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FOR

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FOR

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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

DURING THE PERIOD

October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015 or beyond
[FY2015]

**WITH PRIOR YEAR GOALS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE PERIOD**

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. CCMP 2014 GOAL FOCUS

The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) approved in 1994 by the States of New York (NY) and Connecticut (CT) and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), identified the following primary action areas that continue to require coordinated and sustained action by the Management Conference:

- 1) hypoxia, or the lack of dissolved oxygen in the water column;
- 2) toxic substances pollution;
- 3) pathogen contamination;
- 4) floatable debris pollution;
- 5) management and conservation of living resources and their habitats;
- 6) land use and development; and
- 7) public involvement and education.

In addition, the need to continue the Management Conference was identified as an important, unifying component to support implementation. With the enactment of the Long Island Sound Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-596), the LISS Management Conference was made permanent – “The Administrator *shall* continue the Management Conference of the Long Island Sound Study...” This FY2013 Work Plan, prepared under EPA’s draft National Estuary Program (NEP) guidance, directly supports these goal areas with NEP and LISS funding as described herein.

Under the Management Conference structure, the CCMP established a broad-based and integrated approach to addressing the primary environmental and management problem areas identified. This approach required significant and sustained Management Conference coordination, involvement and funding – at all levels. Further, the CCMP identified a number of existing and ongoing environmental management programs of the Management Conference partners that would serve as the foundation for addressing the Sound’s priority problems. New or separate programs or efforts to implement the CCMP were only to be created to fill gaps or better integrate efforts, such as the LIS Futures Fund (LISFF), LIS Research Fund, and CCMP Enhancements program.

Ongoing core environmental programs that contribute to or support CCMP implementation include other Federal programs and funds directed to land use and watershed management, water quality, living resource conservation, management and regulation, as well as state and local programs aimed at regulating human and environmental impacts on the Sound. Many of these programs are delegated to the states, which have the responsibility, authority and accountability for implementing them.

The CCMP anticipated many funding streams and a variety of funding sources for successful implementation of its recommendations -- over time, by the LISS partners. The CCMP also envisioned an educated public and informed constituency for the sustained effort to restore, enhance, and preserve the Sound as a national treasure and a ‘green’ engine of economic activity.

Designated as an Estuary of National Significance in 1985, the LISS is an inherent part of EPA's NEP program and subsequent Geographic Programs (GEO).

Because of its economic, social and environmental importance to the Northeast region, Long Island Sound is included as a separate line item and has received funding under EPA's President's Budget request since FY1999. LIS is one of EPA's GEOs, along with Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, Puget Sound and others. Long Island Sound is also a goal area in EPA's Strategic Plan since 2005. The Long Island Sound GEO is included in EPA's Strategic Plan for FY2014-2018 under Goal 2, *Protecting America's Waters*, Objective 2.2, *Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems*. One of the LISS's four major environmental goals has been included with a goal target in the Strategic Plan: reducing the area of the maximum hypoxic event occurring in the summer months by 15 percent from baseline. The budget targets measure the reduction in the maximum area of hypoxia in the Sound, and record the acres of critical coastal habitat restored or protected and the miles of rivers and streams reopened to fish passage. These are annual targets negotiated with our state partners. The area of hypoxia is an environmental outcome measure and annual targets are not established for outcome measures.

a. NEP Implementation Review. The LISS underwent its last (FY2006-2008) CCMP Implementation Review from June 1-3, 2009 that focused on primary CCMP implementation areas and determined that sufficient progress was being made and funding was being directed to highest priority areas. A final findings letter was provided to the LISS by EPA NEP HQ on December 29, 2009, citing two challenges – implementing nonpoint source (NPS) controls to attain the load allocations of the LIS Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and use of ecosystem-based management (EBM). The LISS partners indicated that they continue to address EBM in their organizations and will report any progress in subsequent annual LISS NEP Work Plans; and secondly, that the EPA will continue to provide technical, analytic, and coordination support to assist in the attainment of the TMDL load allocations. The LISS was scheduled for its next Implementation Review in 2014; however, due to staff resource challenges in Headquarters, that review has been postponed until 2015.

2. FY2014 LISS BUDGET BREAKDOWN

This work plan summarizes tasks and deliverables contained in EPA FY2014 assistance awards to Management Conference partners that account for the FY2014 EPA Environmental Programs and Management (EPM) appropriation for the LISS NEP, and for EPM funding provided by EPA for LIS under the annual President's Budget Request. These funds include \$538,000 in NEP allocations under Clean Water Act (CWA) §320, and \$3,940,000 under CWA §119 as enacted. Because the LISS utilized \$359,100 of NEP funding from Region 2 in 2013 (the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program was reorganizing), these funds had to be reimbursed from 2014 funding, so the total available to the LISS in 2014 is \$4,118,900, including a \$20,000 fiduciary reserve. Grants are awarded by EPA Region 1 and 2 as delegated under EPA Delegations of Authority 2-42 and 2-94 under the authority of §119 per NEP funding guidance. The required aggregate match for this funding cycle is \$3,279,583 as calculated in Attachment 3.

The work activities and the budget amounts contained in this NEP Summary Work Plan were approved by EPA and the LISS Management Committee at its Thursday, April 17, 2014

meeting. The record of the Management Committee meeting is documented in Mark Tedesco’s April 30, 2014 memorandum entitled, *FY2014 LISS Grant and Work Plan Technical Guidance*. The LISS budget is organized into the four Program Elements outlined below; the FY2014 LISS budget breakdown by Program Element is:

<u>Program Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Coordination and Reporting of Environmental Actions/Results</i>	\$387,242 (10%)
<i>Public Outreach, Information and Education</i>	\$398,884 (10%)
<i>Monitoring, Modeling and Research</i>	\$1,658,224 (40%)
<i>CCMP Implementation, Technical Assistance/Regulatory Support</i>	\$1,654,550 (40%)
Fiduciary Reserve.....	\$20,000

To implement this summary Work Plan, as of this writing, EPA will issue three new assistance awards, amend six current assistance awards and issue one new Interagency Agreement (IA) to include the FY2014 funding under this Work Plan. In addition, EPA will continue work under an IA executed in FY2013 for implementation efforts with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). LISS partners receiving FY2014 funds have been directed to submit their formal Federal assistance award applications (SF424s) to EPA Regional grants management offices on or before June 2, 2014. **Attachment 1** is a detailed breakdown of the FY2014 approved budget by LISS Program Element, Products and/or Services, Implementing Agency, and Environmental Outcome(s). The Environmental Outcomes are derived from the individual partner grant work plans based on EPA Order 5120.

3. LISS STAFF AND THEIR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The LISS provides funding to certain of its partners to support staff resources to carry out key elements of implementing the CCMP. **Attachment 2** lists the FY2014 LISS-funded staff by name, title and description of their major roles and responsibilities. Each LISS partner’s federal assistance award work plan provides details on the deliverables, outputs and expected environmental outcomes for LISS-funded staff functions as required by EPA Order 5120. In addition to the staff listed in Attachment 2, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) employs seasonal staff to assist with conducting the LIS summer water quality monitoring program as necessary; these, and overtime costs for water quality monitoring staff are included in that award, but are not shown in Attachment 2 because of the seasonal nature of the positions that may be filled by different incumbents during the period of employment. Each EPA grantee is responsible for managing its personnel under its own organization’s human resource management policies and procedures.

The EPA provides two full-time equivalent (FTEs) federal employees that staff the EPA Long Island Sound Office (LISO). A director, appointed by the Administrator under §119, and a senior program analyst who plan, organize, coordinate and manage program operations in order to assist the Management Conference partners in CCMP implementation. These FTEs are not funded from the LISS, but from other EPA EPM resources. EPA Region 1 provides approximately 75 percent of an FTE to support EPA efforts for Long Island Sound in Region 1.

Region 1 also provides a US Government vehicle for LISO use. EPA provides, from its Working Capital Fund appropriation, support for leasing office space for the LISO through the General Services Administration. EPA Region 2 provides technical and management support to the program through the Clean Water Division and EPA Region 1 provides staff and technical support through the Office of Ecosystems Protection. By mutual agreement between the Regions, Region 2 provides other administrative support for official business, such as procurements, funds control and management, information technology and telecommunications support, grants management, travel, training and other policy and program management requirements. This support is essential to operating and maintaining the EPA LISO, and is provided from other EPA EPM appropriations. Finally, EPA's Atlantic Ecology Division in Narragansett, Rhode Island provides approximately 75 percent of an FTE for technical support for the scientific mission of the LISS. This senior scientist coordinates the LISS STAC and provides other critical input into the science requests for pre- and full proposals conducted biennially by the LISS.

4. SUB-AWARDS

Attachment 3 lists the FY2014 LISS budget by recipient organization; as the total funding for each recipient may consist of one or more EPA grant awards or amendments to existing grants, **Attachment 4** lists the FY2014 budget by individual EPA assistance award number by grantee; where known at this time, the actual EPA assistance award number is provided for reference. However, the award process is dynamic and final grant award numbers and dollar amounts as actually awarded by EPA may differ from Attachment 4 since this NEP summary Work Plan is due by June 1, 2014 and the grant award process does not complete until September 30, 2014. Details of the sub-award purpose, project deliverables, and project completion dates are provided in Section B of this Work Plan below. Attachments 3 and 4 also show the required non-federal matching funds and the overall actual aggregate match requirement for the LISS.

For FY2014 Federal assistance awards, the CTDEEP is providing an annual 'overmatch' in its EPA assistance award in order for the LISS to meet the overall aggregate match for the NEP as required under CWA §320. The CTDEEP overmatch is from sewage treatment plant upgrade projects in Connecticut that were enabled through the nitrogen TMDL. This also allows other recipients and sub-awardees that are not in a position to meet matching funds requirements to apply for LISS grant programs, ensuring broader participation in the work of the LISS Management Conference from academic researchers and institutions, local environmental organizations, interest groups and associations, as well as other qualified regional or watershed organizations. **[NB: Final assistance award amounts and number designations are issued by EPA pending final EPA Regional Administrators' or their delegates' action on individual awards, and each award is subject to the special terms and conditions contained therein.]**

Using FY2014 funding for work that will take place in FY2015, the LISS is providing funding to nine LISS partners through ten new or amended awards: NFWF [1], CTDEEP [1]; NYSDEC through and to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPC) [2]; the Connecticut Sea Grant College Program (CTSEA) [2]; the Research Foundation of the State University of New York at Stony Brook [1]; the University of Connecticut's Marine Sciences Department [1]; NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service [1]; and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) [1].

These partners assist in implementing the CCMP and conduct activities to support the LISS base program, which includes the LIS Futures Fund program (NFWF), the CCMP Enhancements program (NEIWPC), the LIS Research Grant program (CTSEA and SUNY RF), the LIS public outreach and education program (NEIWPC, CTSEA, NYSEA), the habitat restoration program (CTDEEP, NYSDEC, USFWS), and LIS stewardship initiative (USFWS, CTDEEP, NYSDEC). As indicated above, each of these partners is funded through one or more annual or multi-year EPA assistance awards or IAs as appropriate. These awards are managed by staff of the EPA LISO and EPA Region 1, who are trained and assigned as EPA Project Officers. Because of multi-year awards and varying federal appropriation levels, all partners may not receive LISS funding in every annual budget/work plan cycle. It should also be noted that these partners bring their own non-matching resources to restore and protect the Sound, which are not accounted for in this work plan.

B. PROPOSED NEW AND ONGOING PROJECTS

In FY2008, the LISS adopted the following NEP work plan reporting format in Section B, *Proposed New and Ongoing Projects*. This Section B format utilizes a combination of the FY2008 NEP Work Plan Guidance and the September 2008 NEP Program Evaluation Guidance Logic Model format (until updated). To adjust to this reporting format, to the extent feasible, the LISS Program Element activities have been ‘broken up’ under the following logic model Core Elements and Sub-elements contained in the NEP Program Evaluation Guidance:

Logic Model Core Element: 1. Program Implementation & Reporting: a) Financial Management; b) Tracking/Reporting; c) Program Planning & Administration; d) Outreach & Public Involvement;

Logic Model Core Element: 2. Ecosystem Status & Trends: a) Research; b) Assessment & Monitoring; c) Reporting;

Logic Model Core Element: 3. Ecosystem Protection & Restoration Projects: a) Habitat; b) Water Quality; c) Living Resources; d) Healthy Communities; and

Logic Model Core Element: 4. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: a) Tools; b) Training; c) Direct Assistance.

