP Technical Assistance

- **Who is eligible?**
- **CRGP – Water - New York State**
  - Non-profits and Community orgs
  - Municipalities
  - State and Federally Recognized Tribal Organizations
  - Non-profit educational institution or local agency
- **Technical Assistance**
  - New York State Land Trusts Only (for 2026)



# **Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardships Initiatives (WQPRP) Grant Program**

**Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning  
Water Quality Improvement Division**

Jennifer Yeltekin, Principal Environmental Analyst  
Jamie Carroll, Senior Environmental Analyst

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# Suffolk County WQPRP



- **What does your program fund?**
    - Projects to improve water quality in accordance with Article XII of Suffolk County Charter
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - Call for applications issued April 20, 2026
    - Applications due June 12, 2026
    - Notice of awards Fall 2026
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# Suffolk County WQPRP



## What are the priorities for your next funding cycle?

### 2026 priorities are under development. 2025 priorities:

- Conventional or innovative structural or nonstructural stormwater abatement or prevention
  - Establishment and/or testing of innovative and alternative on-site sanitary waste disposal systems
  - Wetlands preservation and enhancement
  - Integrated marsh management
  - Nonstructural shore stabilization and restoration projects
  - Preservation and restoration initiatives targeted at protection of rare, threatened, or endangered species, or other priority species or critical natural resource areas identified by the County
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# Suffolk County WQPRP



- **How much \$ is available?**
    - Approximately \$2M in funding is available
    - Minimum grants of \$200K – Maximum grants of \$500K
    - Funding available for both planning and construction
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Grants are 50/50 cost share. Non-County entities must provide equal match to the requested grant amount
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Municipalities and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
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# Additional Guidance



- **Eligible project types:**
    - Non-point Source Pollution Abatement and Control & Pollution Prevention Initiatives
    - Habitat Restoration, Reclamation, and Connectivity
    - Land Stewardship Initiatives
    - Education and Outreach
    - No-Discharge Zone Implementation
  - **Eligible projects must apply to WQPRP and applications must be recommended for funding by the WQPRP Review Committee and approved by the Suffolk County Legislature**
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# Contact Information



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**Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**Community Assistance Program \$100,000**



# What is the Community Assistance Program?



This is a grant opportunity open to fund environmentally focused projects within Suffolk County.

Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

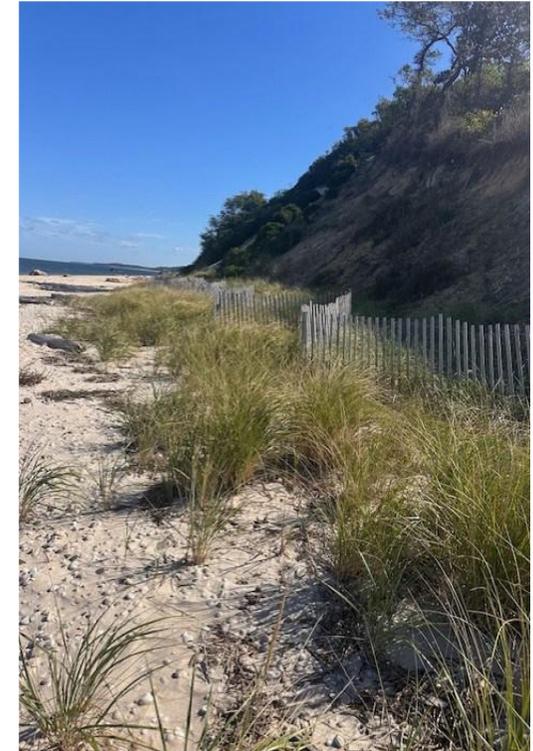
- Water Quality Improvement
- Soil Conservation
- Mitigating Algal Blooms
- Habitat Restoration
- Repopulation Efforts
- Stormwater Management



# Community Assistance Program \$100,000



- **What does your program fund?**
- Any environmentally focused projects in Suffolk County qualify
- **What are the priorities for your [current/next] funding cycle?**
  - Shovel ready projects that can be completed in 2 years
- **When is the funding available to?**
  - Deadline is March 31, 2026



# Community Assistance Program \$100,000



- **How much \$ is available?**
    - \$100,000 is available for municipalities, up to \$50,000 is available for community groups and local non- profits.
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Minimum of 50% match. Cash matches will be scored higher.
    - **Who is eligible?**
    - Municipalities and non-governmental organizations
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# Additional Guidance



- Joint applicants are encouraged. Any municipalities willing to partner together will be scored higher.
- Any environmentally focused Suffolk County projects qualify, no strict guidelines!
- Looking for impactful improvements to the water quality, aquifer, prevention of erosion or any other justifiable project



# What needs to be submitted?:



## Proposal check list:

- 1) Proposal (5 page maximum not including project budget, project timeline, letters of support and additional relevant documents)
- 2) Project Budget
- 3) Project Timeline
- 4) Letters of Support and/or Partnership
- 5) Additional relevant documents (photos)

### 2026 Title

Suggested Proposal Format (limited to three- five pages)

**Title of Proposal:**

**Applicant Contact:**

**Other Project Cooperators:** Name/title/contact information (phone and email)

**Project Location:** Address/Suffolk County tax map number/township

**Project Description:** Thoroughly answer questions and describe the proposed project, detail its goals, benefits and plans for future funding (i.e. project sustainability and longevity)

**Please make sure that the proposal addresses the following questions/topics for the Project Description:**

#### 1) Project Goals and Objectives

- a. What are the primary goals of the project?
- b. What specific objectives do you aim to achieve?

