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Long Island Sound Study Funds Community Projects

Stamford, CT, December 1, 2000 - The Long Island Sound Study announced \$70,000 in grants to fund 15 community projects throughout the Sound's watershed. The 15 grant recipients were selected from 34 proposals submitted to the Long Island Sound Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The funded projects focus on controlling nonpoint source pollution, teacher training, habitat restoration, community involvement and education, and water quality monitoring.

This is the seventh year of funding for the Long Island Sound Study Public Participation, Information, and Education Small Grants. A total of 58 projects have been funded since 1995, amounting to over \$200,000. "We are pleased that this program

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continues to attract quality projects that encourage public involvement and education around this national treasure," said Kimberly Zimmer, Sea Grant Educator and Public Outreach Coordinator for the Long Island Sound Study.

The grant recipients **in Connecticut** include the Bruce Museum, Clam Watch 2000, Connecticut Sea Grant, Fort Saybrook Monument Park Association, National Audubon Society, Nature Center for Environmental Activities, Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, Save the Sound, and SoundWaters. **New York** grant recipients include the American Littoral Society, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, Long Island University, Trout Unlimited, and the Westchester County Planning Department (2 projects). (A description of the projects is attached.)

Mark Tedesco, Director of the EPA Long Island Sound Office said, "This program brings educators, civic groups, government officials, businesses, environmental organizations, and private citizens together to work toward a common goal, restoring the health of Long Island Sound."

Another request for proposals will go out during the summer of 2001. All are encouraged to apply. Anyone interested in being placed on the Long Island Sound Study Small Grants mailing list should contact Kimberly Zimmer at the New York Sea Grant Extension office at (631) 632-9216 or visit the Long Island Sound Study website at www.epa.gov/region01/eco/lis/ for more information.