Following is the crosswalk between the Logic Model elements the LISS Program Elements:

Logic Model Element	LISS Program Element
<i>CCMP/Work Plan Goal</i>	[LISS CCMP Problem Area, Hypoxia, Pathogens, Toxics, etc.]
<i>Project/Activity Name:</i>	[Program Element/Sub-category description]
<i>Project/Activity Purpose and Description</i> (indicate as Proposed, Ongoing, New, Continuing)	New: first year of project for LISS Continuing: prior year funded project On-Going: multi-year or base program project Proposed: first year project proposed for funds
<i>Responsible Partners and Their Role(s)</i>	[LISS Grantee Name]
<i>Outputs/Products:</i>	same
<i>Milestones</i>	(project start and completion dates) [EPA Grant/IAG Date(s)]
<i>Budget:</i>	[FY2013 to the extent separately identifiable]
<i>Outcomes:</i>	(anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) [Environmental Outputs/Outcomes]
<i>-Short term; Intermediate; Long Term</i>	
<i>-Changes (+/-) in Pressure Targets:</i>	[N/A]
<i>Identify the CWA core program the project would support</i>	[Checklist of 7 Core Elements]

1. Program Implementation and Reporting. Under CWA §119 (33 USC 1269), the EPA LISO is responsible for the overall management and coordination of the LISS Management Conference convened under CWA §320 and is to *assist* and *support* implementation of the CCMP developed under that Section, *coordinate* the grant, research and planning programs and *provide administrative and technical support* to the Conference.

a. Financial Management. The EPA LISO has overall responsibility for managing EPA LISS appropriated funds, ensuring that these funds are awarded in a timely and efficient manner using the methods and management controls established by the Agency. Since the LISS NEP does not utilize the single assistance agreement process for implementation, but rather is a Federally administered program (as specified under CWA §119) that utilizes a number of separate EPA assistance awards to conduct the program, financial management responsibilities are distributed, not centralized. Each EPA grantee is responsible for financial management under EPA assistance regulations, and must comply with those regulations, either 40CFR Part 30 (educational institutions) or 40CFR Part 31 (state/local governments) as applicable to the organization.

The EPA LISO manages the individual EPA assistance awards and IAs for each Federal fiscal year cycle of LISS funding. Each LISS grantee is responsible under EPA regulations for fiscal management and accountability for Federal funds it acquires by advance payment or reimbursement. EPA LISO requires semiannual grant progress reports from grantees and periodic Federal Financial Status Reports (SF260s) are to be submitted to EPA’s Las Vegas Financial Center from the grantees’ fiscal offices. EPA LIS grant awards use the identifier prefix, “LI;” NEP awards use the identifier “CE.” Funds accounting by assistance award number is available online at EPA’s Compass Data Warehouse. The LISO monitors drawdown of funds on a monthly basis and provides each grantee with the data on unliquidated obligation (ULO) status and works with grantees to ensure timely and appropriate liquidation of grant balances or adjustments to work plans and/or grants.

LISS grants are made under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 66.437, Long Island Sound Program or CFDA number 66.456, the National Estuary Program in EPA Region 2. EPA LISO semi-annually updates the LISS CFDA description as necessary through EPA's internal process as required by OMB. Grantees are responsible for tracking and accounting of expenditures according to their approved assistance award budgets and must abide by EPA grant regulations and terms and conditions to modify budgets or change program direction. One-time No Cost Time Extensions (NCTE) are available without prior approval from EPA to 40CFR Part 30 awardees (educational institutions), and with EPA approval to 40CFR Part 31 awardees (states). The LISO negotiates and approves any requests for NCTEs with the appropriate EPA Region 1 or Region 2 grants management office.

b. Tracking and Reporting. As the only Federally led NEP, EPA's authority to require and collect information is limited to that contained in enabling statutes and regulations. CWA §320 and §119 indicate specific reporting requirements and EPA regulations under 40 CFR Parts 30 and 31 provide further reporting requirements for grantees. Finally, EPA grant regulations provide several reporting requirements e.g., quarterly or semi-annual reporting on grant progress. EPA LISO is responsible for the overall LISS tracking and reporting systems for the NEP. Each EPA assistance award contains Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) with reporting requirements mandated for the NEP's Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance measures for: 1) habitat restoration and protection, and 2) leveraged funds.

The LISO also tracks and reports the four LIS goal area measures in EPA's Strategic Plan and budget through the Agency's Annual Commitment System (ACS) reporting system. This reports state CCMP partners' progress to EPA in reducing point source nitrogen discharges to the Sound from the 106 NY and CT STPs discharging in the LIS watershed (LI-SP41); the area of the maximum hypoxic event in the Sound (LI-SP42); the acres of coastal habitat restored or protected (LI-SP43); and river miles reopened to diadromous fish passage (LI-SP44). These data are compiled by LISS Management Conference partners through the LIS water quality monitoring program and the habitat restoration program, both of which receive LISS funding in this Work Plan. This data is collected under the authority of the T&Cs in the grant awards issued to the responsible partners.

CCMP implementation actions are tracked by the responsible organizations themselves and through EPA's eSound annual *CCMP Implementation Tracking Report*. The CCMP Implementation Tracking Reports provide detailed tracking by CCMP problem area and 37 sub-areas. This data is collected under the authority of the grant T&Cs as specified in grantees assistance award documents. The EPA eSound system is publicly accessible at www.esound.epa.gov. In 2015 the eSound system will be adjusted to correspond to the new CCMP format.

In 2011 the LISS Management Conference partners agreed to a process to revise and update the 1994 CCMP. CCMP revision is ongoing as of this writing, will encompass all LISS partners and the public, and will result in a final document planned to be issued by December 2014.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
Project/Activity Name:	eSound, the LISS CCMP Implementation Tracking System	
Continuing Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Review, assess and establish a data reporting system for tracking CCMP implementation activities	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	EPA Long Island Sound Office	
Outputs/Products:	Annual server O&M costs; modification of system for 2013 report.	
Milestones (project start/end dates)	10/1/10-9/30/15 and continuing.	
2014 Budget:	\$30,000 [See Attachment 1, line 3]	
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Coordinated reporting of federal, state, and local government actions to implement the CCMP; accounting for clear annual goals and objectives framed within available funding; access to public, environmental, and financial data for restoration and protection of Long Island Sound.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	
	3) Developing TMDLs,	
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	

c. Program Planning and Administration. As indicated above, the EPA LISO has overall responsibility for coordinating the LISS Management Conference, which is a multi-grantee, multi-state distributed partnership NEP. LISS federal, state, local, and academia partners have inherent responsibilities in these areas, and are provided funding for administrative staff positions to carry out these overarching functions. LISS grantees have a negotiated Indirect Cost Rate with EPA or their federal Cognizant Agency to cover the overall expenses of their institution in managing federal assistance awards under Office of Management and Budget Circulars A-102, A-87 and A-89. The following charts include information in the required NEP Work Plan format relative to this Logic Model category:

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
Project/Activity Name:	EPA LISO Support to the Management Conference	
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Provides support to the Management Conference in implementing the CCMP; overall program coordination, management and direction.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	EPA Long Island Sound Office	
Outputs/Products:	Assistance and coordination of the LISS Management Conference. development of annual NEP work plan; development and execution of EPA Strategic Plan elements for LIS; development, execution and management of financial assistance agreements; development and	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
	submission of GPRA-required reports; tracking and reporting of implementation of CCMP actions; technical assistance to partners in program operations.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/14-9/30/15 and continuing.	
2014 Budget:	\$57,500 (administrative support) and \$4,229 (office overhead and travel expenses), EPA staff N/A [See Attachment 1, lines 1 & 2.]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Coordinated federal, state, and local government actions to implement the CCMP; clear annual goals and objectives framed within available funding; public, political, and financial support for restoration and protection of Long Island Sound; organized and effective LISS public participation; improved water quality as measured annually by reduced anthropogenic nitrogen deposition and increased dissolved oxygen concentrations; increased habitat restoration and preservation as measured by number of acres of coastal habitat restored/preserved annually; increased species diversity as measured by river miles reopened to diadromous fish passage annually; informed and educated public and citizenry as measured by numbers of publications distributed to target populations and number of website visits; improved management and coordination of implementation actions as measured by reported program indicator outputs and outcomes.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards §304(a)	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring §303(d) 305(b)	x
	3) Developing TMDLs §304(b)	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis §319	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits §402	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation §404	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
Project/Activity Name:	State Coordination and Technical Assistance	
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Assist in all aspects of LISS Management Conference program development and support for CCMP implementation in the State of Connecticut.	
Responsible Partner(s)/Role(s):	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Outputs/Products:	Involvement of relevant technical staff and programs in LISS activities to protect and restore Long Island Sound, its resources and its habitats, and to protect public health and meet commitments to the LISS partnership. Development of work group products and activities essential to implementation of the CCMP. Due consideration of nitrogen control in watershed planning and management efforts. Steady progress of point source nitrogen reductions as per the TMDL and nitrogen general permit. Update of progress towards implementing CCMP recommendations in the areas of hypoxia, toxic contamination, pathogens, living marine resources and land use. Reports on progress to ensure commitments to protect and	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
	restore LIS, and implementation plans are on track. LIS Research and Implementation grants are consistent with and complementary to LISS goals and objectives and productive in restoring and managing Long Island Sound.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/14-9/30/15	
2014 Budget:	\$242,541 [See Attachment 1, line 4a]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short , Intermediate & Long Term	Improved management and implementation of CCMP goals and objectives; improved environmental data quality and reporting of environmental results.	
-Changes (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
Project/Activity Name:	State Program Coordination and Management	
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Provides support to the Management Conference in implementing the CCMP; overall program planning, coordination, administration, management and direction in the State of New York and coordination with New York State Department of State and other state/local agencies in New York.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	
Outputs/Products:	Coordination and development of activities and products to implement the CCMP. Track progress of programs and projects designed to protect and restore LIS. Electronic and paper reports of the status of resources, water quality and implementation. Coordinate and implement CCMP actions, protect public health, preserve and protect LIS resources and water quality by soliciting and involving expertise from various state programs. Ensure that projects are consistent with NYS regulations and the CCMP. Grant proposals are reviewed for relevance and benefits to LIS. Information sharing, development of recommendations, strategies and identification of data gaps regarding wetlands loss in LIS. Increased knowledge of existing site conditions (e.g. WQ information at tidally restricted sites); will also be used to collect additional data at the 4 wetland loss research sites. DEC will be able to more effectively partner in restorations, by being able to assist in gathering essential information. Develop and implement CCMP actions as directly related to NPS pollution reduction, protect public	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Continuing the Management Conference	
	health, preserve and protect LIS resources and WQ by soliciting and involving expertise from various state programs.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/14-9/30/15	
2014 Budget:	\$0 (forward funded in 2013 for 2014) [See Attachment 1, line 4b]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short , Intermediate & Long Term	Coordinated management and implementation of CCMP and LIS Agreement goals and objectives. Progress towards implementing the CCMP management actions. Better enables DEC to act as a partner to get restoration projects initiated. Improved public awareness, stewardship, WQ, protection of public health, and implementation of CCMP and LIS Agreement goals and objectives.	
-Changes (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

d. Outreach and Public Involvement. The LISS provides grants to several of its partners to support their public outreach, information and education (PI&E) program activities, a key Program Element of the LISS. NEIWPC, NYSEA and CTSEA are primarily responsible under their LISS grant awards for public outreach assistance. The LISS communications team, consisting of staff of these partners and other interested parties, including members of the LISS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meets periodically to develop and carry out work as reflected in each grant award. In addition, NFWF conducts the Small Grants program, which is focused on PI&E activities, and may also make awards for approved PI&E projects under the Large Grants program. The FY2013 LISFF Large and Small Grant projects are posted on the LISS website and NFWF website, <http://www.nfwf.org>.

The LISO and LISS partners provide significant support to the CAC, which is co-chaired by an elected member each from New York and Connecticut. Coordinated by the NY/CTSEAs, the CAC meets quarterly at alternating locations in Connecticut and New York in the LIS watershed and provides advice to the Management Conference partners in implementation of the CCMP. The CAC operates under its Bylaws and is composed of up to 60 members who represent organizations with a demonstrated interest in Long Island Sound. Financial support for CAC meetings is provided through NEIWPC's PI&E line item in its LISS assistance award. CAC members are reimbursed for their travel expenses directly related to attending CAC meetings [see Attachment 5].

In addition, the CAC meets as needed with the STAC to jointly review program priorities from a scientific perspective and to update each other on issues of scientific and public

concern. The CAC co-chairs are members of the Management Committee, and provide a public perspective at Management Committee meetings. The CAC also appoints two liaisons to the STAC, one each from New York and Connecticut to represent the CAC at STAC meetings. The CAC’s operating subcommittees work with LISS work groups and teams in developing program priorities, projects, and in accomplishing implementation actions. These subcommittees are *Policy, Legislative & Advocacy, Accountability & Reporting, and Local Government*. CAC members participate on LISS teams and work groups and attend those meetings as appropriate.

