



Dodge Paddock and Beal Preserve, Stonington, CT Credit: Sarah Schechter

Hammonasset Beach State Park Coastal Resilience Field Trip and Workshop

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM



9:30 AM

Arrival/Check-in

Welcome and Presentations

10:00 AM

- Sustainable & Resilient Communities
- Coastal Resilience in Hammonasset Beach State Park
- Community Outreach and Engagement

12:00 PM

Lunch

12:45 PM

Walking Tour - Living Shoreline and Marsh Restoration Sites

1:45 PM

Culvert Replacement Visit

2:20 PM

Closing Remarks



LIS Coastal Resilience Month Events



LONG ISLAND SOUND COASTAL RESILIENCE MONTH

SEPT 16	HAMMONASSET COASTAL RESILIENCE FIELD TRIP 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Hammonasset Beach State Park, CT
OCT 2	WEST HAVEN COASTAL RESILIENCE TOUR 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Eco Park, Beach Street Elevation, Resilient Cover River Project & more in West Haven, CT
OCT 27	LONG ISLAND SOUND COASTAL RESILIENCE FORUM 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Hyatt Regency Long Island, Hauppauge, NY
OCT 28	LONG ISLAND SOUND COASTAL RESILIENCE FIELD TRIP TOUR 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Tour 3 field trip stops in Nassau & Suffolk, NY
OCT 28	CITY ISLAND OYSTER REEF RESILIENCE TOUR Registration and event details coming soon!



Sustainable and Resilient Communities Resources & Assistance Programs

St. John's Marsh, Cold Spring Harbor
Credit: Sarah Schaefer-Brown





Who We Are

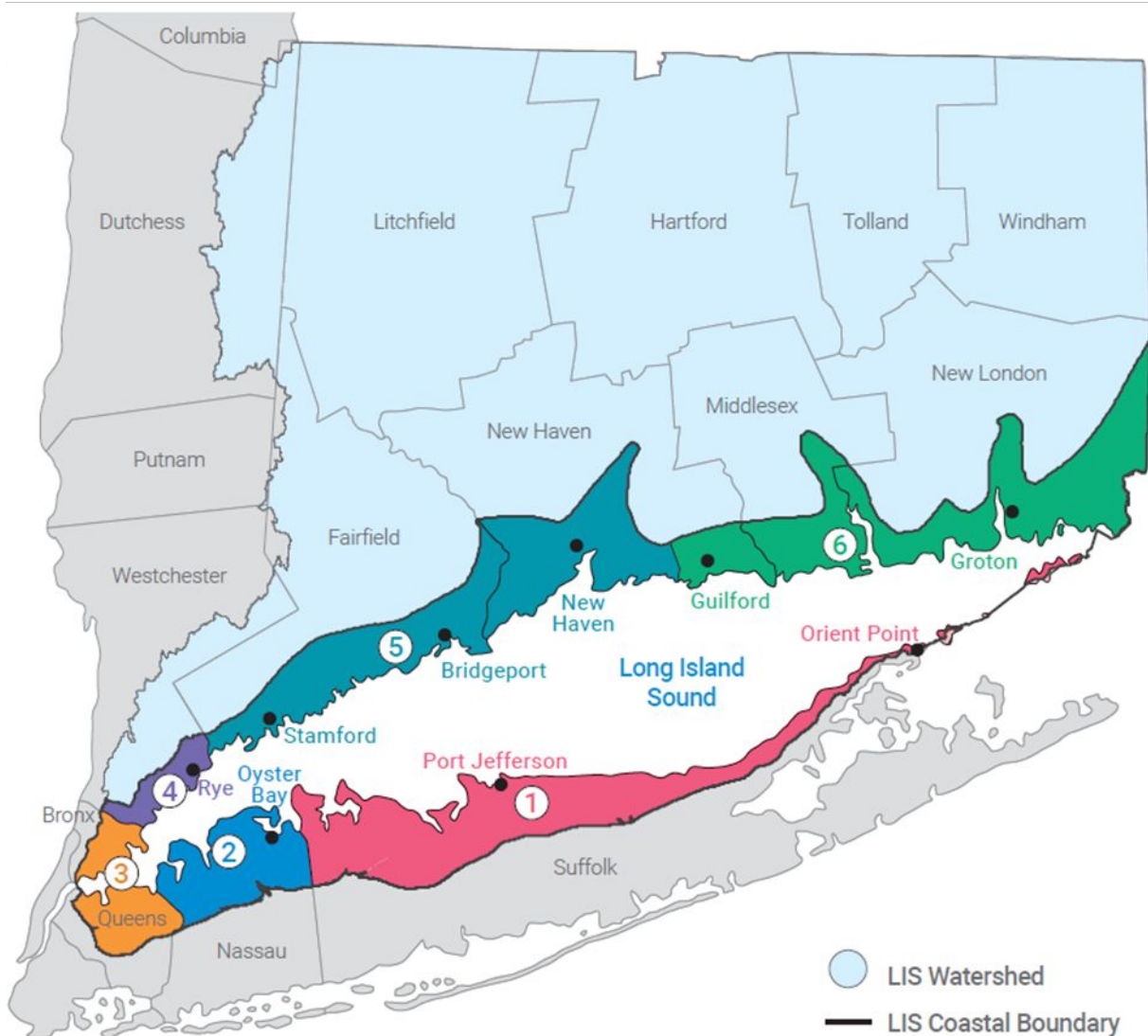
- A group of organizations, agencies, scientists, and community members working together to protect and restore Long Island Sound.
- We support clean waters, healthy habitats, thriving wildlife, resilient coasts, and an engaged public.

