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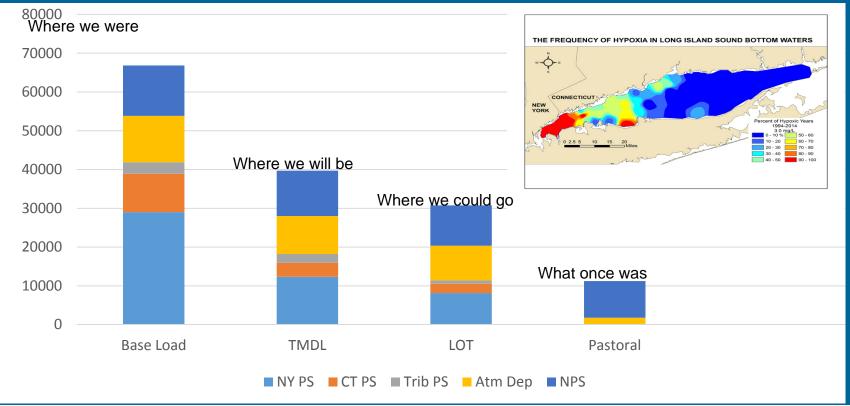
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Nitrogen Loading to Long Island Sound



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LIS Monitoring Plan Goals

- 1) Measure the effectiveness of the management actions and programs implemented under the CCMP.
- 2) Provide essential information that can be used to redirect and refocus the CCMP during implementation.
- Inform and facilitate research and modeling efforts by providing a suite of baseline data on spatial and temporal variability of environmental conditions.

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Desired Attributes

- 1. Have clear goals and objectives that are articulated as questions that are meaningful to the public and that provide the basis for scientific investigation.
- 2. Include only what is needed so that the likelihood of being sustained during difficult budget times will be enhanced.
- 3. Take full advantage of existing monitoring programs, including opportunities for citizen science.
- 4. Generate a long-term commitment, one designed to answer key questions and to test key hypotheses.
- 5. Take full advantage of new technologies and methodologies as they become available, while doing everything possible to make new observations compatible with historical data.
- 6. Pay as much attention to data management, synthesis, analysis, integration, and transformation into information as to data collection.
- 7. Develop and sustain a rich array of informational products that are carefully tailored to the special needs and interests of different constituencies.