The **Outreach and Public Involvement** program area of the required NEP Work Plan format is summarized below:

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Public Outreach, Information and Education
Project/Activity Name:	PI&E, Small Grants and PI&E Project Support
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Supports the Management Conference in conducting the LISS public outreach, information and education program through staff resources and products, services and supplies.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NEIWPCC, NYSEA, CTSEA; NFWF, direct implementation of PI&E activities.
Outputs/Products:	Production of three issues of <i>Update</i> for distribution throughout the LIS region. Production of six issues of <i>Sound Outlook</i> for distribution throughout the LIS region. Bi-monthly issuance of <i>Sound Bytes</i> , an electronic mail update of current LIS issues; Update of progress towards implementing CCMP recommendations in the areas of hypoxia, toxic contamination, pathogens, living marine resources and land use. Fact sheets that summarize timely topics on LIS issues that can be widely distributed in paper or web site formats. Award small and medium sized grants to public, private and government entities to implement LIS restoration and education projects. Communication of LIS issues and successes to a wide variety of interested citizens, educational entities, and professional societies. Provide LISS and agency information about LIS to the public and assist other agency staff in reporting efforts meeting CCMP goals. Communication of LIS issues and resource value to state citizens and LIS awareness to the general public in the watershed.
Milestones (project start/end dates)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015 (or as specified in individual assistance awards)
2014 Budget:	NEIWPCC: \$208,495; NYSEA: \$0 (forward funded in 2013 for 2014); CTSEA: \$77,042 [see Attachment 1, lines 6-10]
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Informing public and increasing citizen activism to improve stewardship and individual actions beneficial to a healthy LIS. Informing and increasing public knowledge and citizen activism on LIS issues. Increasing awareness of the state of LIS health and promoting changes in lifestyle that might benefit the Sound. Assessment of progress and key report to citizens involved in the LISS leading to adjustments in management direction. Publicity to support LIS management activity and to inform public about trends in LIS health to create public activism Improved habitat and water quality and increased public awareness and participation in LIS affairs Fulfill public request for knowledge about LIS and educational needs; promote better stewardship of the Sound Increased awareness for the protection and restoration of LIS to the general public

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Public Outreach, Information and Education	
	and improved management decisions for the LISS partner agencies. Increased awareness for the protection and restoration of LIS to the general public and promote better stewardship of the Sound.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

2. Ecosystem Status and Trends. The LISS federal, state, local and academia partners monitor ecosystem status and trends for a suite of 80+ environmental indicators. These indicators are posted on the LISS website, <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/category/status-and-trends/> and a subset of selected indicators of interest to the public is produced biennially in the LISS publication, *Sound Health* last published in 2012. The indicators are linked back to CCMP problem areas and provide information on the abundance, diversity, distribution, viability, and/or quality and trends of the resource being monitored. Updating these indicators on a periodic basis is a complex process. The LISS does not directly pay for or support the data collection efforts for the vast majority of the diverse suite of environmental indicators; these are the province of other entities that are either directly responsible for that data collection by law, statute, regulation or by history or organizational preference. The below-described (**4. Technical Assistance/Capacity Building**) LISS-funded NOAA liaison position helps to support this area.

a. Research. The LISS Research Grant program is a cooperative effort between EPA and the New York Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY RF) and Connecticut Sea Grant College program, to which each have contributed funds and expertise in review of proposals and identification of peer reviewers. In FY2013 the Management Committee approved a scientific research budget of \$425,000. These funds will be awarded to the CT Sea Grant program and SUNY RF for an RFP that was issued in April 2014. During the FY2014 budget cycle, an additional year of LISS funding is combined with FY2013 funds for the biennial RFP.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research
Project/Activity Name:	Long Island Sound Research Grant Program
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To administer the LISS Research Grant program by identifying scientific research needs and priorities for LIS, solicit and review project proposals and ensure the selection and management of the highest priority projects with available funds.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	SUNY RF/CTSEA, jointly administer and manage the LIS research program.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
Outputs/Products:	Develop Request for Preliminary and Final Proposals; List of research selected for funding; manage research projects; request, review and process progress reports and final report per research project.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	October 1, 2013-September 30, 2018	
2014 Budget:	\$425,000 [\$212,500 SUNY RF, \$212,500 CTSEA] See Attachment 1, line 14. These amounts include \$3,000 each for STAC meeting support.	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Identify, fund and conduct highest priority research relevant to the Long Island Sound Agreement or its successors as established by the STAC; research topics are defined, openly solicited, and selected for funding using a well-developed, respected process that is fair and technically-based; new science-based information will be provided to inform decision-making and actions towards reaching the vision and goals for Long Island Sound.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

b. Assessment and Monitoring. In FY2014 the Management Committee once again approved funding for the LIS ambient water quality (WQ) monitoring program conducted by CTDEEP. The program provides the basis for the determination of hypoxic, and other ambient conditions in LIS and to determine state compliance with water quality standards for dissolved oxygen (DO). This information is reported by CTDEEP and is used by the LISS to report annual progress in meeting both NEP and EPA Strategic Plan goals and targets for the area and duration of hypoxia. The following charts describe the WQ monitoring program conducted by CTDEEP and other partners’ monitoring and assessment projects approved in the FY2014 budget.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research
Project/Activity Name:	LIS Water Quality Field Surveys
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To monitor and assess the ambient conditions of water quality in LIS and provide management with information for decision-making.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	CTDEEP, conduct of WQ monitoring and analysis of LIS open waters.
Outputs/Products:	Nutrient and ancillary data to evaluate benefits of nutrient management programs and health of LIS. Dissolved oxygen data and maps of areal extent and duration of hypoxia in LIS. Tissue data is required to update the health consumption advisories in CT and NY. Organized and available database (to researchers and the public); interpretive graphics and fact

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
	sheets for public consumption on web site. Plankton community data to evaluate biological condition and response to changing water quality.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015	
2014 Budget:	\$1,119,652 [see Attachment 1, line 11]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Improved water quality assessment to guide management activities. Improved planktonic community assessment to guide management activities. Improved dissolved oxygen assessment to protect living resources and to determine criteria compliance in CT and NY. Greater safety of CT and NY residents who consume LIS seafood. Better public involvement and management of LIS nutrient and oxygen conditions. Improved stewardship. Data for researchers to complement their projects. Improved water quality assessment to guide management activities. In 2013 the maximum area of hypoxia in the Sound was 80 square miles lasting for xx days compared to pre-TMDL averages of 208 square miles and 56 days.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
Project/Activity Name:	TMDL development support for NYS LIS Watershed Municipal Separate Storm Sewers (MS4)	
CONTINUING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	The TMDL reassessment; evaluation of applicable storm water BMPs to optimize reductions from MS4s; developing a retrofit plan; the BMP evaluation and implementation plan development could be used as a template for controlling storm water from urban areas throughout the watershed.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation EPA Assistance Award Number CE-97211111	
Outputs/Products:	The development of an MS4 baseline load; analysis of the feasibility of the currently required 10% reduction from these sources; analysis of the feasibility to increase the level of reduction that could be achieved from an MS4 through storm water management practices; evaluate the potential for trading between MS4 loads and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) loads; recommendations for storm water BMPs to optimize nitrogen reductions from MS4 (BMP Implementation Plan Development); completion of TMDL Reassessment	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/10-9/30/14	
2014 Budget:	\$0 [see Attachment 1, Line 22, FY2010-2012 funds shown in brackets]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Improved scientific basis for management decisions on MS4s; reduced nitrogen loads from storm water; improvement in local water body in addition to reduced nitrogen to LIS; better, smarter growth; improved water quality; greater understanding of the storm water loads coming from the NY portion of LIS watershed	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
Project/Activity Name:	LIS Water Quality Monitoring Enhancements	
CONTINUING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To monitor and assess the ambient conditions of water quality in LIS and provide management with information for decision-making.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	University of Connecticut Department of Marine Sciences EPA Assistance Award Number: LI96161101	
Outputs/Products:	Project will support the LIS water quality monitoring program through a network of fixed stations (buoys) and tele-metered data.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015	
2014 Budget:	\$78,572 [see Attachment 1, line 12]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Assessment of water quality management program impact; interpretation of stream flow variability on salinity in critical coastal habitats; better assessment of trends in managed nutrients; improved assessment of water quality models.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	x
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	Monitoring, Modeling and Research	
Project/Activity Name:	Western LIS Water Quality Enhancements	
NEW Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Support to IEC to coordinate its WQ monitoring data/methods with CTDEEP and to continue current monitoring program.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	Interstate Environmental Commission/NEIWPC	
Outputs/Products:	1) Coordinate with CTDEEP and other LISS partners to ensure an effective and efficient monitoring program for LIS; 2) produce a searchable database of all historical field and laboratory data from 1991 to present; 3) bi-weekly collection of samples to be analyzed for nitrogen, phosphorus, silica, and carbon parameters;	
Milestones (project start/end dates)	October 1, 2013-September 30, 2015	
2014 Budget:	\$0 funded via carryover [see Attachment 1, line 20a]	
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) -Short; Intermediate;& Long Term	Better characterization of nutrient concentrations in the Sound, which can be used to assess the relationships between DO and nutrient concentrations, as well assess progress and results of nutrient reduction efforts within the watershed.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	x
	3) Developing TMDLs	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

c. Reporting. Costs for producing *Sound Health* and *Protection and Progress* are budgeted for in the NEIWPC assistance award as necessary and as approved by the Management Committee for the appropriate budget year. These activities are usually funded in the year preceding the publication of the appropriate report to allow for establishment of financial commitments necessary to produce the documents. Copies of these reports are available upon request or electronic versions are posted on the LISS website

Grant Reports. Under 40 CFR Parts 30 and 31, semi-annual reporting is required for each EPA grant award according to an established format that follows the LISS work plan form with outputs/outcomes reported. These reports are posted in EPA’s Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) and final grant progress reports are due within 90 days of the expiration date of an award.

EPA ACS Reports. EPA LISS grantees with responsibilities for monitoring and reporting on hypoxia and nitrogen point source deposition (CTDEEP) and for habitat and river miles (CTDEEP/NYSDEC) report mid-year and end-of-year progress in addressing these four elements contained in EPA’s Strategic Plan and budget – point source nitrogen reduction targets; reduction in the area of maximum hypoxia; acres of habitat restored/protected; and miles of rivers opened to fish passage. In addition, out-year budget targets are requested and estimates of out-year targets are provided by grantees as appropriate during the planning and budgeting cycles. These reporting requirements are included as special Conditions in the appropriate grantees’ award documents.

NEPORT Reports. CTDEEP, NFWF and NYSDEC annually report information into EPA’s NEPORT data system for leveraged funds, and habitat acres restored/protected/enhanced, including river miles reopened to fish passage. These latter data are used to report accomplishments to EPA’s ACS system for the LIS Strategic Plan and budget measures as appropriate. Grant awards are conditioned to require these reporting elements.

3. Ecosystem Protection and Restoration Projects. The LISS Futures Fund Grant program and the LISS CCMP Enhancements program are the primary LISS vehicles for funding implementation projects to address CCMP and other program priorities. The LISS Futures Fund, consists of Large Implementation Grants (\$20,000-\$150,000); Clean Water and Habitat Restoration Planning and Water Quality Monitoring Grants (\$20,000-\$60,000); Education Grants (\$20,000-\$60,000); and Long Island Sound Study Public Participation, Information and Education Grants Program Small Grants (\$3,000-\$10,000) projects. The LISFF is administered by NFWF. In FY2014, the LIS Futures Fund is funded at \$1,197,550 and the Small Grants component is funded at \$65,450. The CCMP Enhancements program generally is administered by NEIWPC and is funded at \$30,515 in FY2014 for several priority projects approved by the LISS Management Committee. These projects are responsive to the *Long Island Sound CCMP* and other LISS priorities and are described in brief in Attachment 1, line 20.