Funding the LIS Partnership



- Funds for LIS Partnership come through annual appropriations authorized by the Clean Water Act (§119 and 320)
- EPA staff direct the Long Island Sound Office, work with partnership to administer program funds each year to implement the CCMP
- LIS Partnership provides funds through direct grants and competitive grant programs, including Long Island Sound Futures Fund, Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund, the Research Program, and the SRC Assistance Programs.

The SRC Extension Professionals Team



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Elizabeth Hornstein
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- 3 NYC - Bronx & Queens
Ben Goldberg
- 4 Westchester County
Sara Powell
- 5 Western CT
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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

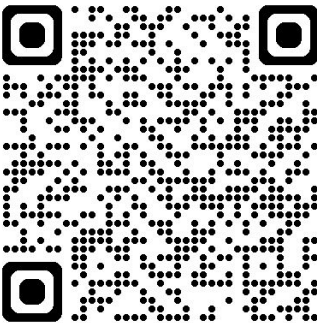
Implement initiatives to improve community resilience to flooding and other environmental challenges.



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Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub

www.lisresilience.org



Finding climate
resources just
got easier

Your hub for Long
Island Sound Resilience
Resources is here!

LISRESILIENCE.ORG

USGS Compound Flood Hazard Mapper

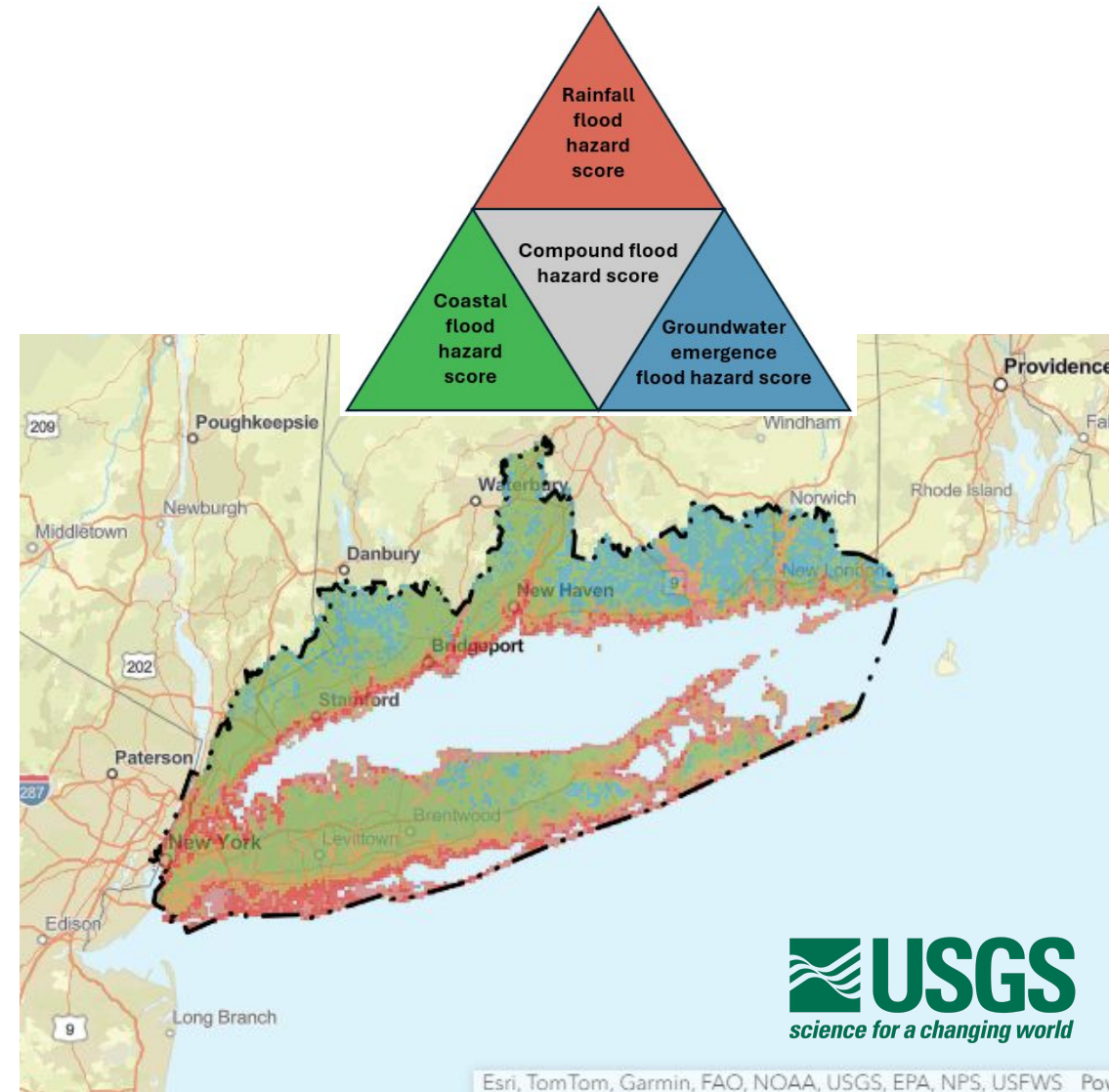
Mapper includes Long Island, NYC, Westchester and coastal areas of southern CT

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



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](#)

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

Funding

Open: Due on Nov 21, 2025

6 weeks

remaining to apply

\$5K-100K

Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund (LISCIF)

Restore America's Estuaries is excited to announce the third round of funding for the Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund. Up to \$1,200,000 in competitive funding will be awarded to support projects in New York and...

New York State

Connecticut State

Erosion Flooding Habitat Nature-based Solutions

Environmental Health Hazards Stormwater Management

Water Quality Planning Recreation & Access

Extreme Weather & Storms Community Engagement Wetlands

Waste Management Marine Debris Green Infrastructure

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Funding

Rolling

NYS Homes and Community Renewal Resilient Retrofits

New York State Homes and Community Renewal has expanded the Resilient Retrofit program and will make available a combination of low-interest loans and grants to low and moderate income single-family homeowners whose...

New York State

Flooding Environmental Health Hazards Sea Level Rise

Extreme Weather & Storms Funding/Grants

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Funding

Rolling

EPA Water Technical Assistance

EPA WaterTA aims to assist communities with applications for federal funding, quality infrastructure, and reliable water services in partnership with drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities and local government. If...

New York State

Connecticut State

Environmental Health Hazards Stormwater Management

Water Quality Infrastructure Funding/Grants



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Funding Database

Find funding for your project

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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

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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

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Case Study

Plan

Old Saybrook, CT

Planning to Restore Chalker and Chanman Beach

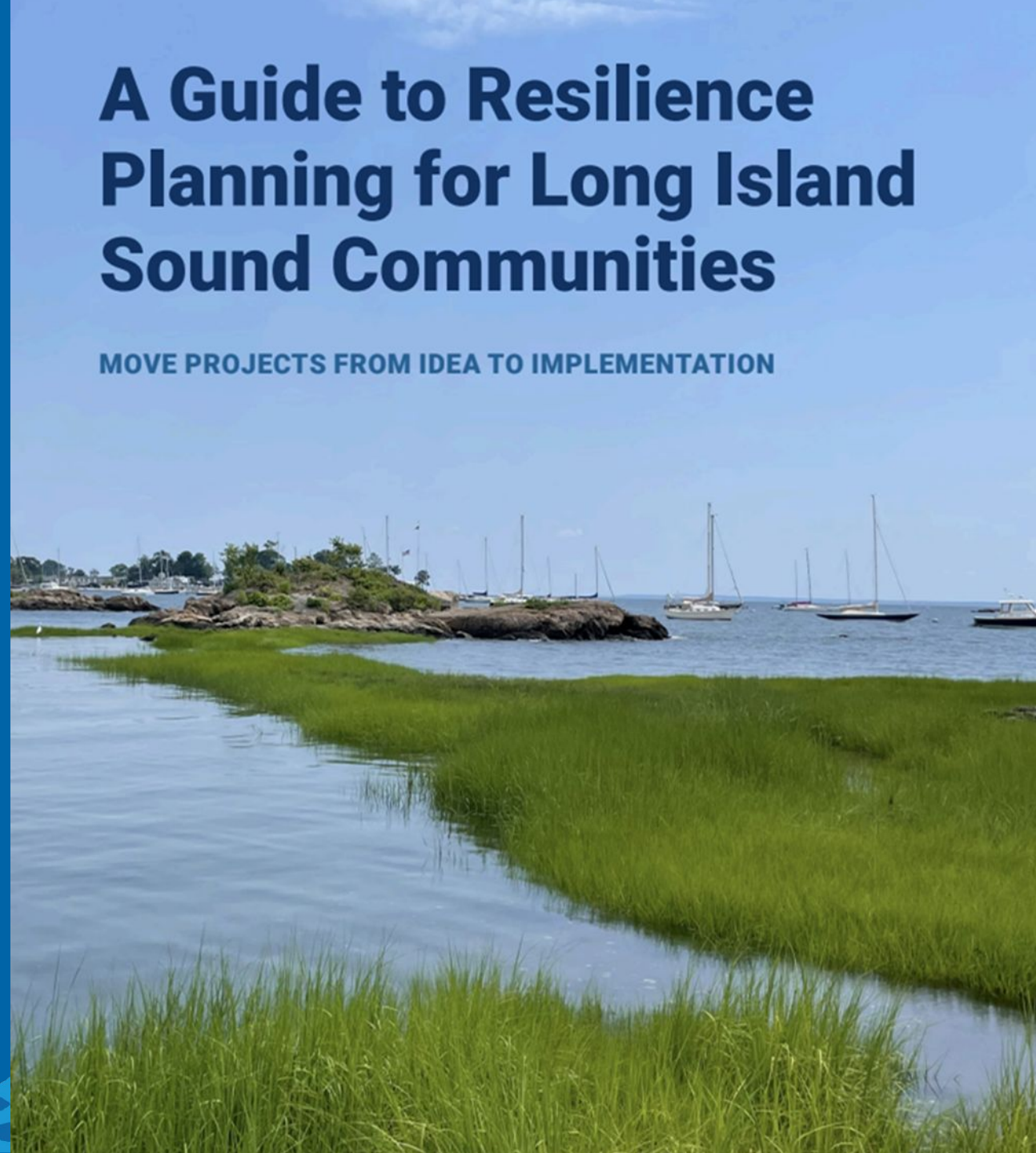


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Resilience Planning Guide

