



Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund

Connecticut State Learning Exchange

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center – March 17, 2026

The Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund (LISCIF) is a partnership among Restore America’s Estuaries, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Long Island Sound Partnership. The purpose of LISCIF is to provide technical and financial assistance to communities for addressing environmental issues and to improve the quality and accessibility of the Long Island Sound.

For the 2026 Connecticut State Learning Exchange, the focus is on stewardship and access of communities in environmental projects connected to the Long Island Sound estuary and the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) goals. What are the priorities and challenges being addressed within Connecticut, along the Sound? Which communities are working on these projects? How can we support communities to access the Long Island Sound and further create opportunities for involvement and stewardship?

Time		Location
9:30 – 10:00 am	Check-in / Networking & Refreshments	Group Entrance Door & Atrium
10:00 – 10:15 am	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore America’s Estuaries • Long Island Sound Partnership • Joshua Carter, Executive Director, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center 	War Theater 1
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion on Access and Stewardship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie Favretti, Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed • Brenda Geer, Vice Chairwoman of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation 	War Theater 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrick Strong, Eastern Pequot Tribal Citizen • Tanner Burgdorf, Groundwork Bridgeport • Alex Rodriguez, Save the Sound 	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch	Café
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Storytelling through a Place-based Lens – Kellie Marty, Restore America’s Estuaries • Destigmatizing Nature & the Role of Watershed Stewardship – Reginald Saint Fortcolin, Sovereign Land Trust 	Overlook Fleet Room
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Closing Remarks	War Theater 1
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Self-Guided Tour through all Exhibits	Entire Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center

Thank you for attending the Connecticut State Learning Exchange!

Please take a few minutes to answer anonymous survey questions on this Learning Exchange and how future Learning Exchanges can better meet your needs:



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