As noted, the below Logic Model subcategories are eligible funding categories under the LISFF. FY2014 LISFF-funded projects cannot be characterized under this Logic Model format as 2014 projects have not yet been selected.

a. Habitat; b. Water Quality; c. Living Resources; d. Healthy Communities.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance
Project/Activity Name:	LISS Futures Fund
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To provide resources for priority CCMP implementation projects at the state and local level to qualified applicants.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NFWF, plans, coordinates, conducts and administers the LISS Futures Fund Grant Program
Outputs/Products:	Issue RFP to solicit a diverse range of project proposals (45-60 proposals) that address problems identified in the LISS <i>CCMP</i> ; conduct two webcast workshops to encourage applicants to develop a technically sound and diverse range of project proposals (45-60 proposals) that address problems

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
	identified in the LISS <i>CCMP</i> . Provide technical assistance to 40-50 potential applicants to help them develop the most useful projects to address the problems identified in the LISS <i>CCMP</i> . Develop and distribute one press release in CT and NY to announce RFP and awards. Develop and implement one grant award event in either NY or CT. Meet with potential public, nonfederal and private funders. Support LISS and EPA/LISO to develop accomplishments brochures and other materials. Outreach to three or more Congressional offices to respond to inquiries and raise profile of implementation elements of the LISS Futures Fund in terms of federal investment around the Sound.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2018* Actual dates under negotiation with EPA.	
2014 Budget:	\$1,197,550 [See Attachment 1, line 21]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Increase in participation of ‘communities of practice,’ including environmental justice, urban waters/distressed communities, youth and young adult and underserved communities. Increase in acres of key coastal habitat restored. Increase in measurable nonpoint source controls addressing water quality problems in LIS and its embayments. Increase in riparian corridor development and protection. Increase in diadromous fish passage restoration. Increase public understanding of accomplishments and challenges faced in LIS and addressed by various LISS initiatives.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	x
	3) Developing TMDLs	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
Project/Activity Name:	LISS Stewardship Land Acquisitions	
Continuing Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To provide resources for priority CCMP LIS Stewardship Initiative acquisitions at the state and local level.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NYSDEC Assistance Award Numbers: LI97241508; LI97213810	
Outputs/Products:	Acquisition of priority properties identified for protection.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	2015	
2014 Budget:	\$0. The Management Committee agreed not to recommend funds for Stewardship project acquisitions in FY2012 due to the lower budget amounts available. Current New York acquisitions will continue with prior year funding until closed. [See Attachment 1, line 18]	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
Outcomes: <i>(anticipated and/or completed accomplishments)</i> -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Protection of habitats of ecological, recreational, and public access value; protection of endangered, threatened, and rare species of plant and animal habitats; demonstration of effective public and private partnerships in habitat conservation.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	
	3) Developing TMDLs	
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	

4. Technical Assistance/Capacity Building. The LISS provides technical assistance and capacity building through a variety of means. The LIS Futures Fund provides support in this area. New in 2014, NFWF will provide technical assistance to communities of practice in developing project proposals for their communities, including environmental justice, urban waters, youth and underserved communities and areas designated as distressed communities in Connecticut.

The following EPA-funded Federal staff positions will provide ongoing significant technical assistance for the LISS in FY2014:

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance
Project/Activity Name:	USFWS Wildlife Biologist
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	The USFWS Liaison provides technical support to the LISS Management Conference to address wildlife/habitat-related issues including but not limited to essential habitat classification, mapping and management, invasive species, environmental indicators, integrated monitoring of water and biota. The Liaison will provide technical support to coordinate, manage, and report on LISS programs and manage grants and contracts as assigned
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	US Fish & Wildlife Service, Southern New England-New York Bight Coastal Ecosystems Program, Charlestown, RI
Outputs/Products:	Annual GPRA habitat reports for EPA; Habitat restoration information for the LISS website; Annual HRI work plans that detail priorities, highlight accomplishments, and identify funding needs; Technical reviews and recommendations regarding project funding; accurate and up-to-date grant files; documents and forms required for grant awards, extensions, and close-outs; approved project reports from grantees; the management plan focuses on feasible, cost-effective practices that can be undertaken to prevent and control invasive species; technical and grant assistance to stewardship area stakeholders; SI information for the LISS website; presentations to the public; annual SI work plans that detail priorities,

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance	
	highlight accomplishments, and identify funding needs; proposal reviews and recommendations regarding project funding.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/10-2/28/15	
2014 Budget:	\$0 This position was forward funded in 2013. [see Attachment 1, line 17]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>) -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Restoration of the Sound’s coastal habitat to maintain healthy and viable populations of fish & wildlife in LIS; implementation of the LISS CCMP to protect and restore LIS; prevention and control of aquatic invasive species in LIS; protection and enhancement of the Sound’s ecological and recreational resources	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards, 2) Improving WQ Monitoring 3) Developing TMDLs 4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis 5) Strengthening NPDES Permits 6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure 7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance	
Project/Activity Name:	NOAA/NMFS Fisheries Ecologist/LISS Liaison	
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	The NOAA position provides technical support to the LISS Management Conference to address fisheries ecology and aquatic habitat-related issues including, but not limited to essential habitat classification, mapping and management, invasive species, environmental indicators, integrated monitoring of water and biota. The liaison provides technical support to coordinate, manage, and report on LISS programs.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NOAA/NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Milford, CT	
Outputs/Products:	Technical reports to highlight accomplishments, and identify funding needs; technical reviews and recommendations regarding project funding; accurate and up-to-date grant files; approved project reports from grantees; the management plan focuses on feasible, cost-effective practices that can be undertaken to prevent and control invasive species; technical and grant assistance to stakeholders; fisheries/indicators information for the LISS website; presentations to the public; annual work plans that detail priorities, highlight accomplishments, and identify funding needs; proposal reviews and recommendations regarding project funding; improved assessment and coordination of LIS water quality monitoring programs.	
Milestones (<i>project start/end dates</i>)	10/1/10-6/30/15 [Interagency Agreement]	
2014 Budget:	\$142,803 [see Attachment 1, line 16]	
Outcomes: (<i>anticipated and/or completed accomplishments</i>)	Restoration of the Sound’s fisheries habitat to maintain healthy and viable populations of fish in LIS; implementation of the LISS CCMP to protect and restore LIS; prevention and control of aquatic invasive species in LIS;	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance	
-Short, Intermediate & -Long Term	protection and enhancement of the Sound's ecological and fisheries resources.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	x
	3) Developing TMDLs	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	

a. Tools. This Work Plan provides funding for development of several programmatic tools. As an example, with prior year carryover funding, NEIWPC developed and released an RFP requesting proposals to develop a nonpoint source tracking tool for use by regulated entities in establishing measurable effects of nonpoint source controls and BMPs put in place to address water quality in Long Island Sound through the nitrogen TMDL. Phase I of that project is in completion stages and this work plan funds Phase II elements also from prior year carryover funding. The project established tracking system baselines, setting a base year and various nitrogen removal efficiency calculation metrics. Phase II will review and select a pilot sub-basin and obtain data for that sub-basin; then it will customize the tracking system to account for specific attributes in the sub-basin. The tool will be of great use to entities that need to establish reduction scenarios to account for TMDL progress in reducing nitrogen from nonpoint sources.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance
Project/Activity Name:	LISS CCMP Enhancements Program
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To provide resources for priority CCMP implementation projects at the state and local level to qualified applicants.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NEIWPC, plans, coordinates, conducts and administers the LISS CCMP Enhancements Program; however other LIS partners may implement enhancements as their mission and the function of the project allow.
Outputs/Products:	Management oversight of projects for 1) plankton community analysis, \$10,515 [CTDEEP]; 2) Climate change public information, \$10,000 [NEIWPC]; and 3) sentinel monitoring database support, \$10,000 [CTDEEP].
Milestones (project start/end dates)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015* *end dates under negotiation with EPA
2014 Budget:	\$30,515 [See Attachment 1, line 20]
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) Short, Intermediate & Long Term	1) better understanding of planktonic communities in the Sound over time; 2) new climate change communications strategy development; 3) Improved scientific understanding of climate change impacts on LIS and improved adaptation strategies through potential data sharing and availability.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	x
	3) Developing TMDLs	
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	

b. Training. The LISS will continue to fund the CT and NY Sea Grant LIS Mentor Teacher program, which trains a cadre of K-12 educators to train-the-trainers in the use of LIS as a teaching tool and resource for NY and CT teachers. The Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher (LISMT) program has consistently recruited high quality, creative, and respected teachers to assist their peers in incorporating LIS content into curricula within the scope of the CT Science Frameworks.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
Project/Activity Name:	LISS Mentor Teacher Training Program	
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Increase awareness and understanding of the importance of Long Island Sound and its watershed by training a cadre of teachers to mentor the student population.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	CT Sea Grant/NY Sea Grant; direct implementation	
Outputs/Products:	Recruit six (6) mentor teachers and facilitate planning sessions for workshop development (grade level cohorts K-2, 3-5, 6-8); conduct three (3) LIS Mentor Teacher workshops for K-12 formal and informal educators; support LIS Educators Conference; conduct 3 NY mentor teacher workshops.	
Milestones (project start/end dates)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015	
2014 Budget:	\$37,897 CT and \$0 NY (forward funded in 2013 for 2014) [See Attachment 1, line 9]	
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) Short, Intermediate & Long Term	Development of grade appropriate, multidisciplinary workshops utilizing LIS curricular resources; provision of LIS resources and appropriate pedagogy to result in increased educator and student understanding of LIS and issues facing LIS; educated teacher ranks in K-12 grades in New York and Connecticut portions of the Long Island Sound watershed.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	
	3) Developing TMDLs	
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support and Technical Assistance	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

c. Direct Assistance. The LISS is one of the oldest of the NEPs, and it has technically capable support staff in diverse fields of expertise, from scientists to managers to field personnel. The combined resources of the Management Conference, which include the states of New York and Connecticut’s environmental management agencies, New York City, and other Federal and state institutional partners, are sufficient to carry out CCMP implementation, and dwarf the amount of NEP and EPA LIS funding provided for this purpose. The partners provide such technical assistance and build such implementation capacity for local environmental and other groups as may be necessary and appropriate to their ongoing missions. The LISS does fund staff in partner agencies to support direct implementation. Staff include the LISS habitat restoration coordinators in both states.

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance
Project/Activity Name:	LISS Habitat Restoration/Coordination
ONGOING Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	Preparing, assisting municipalities, and evaluating project applications for habitat restoration, assessment, monitoring and research funding. Develop partnerships to restore LIS habitats. Work with regional staff to help partners prepare project work plans that are compatible with state regulations. Coordinate NYSDEC and CTDEEP activities associated with the LISS Habitat Restoration Initiative.
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NYSDEC (via NEIWPCC); CTDEEP; direct implementation
Outputs/Products:	Engage new and existing LISS partners in LISS habitat restoration activities; increase project proposals for habitat restoration activities in the LIS watershed; plan, coordinate and implement restoration of the twelve priority habitat types as outlined in the LISS Habitat Restoration Strategy adopted by the Policy Committee in 1998; work with LISS communications team to issue press releases, promotional materials, and other communication items addressing habitat restoration in the LIS watershed; report at mid-year and end-of-year on progress is achieving restoration/protection/reopening targets for EPA’s Strategic Plan and budget; develop and publish coastal forest and shellfish chapters of the Habitat Restoration Manual.
Milestones (project start/end dates)	10/1/14-9/30/15
2014 Budget:	\$135,076, CTDEEP; \$96,910, NYSDEC via NEIWPCC; CT Sea Grant, \$7,000 [See Attachment 1, line 15]
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) -Short, Intermediate, Long Term	Restored and protected habitat in the LIS watershed; increased public awareness about current or planned habitat restoration and restoration activities in the LIS watershed; progress towards LISS Habitat Restoration Initiative (HRI) goals for restoring habitat and river corridors that improve health of living resources in the LIS environment; additional and leveraged funding brought to restoration activities and increased acreage/miles improved to benefit LIS water quality and biological health; public outreach about HRI and accomplishments; implementation of habitat

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance	
	restoration projects and effective communication to the public; developed and published HRI manual chapters, Shellfish and Coastal Forests.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring	
	3) Developing TMDLs	
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis	
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits	
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure	
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	x

CCMP/Work Plan Goal:	CCMP Implementation Support & Technical Assistance	
Project/Activity Name:	TMDL Support	
Continuing Project/Activity Purpose & Description:	To work with managers in the upper LIS basin states of New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts on the requirements and impacts of the nitrogen TMDL.	
Responsible Partner(s) Role(s):	NEIWPCC	
Outputs/Products:	Plan, organize, and conduct public meetings in upland states; record public comments and report on results.	
Milestones (project start/end dates)	October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015	
2014 Budget:	\$65,211 [see Attachment 1, line 23]	
Outcomes: (anticipated and/or completed accomplishments) -Short, Intermediate & Long Term	A cooperative process in the upland LIS watershed states for achieving reduced nitrogen loads delivered to the Sound, reduced hypoxia, and attainment of state water quality standards.	
Δ (+/-) in Pressure Targets	N/A	
CWA Core Program Project Support Core programs are:	1) Strengthening WQ Standards,	x
	2) Improving WQ Monitoring,	
	3) Developing TMDLs,	x
	4) Controlling NPS Pollution on a Watershed Basis,	x
	5) Strengthening NPDES Permits,	x
	6) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure.	x
	7) Wetlands Program Support/Implementation	
	8) Other: Public Involvement and Education	

5. Targeting Prevention and/or Mitigation of Nutrient Pollution. The Long Island Sound Study has long-concentrated on addressing nutrient pollution. The CCMP identified nitrogen as the major limiting factor in impairing levels of dissolved oxygen in the Sound during the summer months, and the states developed, and EPA approved the nitrogen TMDL discussed elsewhere in this document, to address nutrient pollution on a regional scale. EPA, through this Work Plan, funds CTDEEP to monitor water quality in the Sound, which accounts for nearly 25 percent of the LISS budget. This program is described above on page 14. Additionally, and not funded from EPA appropriations, the states of New York and Connecticut have funded STP infrastructure upgrades over many years to control nitrogen in compliance with the TMDL. Many millions of state bond act and other local dollars have been spent toward this goal, and there are now more than 35,000,000 fewer pounds of nitrogen entering the Sound annually as of this writing than in the early 1990s. Please see pages 14, 15, 16, 17 and 25 for details concerning the LISS efforts in this category.

As a result of continuing concerns with nitrogen contributions from on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), LISS will be involved in work with Suffolk County and Connecticut communities on initiatives to address this issue. Of particular interest is the loading from on-site wastewater treatment systems on the north shore of Long Island and along some nutrient-impaired embayments in Connecticut, e.g. Niantic Bay.

The LISS will evaluate the results of the 2012-13 projects that focused on-site wastewater treatment systems, as well as interact with ongoing initiatives, such as in Suffolk County, to address source of nitrogen. For example, in 2012, the LISFF provided \$60,000 in funding to Peconic Green Growth, Inc., for a project, Plan for Decentralized Wastewater Treatment, in Suffolk County, NY and \$30,000 to the Town of Oyster Bay, NY to conduct and On-site Septic Training and Certification Program for municipal and town officials on the North Shore of Long Island. The Peconic Green Growth project provided planning and design services for advanced treatment of OWTS. The project added a clustered solution for existing homes to the County's tools for nitrogen mitigation in groundwater feeding the Sound. Peconic Green Growth matched these funds with more than \$85,000. The Town of Oyster Bay hosted a conference for municipal officials raising awareness of OWTS issues and provided OWTS inspection and field training certification programs for OWTS professionals. Oyster Bay matched the LISFF with nearly \$42,000.

The LISFF RFP will continue to provide funding opportunities for on-site waste treatment projects at the county and local levels. In addition, the 2014 Long Island Sound Futures Fund continues to make projects to address on-site wastewater treatment systems a priority for funding. The Futures Fund evaluation team will evaluate proposals for funding with a goal of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announcing awards in September 2014.

In addition, EPA and the five watershed states through the TMDL work group, is identifying enhanced implementation options for controlling nitrogen from OWTS. The work group is now working to develop recommendations for enhancement of implementation of nitrogen management from on-site wastewater treatment systems and other sources of nonpoint source pollution.

Finally, public outreach staff are also working on approaches to reduce non-agricultural turf fertilizer applications through outreach and technical assistance to CT and NY landscaping companies and direct educational materials to homeowners.

6. Targeting Climate Adaptation and/or Vulnerability Assessments. This Work Plan continues partial funding for several ongoing LISS programs to address climate change and adaptation or sustainability. These areas are integrated into the management programs of the LISS Management Conference partners, which are not funded by this Work Plan. The LISS Management Conference began discussions of the potential impacts of climate change on the Sound and its ecology a number of years ago. In 2007 the LISS created its Sentinel Monitoring program, which established key ecosystem indicators that would reflect impacts of climate change and act as early-warning clients for state and federal managers. The Sentinel Monitoring work group is composed of LISS-funded staff and other state and federal managers with an interest in the particular biological or physical indicator flora or fauna. Some ongoing LISS staff time is devoted to this function. In this FY2014 Work Plan, limited funding is provided to assist this function in identifying, gathering or analyzing relevant data. The State of Connecticut has established a climate center in 2014 at the University of Connecticut's Avery Point Campus, which will act as the clearinghouse for data gathered or monitored for climate impacts. See pages 13 and 22 above for a more detailed description of this work.

7. Targeting Green Infrastructure. Within its funding limits, the LISS encourages support for targeted green infrastructure projects that may improve Long Island Sound. The LISFF RFP has green infrastructure projects as a qualifying category if the project has a measurable environmental outcome for Long Island Sound. The LISFF has funded green infrastructure projects in prior RFP iterations. For example, the Bronx Zoo received funding in 2013 to install pervious pavers in sections of its parking lot that drain to the Bronx River, a tributary to Long Island Sound. There are many and varied sources of funding available for green infrastructure projects, and the Long Island Sound Study encourages applicants and entities to seek out funding from other sources to support this work. LISFF projects supporting green infrastructure may be found at: <http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/search/Pages/Grant-Search.aspx?Keyword=&Project=&Org=&FromYear=2013&ToYear=2013&program=Long%20Island%20Sound%20Futures%20Fund>

C. PREVIOUS YEAR'S (FY2013) PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

1. Goals and Accomplishments. *Describe goals that the program met and highlight programmatic accomplishments as well as project/activity short-term and intermediate outcomes. Highlight long-term environmental results achieved wherever possible. Include outcome and/or environmental results information about projects that required substantial NEP staff time but which were sponsored/funded by others, e.g., foundations, Federal or state partners.*

A. CCMP GOAL AREA: HYPOXIA/NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT.

1. Point Source Load Reduction. As reported under EPA's Strategic Plan (LI-SP41) and EPA's National Program Guidance reporting system, ACS, the LISS partners continued the point source nitrogen reduction program in Long Island Sound in 2013, the latest report available. The total Trade-Equalized (TE) point source nitrogen load for 2013 was 27,148 TE lbs/day, with the 2014 goal of 22,774 TE lbs/day. The EPA Strategic Plan target in 2013 was 76 percent towards the goal; the 2013 result exceeded that target, achieving 88 percent of the goal. It is important to keep in mind that New York City (NYC), as part of a Consent Agreement with the state of New York, had taken significant STP processing capacity off-line during construction upgrades for biological nitrogen control at affected STPs. For a number of years there was a continuing 'bulge' in discharge of nitrogen, which is now being eliminated as construction is completed and NYC treatment plants are back on line.

While the LISS does not directly fund this goal area and important CCMP activity, funds for STP nitrogen upgrades result from a combination of EPA State Revolving Funds, Connecticut's state Clean Water Fund and Bond Acts, and New York State's Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act funds and other sources, including NYC bonds and funding for NYC STP upgrades. **Attachment 6** depicts the reductions in Trade-equalized point source loadings from 2000-2013.

Significant EPA LISO and Region 1 staff time is spent following up on TMDL implementation and LISS funding has been used to conduct various studies and projects to ensure that the upland states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont's contributions to the total nitrogen load to the Sound are included in a scheduled revision to the TMDL. The LISS funded 50 percent of a CTDEEP technical position to support TMDL revision work in 2011 and as discussed above, an upper basin public outreach and education program conducted by NEIWPC that began in 2010. Due to staff changes, this latter responsibility has been incorporated into a full time FTE's job description in NEIWPC.

2. Area/Duration of Hypoxia. As reported under EPA's Strategic Plan (LI-SP42) the area (square miles = mi²) of the maximum hypoxic event in Summer 2013 with less than 3 milliliters (ml) of dissolved oxygen (DO) per liter of bottom (~<1m) water (<3ml/DO) was estimated to be 80 square miles, which lasted for a period of 62 days [error margins +/-85 mi², +/- 15 days]. This compares with the 13-year pre-TMDL averages of 208 square miles and 56.2 days. The 14-year post-TMDL averages are 176 square miles and 59 days. The LISS provides funding to CTDEEP to conduct the LIS WQ monitoring program year-round, with additional monitoring runs during the summer months [Attachment 1, line 11]. Other ambient factors affect the formation of the hypoxic zone in the Sound, including water and air temperature, rainfall, solar radiation, wind

direction and velocity, currents, storm events and any resulting biological effects such as algae formation.

A strategic measure in EPA's Strategic Plan, (LI-SP42) is to reduce the area of hypoxia by 15 percent from the pre-TMDL average of 208 square miles, as measured by a 5 year annual rolling average. For 2013, the rolling 5-year average reduction is 153.6 square miles, or 26.2 percent, exceeding the target. **Attachment 7** depicts the area/duration of the maximum hypoxia event in Long Island Sound since 1987 as measured by CTDEEP. In general, the maximum area of hypoxia in the Sound annually is about 15 percent of its area about 15 percent of the time.

3. NPS Load Reductions/On-Site Treatment. The CCMP calls for a suite of actions to address NPS (NPS) pollution to the Sound, including actions to address on-site waste treatment systems (OWTS), or septic systems. The LIS TMDL addresses NPS pollution, requiring a 10 percent reduction through direct projects or best management practices and other methodologies. In 2013 EPA and the five watershed states developed Enhanced Implementation Plans (EIPs) to current stormwater and nonpoint source control efforts with a goal of qualitatively assessing whether they are adequate for meeting the 2000 TMDL. A TMDL work group has drafted these evaluations, including an assessment of on-site wastewater treatment systems. The work group is drafting recommendations to management concerning an approach to address TMDL NPS requirements that incorporates EIPs metrics.

B. CCMP GOAL AREA: MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION OF LIVING MARINE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS.

1. Habitat Restoration. As reported in EPA's Strategic Plan (LI-SP43) and the NEP's NEPORT reporting systems, the LISS restored or protected a total of 336 acres of habitat in 2013, or 80 percent of EPA's budget target. The LISS only provides funding for individual habitat restoration projects as they may be eligible for competitive funding under the LISS Futures Fund Large Grant program, described below in **Section D**. Because of the complexity of planning, organizing and carrying out restoration projects in both states, the LISS funds two habitat coordinators, one each in NYSDEC (via NEIWPC) and CTDEEP, who develop priority LIS projects, including fish passage projects, in their state. These staff positions are included in the description of LISS-funded staff in this Work Plan in Attachment 2. It should be noted that the acres restored/protected and river miles reopened were not all funded by the LISS; the CCMP called for many and varied funding sources to implement its actions. LISFF projects do help contribute to the total acres restored/protected, to the extent that eligible projects are qualified, apply, and are approved for funding. While the EPA budget target was 410 acres restored or protected, the LISS partners still achieved 80 percent of this goal despite the impact of Hurricane Sandy, which devastated the coastal areas in the Northeast. Partners were forced to divert resources to cleanup and repair activities during FY2013 as a result.

2. Fish Passage Restoration. As reported in EPA's Strategic Plan (LI-SP44) and EPA's NEPORT, the LISS reopened 56.25 river miles in 2013, or 75 percent of the EPA budget target. The LISS-funded CTDEEP and NYSDEC habitat restoration coordinators develop projects to reopen fish passage in each state. Because of Connecticut's river and stream network along the LIS shoreline is much more extensive than New York's, the bulk of the fish passage projects are

located in Connecticut rivers and streams. Historically there were approximately 562 miles of river in Connecticut that supported diadromous fish runs; currently there are approximately 448 miles of river reaches open to fish passage. This is not meant as a management target for restoration. It should be noted that the river miles reopened were not all funded by the LISS; the CCMP called for many and varied funding sources to implement its actions. While the EPA Strategic Plan target was 75 river miles, the LISS partners still achieved 75 percent of the target despite the impacts of Hurricane Sandy on the region, which diverted resources to other priorities during FY2013.

C. CCMP GOAL AREA: MONITORING, MODELING & RESEARCH.

1. LIS Scientific Research Program. The LISS, through the CT and NY Sea Grant programs, continued to monitor the six scientific research projects that were selected for funding in 2010 and the two projects selected for funding in 2012 for the 2011-2016 project period. The abstracts of these projects may be found on the LISS website at <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/research-monitoring/lis-research-grant-program/>. These projects will continue to be reported on in subsequent NEP work plans as the projects are completed.

The CT and NY Sea Grant College Programs initiated the RFP cycle for FY2014 by releasing the call for pre-proposals in April 2014. Proposals are due by June and will be evaluated by an expert panel and a small subset of proposals will be invited to submit full proposals by Fall 2014. Projects selected will be announced in Spring 2015.

The LISS STAC met in April, June and November 2013; its June meeting was a joint meeting with the CAC and both citizens and scientists as well as managers came together to discuss issues of mutual concern. The STAC and the editors and contributors to the scientific synthesis volume completed their work and the book was published in 2013. The 500+ page volume, *Long Island Sound: Prospects for the Urban Sea*, was a collaborative multi-year effort supported by the LISS through grants to the New York and Connecticut Sea Grant College Programs.