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

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Transferable

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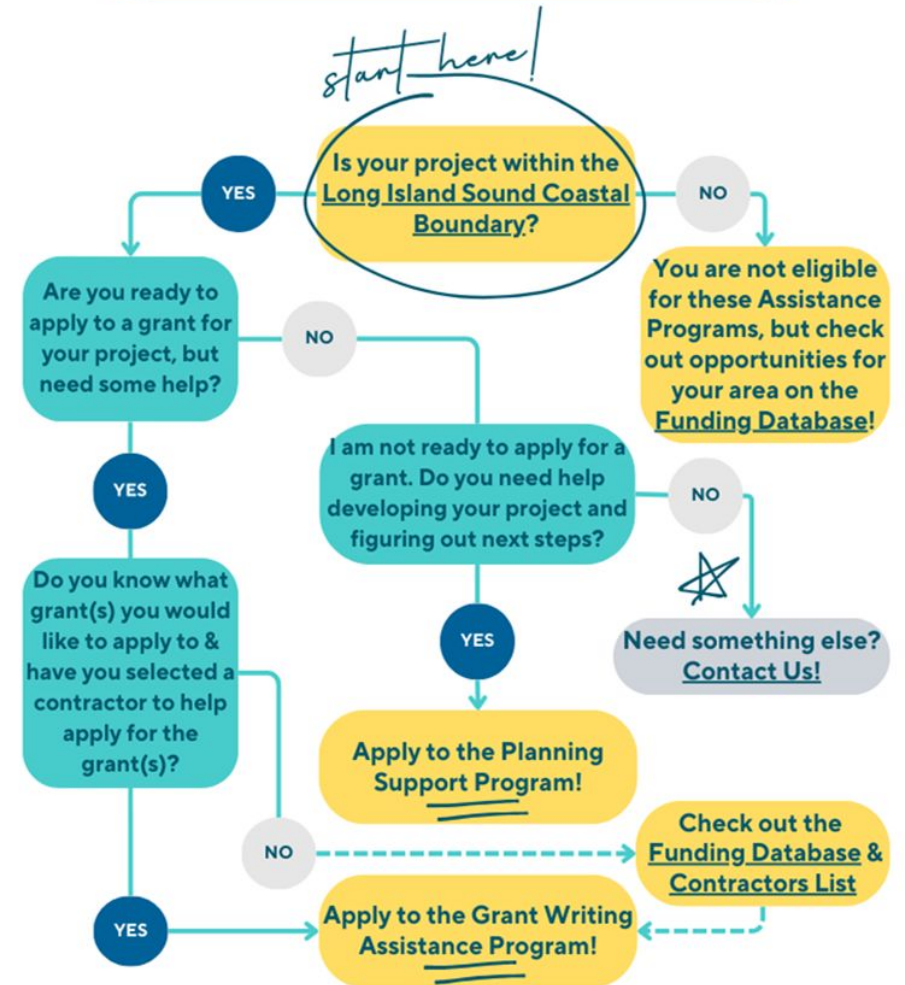
Sustainable

SRC Resilience Assistance Programs



What Assistance Program is right for me?

Click on the image to interact



What Program is right for me?

LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program

Focus: **Grant Preparation and Writing**

No Match!

Eligible Applicants:
Municipalities, Nonprofits,
Community Organizations

*Rolling: Open until all
available funding has been
allocated*

LIS Resilience Planning Support Program

Focus: **Planning, Preliminary Design, and Project Scoping**

No Match!

