

**Long Island Sound Study  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Morrison & Foerster Law Firm, New York, NY  
Meeting Summary**

**Welcome, Housekeeping & Logistics**

Nancy Seligson, *Town of Mamaroneck* and the *NY Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)* Co-chair welcomed the group at approximately 10:00am. A quorum of approximately 24 CAC members was present. Nancy asked about the CAC's participation in the Long Island Sound Study's (LISS) work groups. Chantal Collier, *The Nature Conservancy Connecticut*, said that it would be helpful if the CAC received summaries of the work groups' progress at CAC meetings or via email.

**Updates**

***EPA Nitrogen Strategy***

Mark Tedesco, *EPA Long Island Sound Office*, called in and gave an update on the EPA Nitrogen Strategy. He highlighted EPA's contract with TetraTech and how they working on evaluating water quality endpoints (nitrogen reduction targets). Tetra Tech will be done with their data gathering and analysis by fall 2017. Mark also highlighted the strategy's website, <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/issues-actions/water-quality/nitrogen-strategy/>, which includes a comment box so the public can provide input directly to the EPA.

***Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan***

David Berg, *Long Island Regional Planning Council (LIRPC)*, gave an update on the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP). David explained how the LINAP is a partnership between NYSDEC, LIRPC, Suffolk and Nassau counties, organizations, and municipalities with the goal of determining where nitrogen comes from and determining nitrogen reduction targets and ecological endpoints. David provided an overview of the early action items and the work being done in Suffolk and Nassau counties. He also gave an overview of the LINAP work groups that are underway and the upcoming request for proposals (RFPs) to help achieve the LINAP goals. David also said that LINAP is interested in citizen science and volunteer water quality monitoring. To learn more about LINAP, visit the NYSDEC website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/103654.html>.

***Report Card and Unified Water Study***

Tracy Brown, *Save the Sound*, gave an update on the Long Island Sound Report Card and the Unified Water Study (UWS). The 2016 Report Card was released in fall 2016 using 2015 ecological data. Report card meetings will be held in the summer and fall, and the next version will be released in 2018.

The UWS is being implemented by 12 citizen science organizations around Long Island Sound that are covering about 24 embayment areas. Comprehensive training and data coordination is being conducted by Save the Sound to assist these organizations in their monitoring programs. Plans for the "Tier 2" water quality monitoring are underway to help align future water quality monitoring efforts with the EPA, NYSDEC, and CTDEEP targets.

**Long Island Sound Priorities**

Tripp Killin and Cynthia Russell, *Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative*, led a discussion of future Long Island Sound projects that are of interest to the Citizens Advisory Committee. They would like to see a letter from the CAC listing out their top 5 priorities for funding Long Island Sound projects. Nancy Seligson proceeded to go through the CAC's October 2016 letter to the Management Committee which lists the CAC's priorities. Cynthia suggested that the CAC refer to the

Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative website to see what projects were funded in the past and to see what organizations are included in the collaborative, <http://www.lisfc.org/>.

### **Policy Committee Updates**

Adrienne Esposito, *Citizens Campaign for the Environment* and the *NY CAC Policy Committee Co-chair*, gave an overview of the Long Island Sound Caucus in the House of Representatives and how this group is trying to champion for \$10 million for Long Island Sound. The policy committee is also working on letters to the President and Congress on behalf of the CAC. Adrienne led the discussion of the April 2017 CAC trip to Washington, DC . She is working on setting up “crisis meetings” with the Long Island Sound Caucus. Interested CAC members should contact Adrienne to participate in this year’s trip.

### **Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines**

Kate Boicourt, *Waterfront Alliance*, gave a presentation on the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG). WEDG is a credit rating system for waterfronts. In the Long Island Sound watershed, WEDG work is underway in the Bronx community board #9. For additional information on this program, visit <http://waterfrontalliance.org/what-we-do/waterfront-edge-design-guidelines/>.

### **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30pm. The next CAC meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> in CT.

For additional information on the CAC, visit: <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/about/committees/citizens-advisory-committee/>