2. LIS Eelgrass Monitoring Surveys. (IA #DW-14940346, \$96,394) The US Fish and Wildlife Service released its 2012 survey of eelgrass in eastern Long Island Sound in November 2013. It located 240 eelgrass beds totaling 2,061 acres. The LISS-funded survey is the fourth conducted by USFWS since 2002. The report is available on the LISS website at: <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/category/media-center/reports/miscellaneous-reports/>.

3. LIS Sentinel Monitoring Program. The LISS Sentinel Monitoring strategy is posted at <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/research-monitoring/sentinel-monitoring/>. Six key sentinels were selected for more detailed monitoring and the UConn Department of Marine Sciences is monitoring them. The bi-state work plan (http://longislandsoundstudy.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/2011_2013-SM-Work-Plan.pdf) includes evaluation of the pilot monitoring program as well as synthesis and dissemination of data from the pilot monitoring and historical data found in the data clearing house. This project is ongoing in 2013 with prior year funding.

D. CCMP GOAL AREA: IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

1. Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) Projects, FY2013. LISFF grants totaling \$1,295,972 to state and local government and community groups, with leveraged matching resources of \$1,249,692, supported on-the-ground conservation projects in Connecticut and New York. The grant program pools funds from the EPA, NFWF, and USFWS for projects to restore the health and living resources of LIS. The 2013 program funded 13 subgrants in Connecticut and 7 subgrants in New York and 3 projects that benefit both states. Two small grants were awarded for educational activities to increase understanding and appreciation of Long Island Sound through community events and activities. The projects in both states will open up 12.2 river miles for fish passage, and restore more than 50 acres of critical fish and wildlife habitat and open space. This habitat includes lakes, underwater grasses, woodlands, meadows, wetlands, beaches, dunes and river and park frontage. Nearly 600,000 gallons of stormwater runoff will be treated through the development of water pollution control projects funded by the LISFF.

2. LIS Stewardship Initiative. Connecticut completed its stewardship acquisitions in 2013 with the purchase of the 155 acre Sciongay property in Westbrook/Clinton Connecticut. This property was one of the last large privately held parcels with access to Long Island Sound and is adjacent to natural and wildlife management areas. The acquisition includes 1.2 miles of shoreline on the Menunketesuck River and the west side of Chapman Hill Pond, resulting in 243 acres of protected open space on Chapman Hill Pond and 354 acres of the tidal section of the Menunketesuck River. The property is expected to be accessible to the public for natural resource-based outdoor recreational uses consistent with the acquisition's primary purpose of conserving its ecological values. CTDEEP used \$1.2 million in LISS funding to close on this property, which was acquired from the family of Harriet Sciongay. New York is completing its stewardship acquisitions with FY2008 and FY2010 LISS funding and should close on its selected parcels in 2014.

3. LIS Scientific Data Synthesis Book. As indicated above, in FY2013 work completed on the production of a book synthesizing scientific research on Long Island Sound. The 500+ page volume, *Long Island Sound: Prospects for the Urban Sea*, summarizes scientific data on the Sound that was conducted over the last 40 years. Covered topic areas are the social history, geology, physical oceanography, geochemistry and biology and ecology of the Sound. Metals, organic compounds and nutrients are also discussed, as is their sources, magnitudes, trends and impacts. The volume is available for purchase from Springer Publishing.

4. CCMP Enhancements Program. In FY2013 funds were provided for 4 projects totaling \$307,042 to enhance CCMP implementation. These projects are in various stages of implementation during 2013 depending on the nature of the project and the individual grantee. Some are out for RFPs while others are being developed or directly implemented.

E. CCMP GOAL AREA: PUBLIC OUTREACH, INFORMATION & EDUCATION.

1. Sound Health Report. Due to the workload in revising and producing the new CCMP, work and budget were deferred from the Sound Health report. The last version of the report was issued in 2012 and is available on the LISS website.

2. Long Island Sound Citizens Summit. The 23rd annual Long Island Sound Citizens Summit entitled *Superstorm Sandy and the “New Normal:” Rebuilding for Resiliency and Adapting to Climate Change*, was held on April 25, 2014 at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. More than 150 citizens attended the Summit. Al Appleton, former Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection was the keynote speaker. EPA, through NEIWPC, provided support to *Save the Sound*, a program of *Connecticut Fund for the Environment*, to plan, organize, and conduct the event. Planning is underway for the next annual Citizens Summit in Spring 2015.

3. Other LISS Communications. The LISS partners produce their own materials and press releases to communicate their accomplishments and plans to their public or special audiences. In addition to *Sound Health* and *Protection and Progress*, the LISS, via a grant to NEIWPC, maintains its website for public information and access, and produces *SoundBytes*, an electronic email product to keep constituents informed in topical and timely areas. *Sound Outlook* is also produced several times a year, but paper copy distribution has been phased down to conserve resources and be more ‘green.’ LISS-produced materials emphasize the bi-state nature of public information on the Sound, its ecology or status, while individual partners’ public information programs may focus on single state or communities of interests’ priorities or needs. Examples of these publications are on the LISS website.

2. Completed Projects. *For completed projects that were funded by a CWA §320 sub-award, indicate: project purpose; entity that led project implementation; final grant amount – if project came in under budget, describe how remaining funds will be reallocated to ensure expenditure during the project period; project deliverable(s) and project completion date.*

The LISS is an ongoing partnership of Federal, state and local organizations implementing the cleanup and restoration plan for Long Island Sound. The LISS is not organized by ‘project’ and its program functions are distributed across its partners. Therefore, unless there are specific and discrete sub-grant projects that have been completed, this reporting category does not adequately represent the LISS organizational and reporting structure. However, in FY2013, several partners’ assistance awards funded in prior fiscal years have been completed and their EPA awards closed out:

- CE-96297912, \$35,000 to the New York Sea Grant College Program to identify tools for use in changing public behaviors to improve the environment. [Final report submitted]
- LI-97227208, \$535,000 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the 2009 Long Island Sound Futures Fund program. [Final Report pending]
- LI-96159301, \$66,603 to UConn’s Center for Land Use Education and Research to develop nonpoint source controls to demonstrate effective diversion and retention techniques on the Storrs campus. [Final report submitted]
- DW-14940346, \$96,394 to the USFWS to conduct over-flight photo assay and monitoring of eelgrass beds in Long Island Sound. [Final report available; <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/category/media-center/reports/miscellaneous-reports/>]

3. Success Stories/Transferable Activities, Tools. The LISS is willing to discuss any of its ongoing programs and activities with NEP staff that were felt to be worthy of technology transfer

to other NEPs; this can be done in conjunction with this Work Plan. The LISS website, the nitrogen TMDL, the bioextraction projects funded in prior years, the LISS environmental indicators, *Sound Health* and *Protection & Progress* are all examples of successful and transferable products and activities from which the other NEPs may benefit.

4. Support of CWA Core Program Implementation. *Information about the anticipated role the NEP will play in the use of CWA tools; use role definitions in the September 28, 2007 Program Evaluation Funding Guidance: Primary; Significant; Support.*

Based in CWA Sections 119 and 320, this FY2014 NEP Summary Work Plan supports, directly or indirectly, many CWA core programs as indicated in the Office of Water's 2014 National Program Guidance. In turn, these core EPA regulatory programs support CCMP implementation through permits that establish nutrient levels, or programs that reduce NPS pollution to the Sound. Because of the LISS nitrogen TMDL, over the last several years, both the states of Connecticut and New York revised their ambient water quality standards (CWA §304) for DO pursuant to EPA's 2000 national guidance for DO in marine waters. Connecticut conducts the LISS ambient water quality monitoring (WQM) program under CWA §106. The data compiled by the LISS WQM program is one of the most robust and extensive datasets on ambient conditions available to scientists, researchers and managers. The LISS nitrogen TMDL (CWA §303(d)) set firm reduction targets and encouraged trading at point sources, and NPDES/SPDES permits (CWA §402) have been modified to incorporate TMDL nitrogen limits on a 15-year enforceable schedule.

The states of New York and Connecticut recognize the significant investments required to support wastewater infrastructure and have passed state bond act funding to sustain efforts to upgrade facilities to reduce nitrogen loads to the Sound as established in the nitrogen TMDL. The State of Connecticut designated all of its LIS waters in 2007 as a No Discharge Zone under the CWA §312 and the State of New York has accomplished a similar designation in NY LIS waters in 2011. The states use authorities and funding under CWA §319 to address priority problem areas of the Sound that originate in the watershed on land. These actions are primary support of CWA core programs, and are ongoing and integral to LISS CCMP implementation to restore and protect Long Island Sound and its watershed.

5. Support for NEP Regional Priorities. *NEP regional priorities include urban waters, fertilizers/lawn care, nutrients, climate change, NDZs, public access, environmental justice, citizen science and fish advisories.*

The LISS supports many of the NEP regional priorities, either directly through funded projects, or indirectly through previously-funded work or from support to partners who are charged with implementing a priority area in their own right. For example, the LISFF in FY2013 supported citizen science goals by funding a project with the University of Maryland to develop a report card approach to identifying and ranking LIS embayments for the health of their ecosystems. The data will be gathered for the most part by citizen volunteers and citizen scientists, and will be used to inform local decisions to help improve water quality. In addition, the 2013 LISFF funded an organic lawn care certificate program with the Northeast Organic Farming Association, offering two courses about alternative, non-chemical lawn care aimed at reducing fertilizer

pollutants into LIS to 59 lawn service providers. The LISFF supports EPA's Environmental Justice and Urban Waters initiatives. For example, the FY2013 Futures Fund RFP listed Urban Waters as a qualifying project category. As a result, 23 percent of the projects selected for funding in 2013 were classified as having an urban waters component, such as *Ship to Shore*, *Coastal Classroom on the East River*, *Urban Park Rangers*, *Solar Youth*, and *Rocking the Boat*, in which inner-city and disadvantaged youth are given the opportunity to visit and explore Long Island Sound -- some for the first time -- and to accomplish meaningful conservation work on public lands and waters. More than \$110,000 was provided to local community and neighborhood groups to conduct this vital work in 2013 and similar project support will continue in 2014 through the LISFF RFP. The LISFF supported urban waters and environmental justice goals by funding urban oases in communities for schoolyard habitat restoration. Five wildlife habitat demonstration sites covering nearly an acre at two urban parks and two elementary schools in urban settings are engaging multiple stakeholders in habitat enhancement. The New York Botanical Garden is installing permeable pavers to retain stormwater and prevent more than a half a million gallons of polluted runoff from entering the Bronx River annually. The LISS supports the ongoing program, Sentinel Monitoring, an early-warning system designed to detect and report on climate-change impacts on several sentinel species dependent upon the Sound's ecosystem. Summaries of LISFF projects from 2013 are posted on the NFWF website: <http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/search/Pages/Grant-Search.aspx?Keyword=&Project=&Org=&FromYear=2013&ToYear=2013&program=Long%20Island%20Sound%20Futures%20Fund>.

6. External Factors. *Description of external factors that had an impact on: overall work plan implementation, attainment of specific goals; achievement of project milestones and/or output completion; and description of adaptive management strategies the program used to deal with those factors.*

In FY2014, funding available to the LISS was decreased from FY2013 Enacted level. As a result the LISS was not able to again fund additional environmental projects under the LISFF due to the reduction in funding

Likewise, the states of New York and Connecticut have felt the impact of state budget constraints with hiring freezes; staff have been limited in their travel authorizations for LISS and other national, regional or local conference and meetings regardless of funding source; teleconferencing, webinars and video conferencing have been used for LISS work group and other meetings to compensate for staff travel restrictions.

The statutory funding authorization for CWA §119 and §320 expired in 2010. In 2011 the statutory funding authorization for the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act [P.L. 109-359] expired. The final legislative results of any future reauthorization bills may impact future LISS program implementation and direction.

LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY
SUMMARY OF FY2014 LISS FUNDING UNDER CWA §119 AND §320
BY PROGRAM ELEMENT

ATTACHMENT 1

LISS PROGRAM ELEMENT	ACTIVITY/TASK	2014 PRODUCTS/SERVICES	LISS GRANTEE OR FEDERAL IA	2014 BUDGET	ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES
Coordination and Reporting of Environmental Actions and Results	EPA Long Island Sound Office Support	1) Telecommunications; printing; copier; postage; supplies, materials. Office rental covered under GSA.	EPA LISO	\$4,220	Coordinated federal, state, and local government actions to implement the CCMP; clear annual goals and objectives framed within available funding; public, political, and financial support for restoration and protection of Long Island Sound
		2) Office Administrative Support, 1FTE	EPA/NCOA	\$57,500	
		3) eSound CCMP Tracking System Maintenance	EPA/OW	\$30,000	
	State Coordination & Technical Assistance	4a) Assist in all aspects of LISS program development, reporting and support, 1.5FTE.	CTDEEP	\$242,541	Involvement of relevant technical staff and programs in LISS activities to protect and restore Long Island Sound, its resources and its habitats, and to protect public health and meet commitments to the LISS partnership.
		4b) Assist in all aspects of LISS program development, reporting and coordination support, 1FTE (forward-funded in 2013 for 2014)	NYSDEC	[\$125,647]	
	Management Conference Administrative Support	5) National NEP travel; Management Conference meetings; CAC meeting support; state travel support for local and national meetings and conferences;.	NEIWPCC	\$52,985	Increased citizen involvement and participation at local and national meetings; increased understanding of issues and ability to inform and advise management conference partners on program direction and policy.
	COORDINATION SUBTOTAL:				\$387,242
Public Outreach, Information, Participation and Education	Public Information & Education Program	6) LISS communications coordination, 1FTE; project management & support.	NEIWPCC	\$218,495	Increasing citizen involvement in CCMP implementation and program direction; informing and increasing public knowledge and citizen participation in LIS issues; increasing understanding of the state of LIS health; better public assessment of progress and production of key reports to citizens involved in the LISS leading to changes in management direction or CCMP implementation; new climate change communications strategy development [\$10k].
		7) LISS NY coordination, 1FTE, UPDATE, presentations, press releases. [forward-funded 2013]	NY Sea Grant	\$0	
		8) LISS CT coordination (0.80FTE), presentations, press releases.	CT Sea Grant	\$77,042	
		9) K-12 Mentor Teacher Program in New York and Connecticut; LIS Marine Educators Conference Support [NY Sea forward-funded in 2013 for 2014]	CT Sea Grant	\$37,897	
	NY Sea Grant		\$0		
	Small Grants Program	10) LISS Futures Fund Small Grants Program RFP for public information, education, outreach, and <\$6K projects.	NFWF	\$65,450	Informed public and increased citizen participation to improve stewardship and individuals' actions beneficial to a healthy LIS; increasing awareness of the state of LIS health and promoting changes in lifestyle that might benefit the Sound; improved habitat and water quality and increased public awareness and participation in LIS affairs; fulfilled public expectations for knowledge about LIS and educational needs.
PI&E SUBTOTAL:				\$398,884	= 10%

Water Quality Monitoring, Modeling and Scientific Research	Water Quality Monitoring & Modeling	11) LIS Water Quality Field Surveys conducted year-round by CTDEEP using <i>RV Dempsey</i> ; includes captain, crew, sampling and analyses at 48 stations in NY and CT LIS waters to support TMDL attainment. NOAA support for LIS planktonic community monitoring (\$10,515).	CTDEEP	\$1,119,652	Improved water quality assessment to guide management activities; improved planktonic community assessment to guide management activities; improved dissolved oxygen assessment to protect living resources and to determine criteria compliance in CT/NY; greater safety of CT/NY residents who consume LIS seafood; better public involvement and management of LIS nutrient and dissolved oxygen conditions affecting living marine resources.
		12) LIS Water Quality Monitoring enhancements	UConn Marine Sciences	\$78,572	Assessment of management program impact; interpretation of stream flow variability on salinity in critical coastal habitats; better assessment of trends in managed nutrients; improved assessment of water quality models.
		13) CT River WQ Monitoring	USGS-CTDEEP	\$35,000	Improved continuous water quality data for simulations or analyses in support of nitrogen TMDL conditions.
	Scientific Research	14) LIS Research Grant Program, FY2014 RFP for scientific topic areas and STAC meeting support.	SUNY Research Foundation	\$212,500	Conduct of highest priority research relevant to the Long Island Sound Agreement or its successor and the LISS CCMP is defined, openly solicited, and selected for funding using a well developed, respected process that is fair and technically-based; new science-based information is provided to inform decision-making and actions towards reaching the vision and goals for Long Island Sound.
			CT Sea Grant	\$212,500	
MONITORING, MODELING & RESEARCH SUBTOTAL:				\$ 1,658,224	= 40%
CCMP Implementation Support, and Technical Assistance	Habitat Restoration & Protection	15) Habitat coordination, 1FTE CT; 1 FTE NY via NEIWPCC; develop and implement projects to restore and protect significant habitats in the LIS watershed; maintain priority list of habitat restoration sites; support habitat team for implementation of restoration and protection goals; reporting to EPA systems, NEPORT, HQ ACS/Strategic Plan, mid-year/EOY. Habitat Restoration Manual chapters, coastal forests and shellfish.	CTDEEP	\$135,076	Restored and protected critical coastal habitat in the LIS watershed; increased public awareness about current or planned habitat restoration and restoration activities in the LIS watershed; progress towards LISS Habitat Restoration Initiative (HRI) goals for restoring habitat and river corridors that improve health of living resources in the LIS environment; additional and leveraged funding brought to restoration activities and increased acreage/miles improved to benefit LIS water quality and biological health; public outreach about HRI and accomplishments; implementation of habitat restoration projects and effective communication to the public.
			CT Sea Grant	\$7,000	
			NYSDEC-NEIWPCC	\$96,910	
		16) NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Fisheries Ecologist, 1FTE [via contract support, 2014]	NOAA	\$142,803	Restoration of the Sound's fisheries habitat to maintain healthy and viable populations of fish in LIS; implementation of the LISS CCMP to protect and restore LIS; prevention and control of aquatic invasive species in LIS; protection and enhancement of the Sound's ecological and fisheries resources; improved understanding of food webs and implications for fisheries management programs.
		17) USFWS Wildlife Biologist Liaison support to the LISS, 1FTE [forward-funded in 2013 for 2014]	USFWS	[\$116,500]	Restoration of the Sound's coastal habitat to maintain healthy and viable populations of fish and wildlife in LIS; implementation of the LISS CCMP to protect and restore LIS; prevention and control of aquatic invasive species in LIS; protection and enhancement of the Sound's ecological and recreational resources.
18) LIS Stewardship Acquisitions	NYSDEC	[\$750,000 FY2008; \$675,000 FY2010]	Acquire for protection key lands in the LIS coastal watershed in New York.		

CCMP Technical Support	19) Sentinel Monitoring Data warehouse support	CTDEEP	\$10,000	Improved scientific understanding of climate change impacts on LIS and improved adaptation strategies through potential data sharing and availability.
	20) CCMP Enhancements:			
	a. IEC WQ Monitoring, Year 2 [carryover]	NEIWPC	[\$47,840]	Improved coordination of partner monitoring efforts and data collection.
	b. NPS Stormwater Tracking Tool [carryover]	NEIWPC	[\$119,260]	Improved nitrogen planning, increased efficiency of NPS and SW BMP implementation, improved tracking of nitrogen reduction efforts and quantitative TMDL evaluations.
	c. Sentinel Monitoring Support; NOAA plankton monitoring and climate change PI&E.	CTDEEP/ NEIWPC	(\$30,515)	See lines 6, 11 and 19 for descriptions.
LIS Futures Fund Large Grant Program	21) LIS Futures Fund Large Grants FY2013 program element breakout, \$1,295,972 Water Quality, 21.2%; Habitat/Species, 29.4%; Planning, 32.7%; Green Infrastructure, 9.2% Education, 11.6% Urban, 17.7%* *included in habitat & education	NFWF	\$1,197,550	Increase in participation of 'communities of practice,' including environmental justice, urban waters/distressed communities, youth and young adult and underserved communities. Increase in acres of key coastal habitat restored. Increase in measurable nonpoint source controls addressing water quality problems in LIS and its embayments. Increase in riparian corridor development and protection. Increase in diadromous fish passage restoration. Increase public understanding of accomplishments and challenges faced in LIS and addressed by various LISS initiatives.
Regulatory and Compliance Assistance	22) NY MS4 Engineer, 1FTE; [FY2010 and FY2012 support continuing through FY2014]	NYSDEC	[\$228,000]	Review, assess and revise nitrogen TMDL using the latest data and information available; improve water quality; protected marine resources; enhanced fishery; more abundant and variety of species.
	23) LIS TMDL Support; 0.5FTE.	NEIWPC	\$65,211	A more cooperative and publicly understood process in the upland LIS watershed states for achieving reduced nitrogen loads delivered to the Sound, reduced hypoxia, and attainment of state water quality standards through TMDL adoption in upland states.
CCMP IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT SUBTOTAL:			\$1,654,550	= 40 %
Subtotal, all Elements =			\$4,098,900	
Plus Fiduciary Reserve =			\$20,000	
Less TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE =			\$4,118,900	

**LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM WORK PLAN
LIST OF FY2014 LISS-FUNDED STAFF**

ORGANIZATION/NAME	LISS TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES
<u>EPA LISO</u>		
Edna Nolfi	Administrative Assistant	Provides overall office administrative support.
<u>CTDEEP</u>		
Mark Parker	Environmental Analyst 3	Coordinates overall LIS program in CT.
Kelly Streich	Environmental Analyst 3	Provides technical support. (50%)
Katie Clayton-O'Brien	Environmental Analyst 2	Water quality sampling/analysis.
Matthew Lyman	Environmental Analyst 2	Water quality sampling/analysis.
Rodney Randall	Boat Captain	RV John Dempsey CTDEEP WQ Monitoring
Christine Olsen	Environmental Analyst 2	Water quality sampling/analysis. (80%)
Harry Yamalis	Environmental Analyst 2	Coordinates habitat restoration plans/projects in CT.
<u>NYSDEC</u>		
Cassandra Bauer*	LIS Coordinator	Coordinates overall LIS program in New York
Steven McCague	NYSDEC MS4 Engineer	Develops plans for MS4 support to communities
<u>NY Sea Grant</u>		
Amy Mandelbaum	NY Outreach Coordinator	Develops and implements communications plans and public information/education program in NY.
Karen Palmeri	Administrative Support	Supports Extension Specialist. (33%)
<u>NEIWPCC</u>		
Robert Burg	LISS Outreach Coordinator	Coordinates the overall LISS communications program
Susy King	Director of Water Quality Programs	Oversees NEIWPCC's partnership with LIS program, sits on LISS Management Committee on behalf of Ron Poltak, NEIWPCC's Executive Director. (10%)
Emily Bird	Environmental Analyst I	Overall LIS coordination within NEIWPCC and TMDL support.
Victoria O'Neill	NYSDEC Habitat Restoration Coordinator	Coordinates habitat restoration plans/projects in the New York portions of the LIS watershed.
<u>CTSEA</u>		
Judy Preston	CT Outreach Coordinator	Provides PI&E support and coordination in CT (70%)
<u>NOAA [FY 12-13 Funded]</u>		
Dr. Jason Krumholz	Ecologist	Supports LIS water quality and fisheries data.
<u>USFWS [FY13-14 Funded]</u>		
Georgia Basso	Fish & Wildlife Biologist	Supports LIS habitat restoration program.

* will be funded from state match in FY2014

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2014 Budget Summary by Organization
April 17, 2014**

Organization & Base Program Activity	2014	2014	2014
	Final	Required Match	Actual Match
1. EPA Long Island Sound Office	\$91,720	\$0	\$0
a. Office administration and operating expenses	\$4,220	\$0	\$0
b. eSound Support	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
c. LISO Administrative Support (NCOA)	\$57,500	\$0	\$0
2. CT Dept. of Environmental Protection	\$1,542,265	\$1,542,265	\$1,542,265
a. CT State Coordination	\$242,541	\$242,541	\$242,541
b. CT Habitat Coordination	\$135,076	\$135,076	\$135,076
c. LIS Water Quality Monitoring Program	\$1,109,133	\$1,109,133	\$1,109,133
d. CT River Monitoring, USGS	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
e. Sentinel Monitoring Data Warehouse Support	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
f. NOAA Plankton Survey Support	\$10,515	\$10,515	\$10,515
3. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation	\$0	\$96,910	\$96,910
a. NY State Coordination [forwarded funded 2013]	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. NY Habitat Coordination [via NEIWPCCC]	\$0	\$96,910	\$96,910
4. CT Sea Grant	\$121,939	\$13,049	\$6,049
a. CT PI&E Coordination	\$77,042	\$4,055	\$4,055
b. K-12 Mentor Teacher Program	\$37,897	\$1,995	\$1,995
c. Habitat Restoration Manual Chapters	\$7,000	\$7,000	
5. NY Sea Grant Cornell U.	\$0	\$0	\$0
a. NY PI&E Coordination [forward funded 2013]	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. K-12 Mentor Teacher Program [forward funded]	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. NEIWPCCC	\$433,601	\$129,696	\$0
a. Task 1 Outreach/Education Support/SH-PP/CC	\$218,495	\$11,500	\$0
b. Task 2 Meeting/Travel Coordination Support	\$52,985	\$52,985	\$0
c. Task 3 NYSDEC Habitat Coordination	\$96,910	-\$96,910	\$0
d. Task 4 LIS TMDL/Upper Basin Outreach Support	\$65,211	\$65,211	\$0
7. CT Sea Grant College Program	\$212,500	\$212,500	\$0
a. Connecticut Sea Grant Research Support	\$209,500	\$209,500	\$0
b. STAC Support (1 year)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
9. New York SUNY Research Foundation	\$212,500	\$212,500	\$0
a. New York Sea Grant Research Support	\$209,500	\$209,500	\$0
b. STAC Support (1 year)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
10. Enhancement Grants Program (NEIWPCCC)	\$0	\$0	\$0
a. IEC WQ Monitoring (Year 2) [Carryover \$47,840]	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Stormwater Tracking Tool [Carryover \$119,260]	\$0	\$0	\$0
11. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	\$1,263,000	\$974,091	\$974,091
a. LIS Futures Fund Large Grants	\$1,197,550	\$970,646	\$970,646
b. LIS Futures Fund Small Grants	\$65,450	\$3,445	\$3,445
12. USFWS	\$0	\$0	\$0
a. Wildlife Biologist Liaison [forward funded 2013]	\$0	\$0	\$0
13. UCONN Marine Sciences	\$78,572	\$78,572	\$0
a. WQ Monitoring Enhancements	\$78,572	\$78,572	\$0
14. NOAA Fisheries	\$142,803	\$0	\$0
a. Fisheries Biologist Liaison	\$142,803	0	0
Total:	\$4,118,900	\$3,279,583	\$2,619,315
Fiduciary Reserve:	\$20,000		
Funds Available:	\$4,118,900	Overmatch Need:	
Unallocated:	\$0		\$680,268

Long Island Sound Summary of FY2014 Grant Awards by Number

ORGANIZATION	Project Period # Months	Expires	EPA Assistance Award #	FY2014 Projected Budget
Final LIS Allocation				\$4,118,900
BASE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM:			Reserve \$	\$20,000
EPA LISO Office Tracking contract				\$30,000
a. Operations/Expenses				\$4,220
b. NCOA/EPA Administrative Support [MT]		5/31/17	Q83435101	\$57,500
SUNY RF Research 2013-18 [JS]	60	9/30/18	LI96290913	\$212,500
NFWF LIS Futures Fund 2014-19 [JS]	48	9/30/18	LI-new	\$1,263,000
CTDEEP 2014 CCMP Implementation [LON]	24	9/30/16	LI-new	\$1,542,265
NEIWPC Implementation [LON]	TBD	TBD	LI-new	\$433,601
CTSEA PI&E & Mentor Teachers [JS]	12	9/30/15	LI-new	\$121,939
CTSEA Research 2013-18 [JS]	60	9/30/18	LI96172701	\$212,500
UCONN Marine Sciences Monitoring [JS]	24	9/30/14	LI96161101	\$78,572
NOAA/EPA IA Technical Support [MT]	12	6/30/15	DW-NEW	\$142,803
TOTALS:				
BALANCE SUBTOTALS:				\$4,118,900

Region 1, Green; Region 2 Blue; IAs, HQ = Yellow; Amend= pink;
Expires = Red

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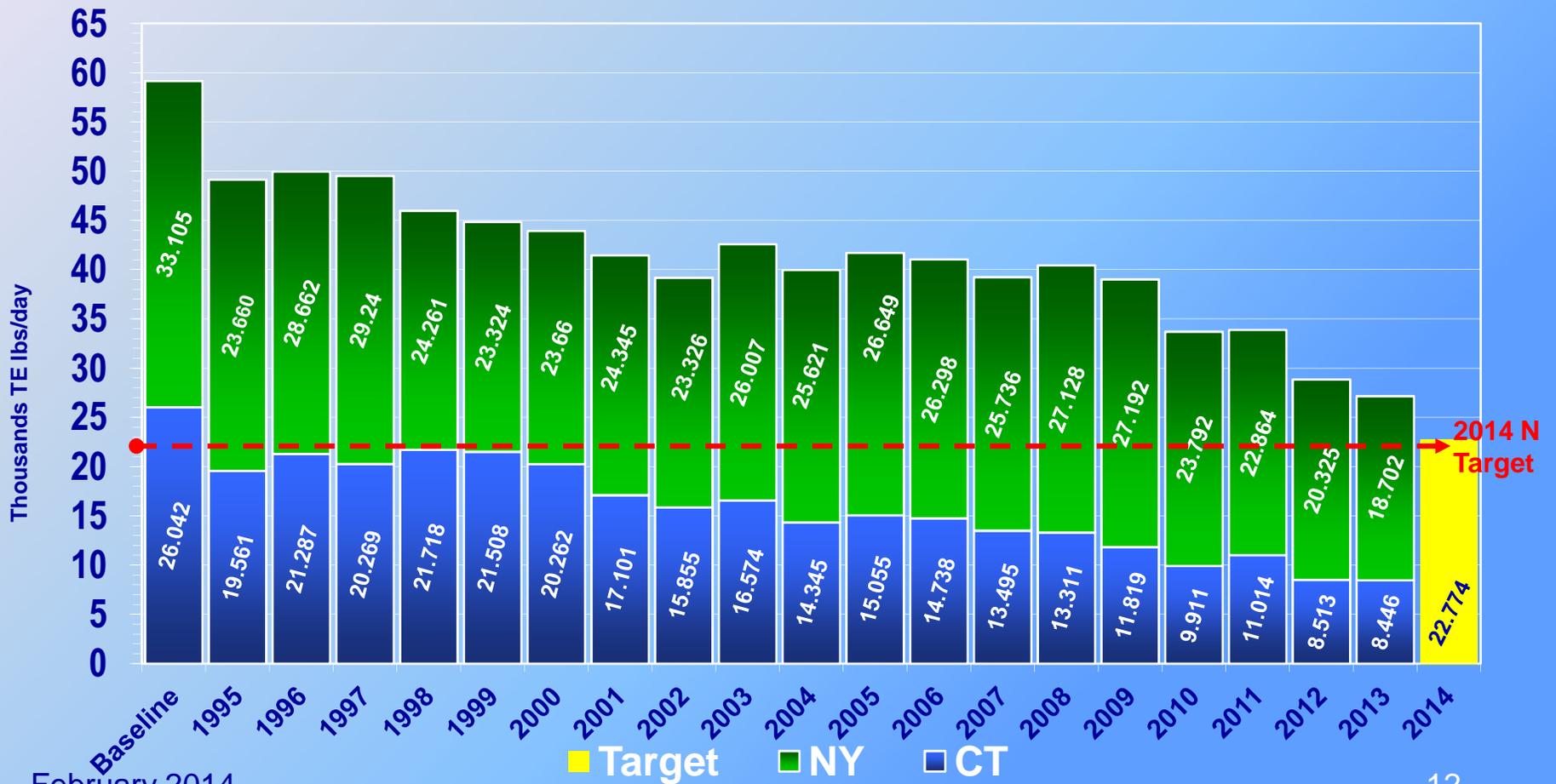
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Travel Documentation for FY2014 NEP Work Plan
 April 2013-March 2014

Meeting Date	Meeting Title	Meeting Location	Person or Committee	Cost	Total Cost Per Meeting
6/13/2013	CAC	Norwalk, CT	CAC	\$77.06	\$506.38
6/13/2013	CAC	Norwalk, CT	CAC	\$88.25	
6/13/2013	CAC	Norwalk, CT	CAC	\$86.10	
6/13/2013	CAC	Norwalk, CT	CAC	\$195.99	
6/13/2013	CAC	Norwalk, CT	CAC	\$58.98	
9/20/2013	CAC	Stony Brook, NY	CAC	\$40.68	\$173.06
9/20/2013	CAC	Stony Brook, NY	CAC	\$28.25	
9/20/2013	CAC	Stony Brook, NY	CAC	\$31.08	
9/20/2013	CAC	Stony Brook, NY	CAC	\$73.05	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$81.24	\$648.40
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$88.03	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$72.70	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$54.24	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$47.25	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$90.16	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$38.50	
12/12/2013	CAC	Bridgeport, CT	CAC	\$176.28	
1/21/2014	CCMP CT (David Miller)	Stamford, CT	CAC	\$209.76	\$209.76
3/27/2014	CAC	NYC	CAC	\$144.44	\$289.41
3/27/2014	CAC	NYC	CAC	\$130.22	
3/27/2014	CAC	NYC	CAC	\$14.75	
Total:				\$1,827.01	

LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

A PARTNERSHIP TO RESTORE AND PROTECT THE SOUND

Point Source Nitrogen Trade-Equalized Loads 1995-2013 from 106 NY/CT STPs



February 2014

Maximum Area/Duration of Hypoxia

1987-2013 (June-September)

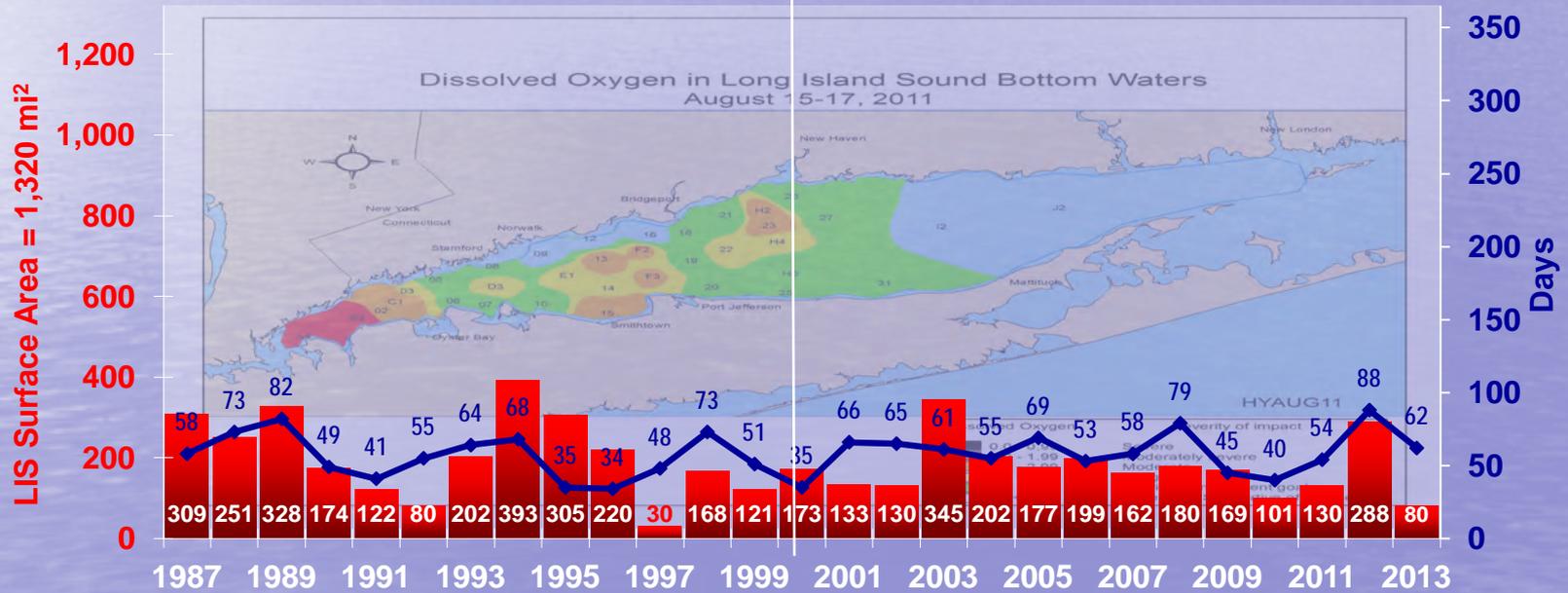
27 Year Averages: 58 days/193 mi²

Pre-TMDL Ave. Days = 56.2

Post-TMDL Ave. Days = 59.0

Pre-TMDL Area Ave. = 208 mi²

Post-TMDL Area Ave. = 176 mi²



Pre-TMDL = 1987-1999
 Post-TMDL = 2000-2013
 Hypoxia = <3.0 mg/L DO
 5 year rolling average = 153.6 mi²

■ Area of Hypoxia ◆ Duration of Hypoxia