Eligible Applicants:
Municipalities, Nonprofits,
Community Organizations

*Closed February 2026
Next Round to be announced*

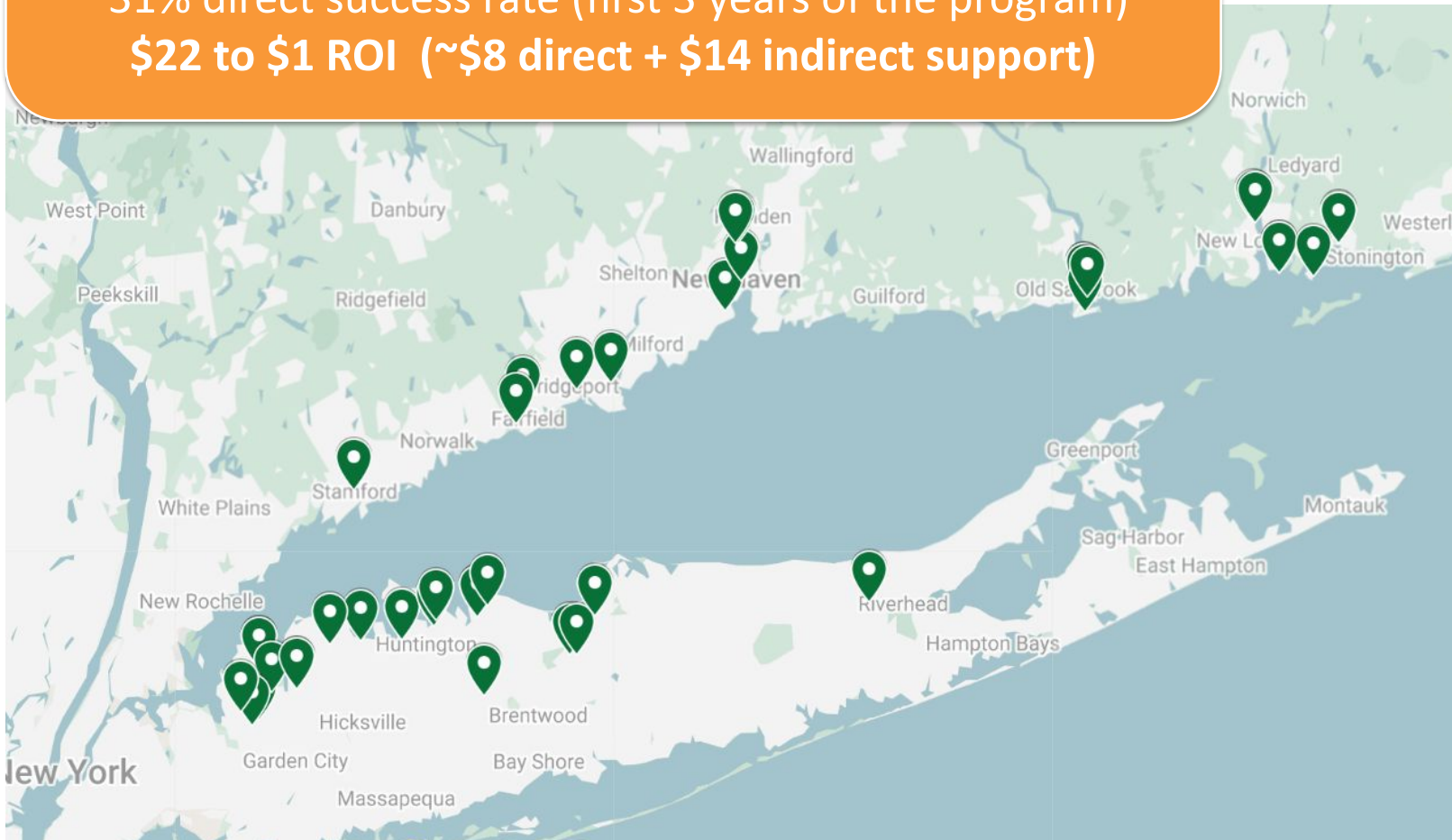
Grant Writing Assistance Program

50 Grant Proposals Supported

Total allocated funds: \$379,166

31% direct success rate (first 3 years of the program)

\$22 to \$1 ROI (~\$8 direct + \$14 indirect support)



Project Types

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

LIS Resilience Planning Support Program

Round 1 (Gray points)

