



A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

Long Island Sound Study Executive Steering Committee
April 13, 2011 Meeting

Agenda Actions

2011 work plan and budget

1. The ESC supported the Implementation Team's recommendations to the Management Committee with one exception.
 - a. CTDEP and NYSDEC will identify the feasibility and cost of field surveys to utilize the current LiDAR data collection being made through the USGS led "LiDAR for the Northeast" project and other ongoing efforts (e.g. NOAA). This would capitalize on current data collection efforts to meet enhanced resolution (2' to 1' contours) needs and pilot the work.
 - b. If the work is feasible, funding would come from the funds apportioned to the Long Island Sound Futures Fund and would be provided to NYSDEC and CTDEP.
 - c. The LISS would be charged with developing a broader bi-state soundwide LiDAR data collection and application plan for consideration in FY 2012.

Action Agenda

1. The ESC supported the development of a 2011 Action Agenda.
 - a. The LISS will develop an Action Agenda for ESC review by July 30
 - b. The Management Committee will be charged with its development (e.g. developing work teams, review processes).
 - c. Action Agenda will focus on the near term (1-2 years) and can include advocacy and funding recommendations as long as linked to the appropriate group recommending the action.
 - d. The LISS will involve both technical and communication staff in the Action Agenda development so that a detailed agenda *and* a communication piece can be concurrently developed.
 - e. The level of signoff (e.g. ESC, Commissioner/RAs, Governors) will be decided later.

Five state/EPA TMDL work group

1. EPA Region 2 and NYSDEC discussed the status of the TMDL revision on April 8. EPA Region 1 and Region 2 will review the approaches to the TMDL that were discussed and provide input back to NYSDEC and CTDEP. Work will proceed on scheduling the five state/EPA division directors meeting.

Set next meeting

1. The next ESC meeting will be scheduled for after July 30 via video/teleconference. The agenda will include 1) 2011 Action Agenda, 2) priorities for 2012 LISS funding.

Attendees: NYSDEC, Jim Tierney, Chris Amato, Lorraine Holdridge, Dawn McReynolds, Sarah Deonarine, Karen Chytalo, CTDEP: Betsey Wingfield, Brian Thompson, Mark Parker, Corinne Fitting, Rob Hust, EPA R1: Stephen Perkins, Lynne Hamjian, Johanna Hunter, EPA R2: Kevin Bricke, EPA LISO: Mark Tedesco, CAC: Curt Johnson, Nancy Seligson