



An Overview of Long Island Sound Partnership



Long Island Sound: The Urban Sea

The Long Island Sound Study formed in 1985, a bi-state partnership of federal and state agencies, user groups, and concerned groups and individuals dedicated to protecting and restoring this vital estuary.



Our estuary is home to more than 1,200 species of invertebrates, 170 species of fish, and dozens of species of migratory birds live at least part of the year.



Long Island Sound watershed includes nearly 9 million people and more than 23 million live within 50 miles of its shores.



Long Island Sound Partnership

...is a cooperative effort involving agencies, states, researchers, regulators, user groups and other concerned organizations and individuals working together to protect and improve the health of the Sound.



Long Island Sound Partnership

...authorized and funded through both

Clean Water Act § 320

National Estuary Program &

Clean Water Act § 119

LIS Geographic Program

2025 CCMP

Vision Statement: Long Island Sound and its watershed have clean waters, healthy habitats, thriving wildlife, resilient coasts, and an engaged public.

Mission Statement: The Long Island Sound Partnership leads a collective effort to restore and care for the Sound and its watershed.

Values: Actionable Science, Adaptive Management, Respect and Trust



Long Island Sound Comprehensive
Conservation and Management Plan 2025
Returning the Urban Sea to Abundance

Overarching Goals of LIS CCMP

**Clean Waters and
Healthy
Watersheds**

**Thriving Habitats
and Abundant
Wildlife**

**Sustainable and
Resilient
Communities**

**Informed and
Engaged Public**



Pass-Through Programs



Futures Fund

NFWF

~12.6M annually

Large-scale
Implementation of 4
CCMP Goals

Community Impact Fund

RAE

~2M annually

Assistance /small-
scale Implementation
of 4 CCMP Goals

Research Grant Program

Sea Grant

~3M annually

Research addressing
4 CCMP Goals

Break Down Barriers

Sea Grant

~1.5M annually

Addressing
Sustainable and
Resilient
Communities Goal

We're excited you are here!

LISCIF a key step for addressing environmental concerns
in LIS communities

Helps distribute LIS resources to communities the
Partnership hasn't been reaching

Builds a foundation, enables learning and growth through
a multi-year approach



Thank YOU!