Projects are completed or nearing completion

Awarded nearly \$1.1M to 15 Communities

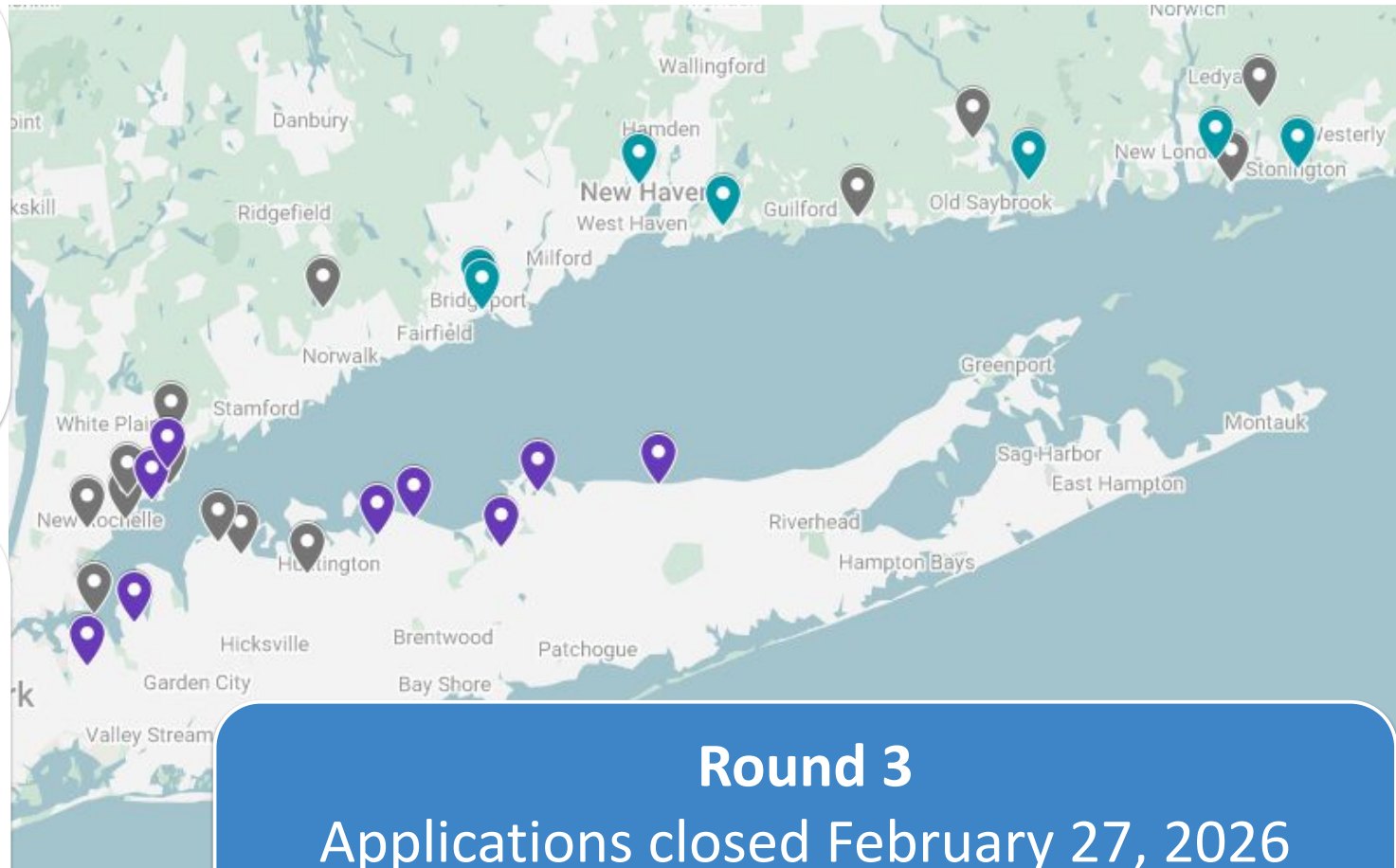
5 in CT and 10 in NY

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



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Audubon | CONNECTICUT

Coastal Resilience in Hammonasset Beach State Park
and
Community Outreach and Engagement





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Lunch
12:00-12:45 PM

Edith Read Wildlife Sanctuary
Credit: Sara Powell





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Thank you



Please complete our short evaluation!



Hallock State Park, Riverhead, NY.
Credit: Elizabeth Hornstein/NYSG