

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
CONCERNING
LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP**

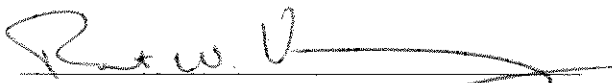
Whereas, Long Island Sound is recognized as a National treasure of great cultural, environmental, ecological, and economic importance; and

Whereas, as a highly urbanized estuary, the Long Island Sound ecosystem is under stress from both sustained human uses as well as emerging global and regional environmental conditions; and

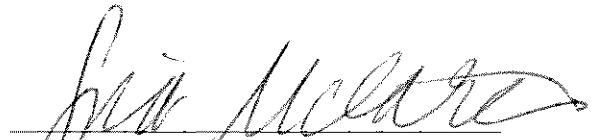
Whereas, the *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan* for Long Island Sound calls for creation of a system to identify areas of land and water of outstanding or exemplary scientific, educational, or biological value for protection, management or acquisition; and

Whereas, at the direction of the Policy Committee under the Long Island Sound 2003 Agreement, the Long Island Sound Study Management Committee has worked to identify key areas in the Long Island Sound watershed that reflect regional differentiation, a variety of ecosystems and significant natural habitats found in the Sound, and public access to this magnificent body of water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Long Island Sound Study Policy Committee, assembled in Rye, New York on September 28, 2006, hereby endorses the work of the Management Committee in recommending thirty-three inaugural Stewardship areas, and hereby adopts them as part of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative.




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