

**Nitrogen Coordination Work Group  
Online Meeting  
Thursday, January 7, 2021 – Meeting Summary**



**Welcome and Roll Call**

- Meeting began shortly after 1pm. Attendees included:
  - Mark Parker, CTDEEP
  - Kelly Streich CTDEEP
  - Vicky O’Neill, NYSDEC/NEIWPC
  - Casey Personius, NYSDEC
  - Julia Socrates, NYSDEC
  - Koon Tang, NYSDEC
  - Susan Van Patten, NYSDEC
  - Leah O’Neill, EPA
  - Nikki Tachiki, EPA
  - Mark Tedesco, EPA
  - Jim Ammerman, LISS/NEIWPC
  - Richard Friesner, NEIWPC
  - Audra Martin, NEIWPC

**Work Group Discussion Topics:**

*One of the discussion topics listed by this group was to share agency direction, both long- and short-term, and increase coordination between the states on activities of mutual interest.*

*Below are some suggested discussion topics provided by staff from CT & NY, but our purposes is to provide a venue to state-to-state discussion and other topics are welcome.*

Discussion topics:

- 1) Review of LISS Enhancement Proposals of particular interest for CT and NY staff.
  - a) Discussion of \$30.4M in funding plus \$700K from National Estuary Program. Brief discussion of the match associated with this and the opportunity for overmatch from the states. Expecting to need \$25-\$27M in aggregate match.
- 2) The coming period of time is an opportunity to take a second and see if there are any gaps in projects, areas, etc. in the base or enhancement proposals. What might some of these areas be?
  - a) Data management. Reference to the various efforts: Suffolk County, Save the Sound, LIQUID, USGS.
    - i) Could USGS connect various data sets into a single interface?
    - ii) Brief discussion of proposal #44 for open source data project.

- iii) Emerging contaminants and resilient communities, both are large requests, do they fulfill the gaps?
  - iv) Tracking tool-additional funding. Is the equivalent of Chesapeake Bay's tool where LISS wants to go?
  - v) Modeling work. SPARROW model new proposal.
    - (1) How modeling efforts use existing work or are overlapping?
- 3) Other topics can be added during the meeting.
- a) A forthcoming ES&T paper on prioritization and management funded by LISS is worth the read and Mark Tedesco will share with the group when publically available.

**Meeting Schedule:**

At our last meeting we discussed a work group meeting preceding each management committee meeting. Does this still hold true?

- Next I-Team meeting is slated for 3/18 and Management Committee meeting that follows is April 15.
  - o Propose to meet again in early April.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm.