

Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Work Group
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – Meeting Summary



A recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/ldr.php?RCID=3d337b586490bcd3820bbba0f207dc82>

Welcome and Roll Call

- A total of 52 people attended the meeting. Roll call: Bill Lucey (Save the Sound/Soundkeeper); Victoria O’Neill (NEIWPC/NYSDEC/LISS); Harry Yamalis (CTDEEP/LISS); Alex Krofta (Save the Sound); Benjamin Maher (Audubon NY); Juliana Barrett (UConn/CT Sea Grant); Robert Doscher (Westchester County); Jimena Perez-Viscasillas (NY Sea Grant/LISS); Kathleen Fallon (NY Sea Grant); Patrick Comins (Connecticut Audubon Society); Emily Hall (Seatuck Environmental Association); David Kozak (CTDEEP); Shelby Casas (Audubon NY); Heather Johnson (Friends of the Bay); Cayla Sullivan (EPA/LISS); Suzanne Clary; Elisabeth Treseder; Scott Lundin (Equinor); Debbie Friedman; Michelle Fogarty; Lynn Dwyer (NFWF); Julia Lewis; Nancy Barr; Ruth Waler; Patti Capparelli; Allison Fitzgerald (NYNJ Baykeeper); Jasmine Benitez (Rocking the Boat); Kevin Dahms (Biohabitats); Jim Murac (SLR); Christian Murphy (Rocking the Boat); Abigail Bezruczyk; Haley Yladitsch; Alison Verkade (NOAA); Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe; Jamie Ong (NYC Parks); Angela Schimizzi (NYSDEC); Cassie Bauer (NYSDEC); Danielle Bissett (Billion Oyster Project); Carolyn Khoury (Billion Oyster Project); Jake Labelle (Wildlife Conservation Society); Susan Filipowich; Megan Raymond; Peter McCartt (Westchester County); Tiare Fridrich (NYSDEC); David Carey (TNC); Paul Stacey (Footprints in the Water); Chantal Collier (TNC); Suzanne Paton (USFWS); Kris Mielenhausen
- Alex Krofta
- Patrick

Topic Ideas for 2021 Meetings

- Artificial reefs (overlap with oyster reef and living shorelines)
- Need information on making living shoreline features more accessible to underserved communities.
- More information on the new NERR in CT.
- CT State of the Birds report-perhaps topics in that report that might be suitable for a future meeting.
- More presentations on climate change impacts on LIS, not just SLR impacts. Include presentations on storms and warming.
- Updates on the sand lance and other forage fish.

- Incorporating more environmental justice projects into the meetings. This could be a meeting focused on different examples of projects that have done this effectively, meaning really working closely with the community, such as involving them in the design, implementation, monitoring, etc. of the project. This would complement current LISS efforts to develop a formalized EJ Workgroup.