#### 2) Project Justification

- c. Why is this project necessary?
- d. What problem or opportunity does it address?

#### 3) Project Scope

- e. What deliverables are expected?

#### 4) Timeline and Milestones

- f. What is the overall timeline for the project?
- g. What are the key milestones and deadlines?

#### 5) Risk and Mitigation Strategies

- h. What are the potential risks associated with the project? (If applicable)
- i. What strategies will be implemented to mitigate these risks?

# Contact info:



- **Visit our website:**  
<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Soil-and-Water-Conservation-District>
- **Submit your applications to** [swcdinfo@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:swcdinfo@suffolkcountyny.gov)
- **Deadline: March 31, 2026**

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**Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**District Manager**

**Part C 2026 Project Funding**

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- **What does your program fund?**
    - **Projects meeting one or more of the following criteria in Nassau County:**
      - Conserve or improve soil
      - Improve the water quality of our groundwater and/or surface water
      - Control and prevent soil erosion and/or prevent floodwater and sediment damage
      - 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
  - **When is the funding available?**
    - Funding is now available. Applications are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
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# Part C 2026



- **How much \$ is available?**
    - The minimum funding award is \$2,000 and the maximum is \$15,000.
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - Match funding is not required. Projects which include match funding and/or support previous District projects will be given a higher standing in the final selection process.
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Local governments, community organizations, schools, and not-for-profit organizations in Nassau County.
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# Additional Guidance



- Applications are **due by May 01, 2026**, and awards are expected to be made in May 2026.
- Projects must be completed by **May 31, 2027**.
- **Project funds are available on a reimbursement basis only.**



Forest Restoration at Baxter's Pond included removal of invasive species and planting natives.

Sands Point Preserve Conservancy Bluff Stabilization



Succotash Gardens: Food & Environmental Resilience Hub in Roosevelt

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- **What does your program fund?**
    - Environmental/Conservation projects on Long Island
  - **What are the priorities for 2026?**
    - To protect and preserve Long Island's natural resources, healthy ecosystems, and public health.
    - Improving water quality
    - Restoring habitat
    - Advocacy efforts/systems change
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- **When is the funding available?**

- Three review periods in 2026:

Proposals submitted by → decisions by

January 6<sup>th</sup> → late March

April 7<sup>th</sup> → late July

August 4<sup>th</sup> → late November

- **How much \$ is available?**
    - Average grants range from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year
  - **Are there match requirements?**
    - No
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - 501(c)(3) nonprofits working on Long Island
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- **What makes a grant proposal competitive?**
    - Clearly identify the issue you will be addressing, explain how you will address it, and explain how you will measure success.
  - **Common mistakes/pitfalls:**
    - Avoid jargon, explain scientific terms.
    - Organizations can only apply for a competitive grant once per funding year.
    - STEM programs may fit under our Education category, not the Environment/Conservation category.
  - **Any other considerations:**
    - We do not award grants for general operating support.
    - We do not typically fund capital expenses (such as buildings, office equipment).
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# Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF)

- **What does your program fund?**
  - Programs that focus on restoring and protecting the health and living resources of Long Island Sound.
- **What are the funding priorities?**
  - Capacity Building – helping to build stronger nonprofits working in the Long Island Sound watershed in Connecticut and New York.
  - New Collaboration - fostering new collaborative efforts and innovative partnerships on projects.
  - Piloting Tools and Strategies - starting or accelerating new tools, strategies, or efforts; or planning for the next stage in existing efforts.

# Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF)

- **When is the funding available?**
    - RFP is released in December/January
    - Proposals are due 1<sup>st</sup> week in February
    - Decisions are generally made by early May
  - **How much \$ is available?**
    - LISSF typically awards \$500,000 per year
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# Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF)

- **Are there match requirements?**
    - No
  - **Who is eligible?**
    - Nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charities working across the LI Sound watershed
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# Additional Guidance



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- **What makes a grant proposal to LISSF competitive?**  
The narrative should reference the strategies and specific themes and Implementation Actions of the Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (CCMP).
  - **Common mistakes/pitfalls:**
    - Avoid jargon.
    - Explain scientific terms.
    - Submit a project budget that matches the proposed activities.
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# Additional Guidance



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- **Other considerations:**

The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund is a funder collaborative.

The LISSF does not award grants for general operating support.

The LISSF does not typically fund capital expenses (such as buildings, office equipment).

The LISSF does not fund research projects.

Organizations may submit up to 2 proposals per funding cycle.

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## Questions?

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## Successful Awardees Panel:

Mark Dara & Michelle Katovitz  
Village of Huntington Bay

Monique Fitzgerald & Ariel Hart  
Setalcott Nation

Deb Wiener & Jane Jackson  
North Shore Land Alliance





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Lunch  
1:00-1:30 PM

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





# Networking with Funders 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Udalls Cove, NY  
Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown



LIS Partnership (hallway): LIS Futures Fund, LIS Community Impact Fund

Gray (hallway): NYSDOS Grants

Gray: NYS Environmental Bond Act, NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities

Navy: NYS EFC, NYSDEC Division of Water

Teal: NYS DHSES, NYS Homes & Community Renewal

White: Suffolk WQPRP, Suffolk Soil & Water

Black: Nassau Soil & Water, The Nature Conservancy



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# Thank you



Please complete our short evaluation!



Nassau County Museum of Art  
Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown