

# 2006 Long Island Sound Policy Committee Agreements



The Policy Committee met on Sept. 28, 2006 at the Jay Heritage Center, a National Historic Landmark, to sign several agreements to benefit Long Island Sound. The Jay Heritage Center is adjacent to Marshlands Conservancy, one of LISS's 33 inaugural stewardship areas established by the Policy Committee. (Photo: Ben Mosse)

The Policy Committee of the Long Island Sound Study (LISS), consisting of the environmental commissioners for the states of Connecticut and New York, and the area regional administrators of the US Environmental Protection Agency, met on Sept. 28, 2006 to establish the inaugural areas of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, develop guidelines to disburse \$6 million in research as part of a cross sound cable fund; and to update strategies to fulfill the objectives of the cleanup plan for Long Island Sound.

The Committee, which oversees, LISS's [Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan](#), met at the Jay Heritage Center in Rye, New York to sign the following agreements:

- [Resolution of LISS Policy Committee Concerning Long Island Sound Stewardship](#) – includes identifying 33 inaugural stewardship areas.
- [Memorandum of Understanding on Restoration of Coastal Habitats of Long Island Sound](#) – agreement to restore 300 acres of coastal habitats and 50 miles of passage for fish to travel from the brackish waters of the Sound to freshwater rivers by 2011.
- [Establishment of the Cross Sound/1385 Cable Settlement Fund](#)
- [Resolution of the LISS Policy Committee Concerning the Nitrogen Reduction Plan for Long Island Sound](#)

The Policy Committee members attending the Sept 28 meeting were: Robert W. Varney, EPA Region 1 Administrator (New England states) Alan J. Steinberg, EPA Region 2 Administrator, (New York, New Jersey, and Caribbean) Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of CT Dept. of Environmental Protection, and Denise M. Sheehan, Commissioner of the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation.