



# Nitrogen Coordination Work Group

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## Summary

**Long Island Sound Study  
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Meeting attendees:**

Jim Ammerman, LISS/NEIWPCC  
 Cassie Bauer, NYSDEC  
 Jordan Bishop, NEIWPCC  
 Tim Clear, VTDEC  
 Emma Coffey, CTDEEP  
 Richard Friesner, NEIWPCC (facilitator)  
 Michele Golden, NYSDEC  
 Sarah Healy, NYSDEC/NEIWPCC  
 Erin Holmes, NHDES  
 Shauna Kamath, NYSDEC  
 Kathleen Knight, CTDEEP  
 Ester Nelson, EPA  
 Vicky O'Neill, NYSDEC/NEIWPCC  
 Harvey Pine, NHDES  
 Judith Sears Houston, NHDES  
 Kelly Streich CTDEEP  
 Elizabeth Tanzi, EPA  
 Mark Tedesco, EPA  
 Susan Van Patten, NYSDEC  
 Vivian Felten, NRCS

**Nitrogen Coordination Work Group (NCWG)  
October 5, 2023, 1pm-2:30pm, Meeting Agenda**

1pm	<b>Welcome/Introductions/Logistics</b>	Richard Friesner
1:05pm	<p><b>NRCS + Upcoming/Ongoing Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivian presented about her work at NRCS along with ongoing and upcoming projects. Connecting farmers to USDA programs.</li> <li>• FY23-25 approx. 18 nutrient management plans completed</li> <li>• FY23: 100 soil erosion plans on target to complete.</li> <li>• State contacts for NRCS. NEIWPCC can support meeting setup if states need help. <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/priorities/equity/state-outreach-coordinators">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/priorities/equity/state-outreach-coordinators</a></li> <li>• If your state would like a similar program setup to support farmers with LISS funding please let us know.</li> </ul>	Vivian Felten (invited)

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The Nitrogen Coordination Work Group (NCWG) is an opportunity to coordinate nitrogen reduction efforts across the entire Long Island Sound (LIS) watershed with state staff and support from Long Island Sound Study (LISS) partners to coordinate ongoing nitrogen reduction efforts in the LISS area.

1:25pm	<p><b>LISS Work Group - Work Plan Discussion Items</b></p> <p>#1 WW-14 Support collaborative and inclusive development of new and updated restoration/protection plans for Connecticut and New York embayment sub-watersheds with pollution load reduction targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LISS should fund the development, identification, and appropriate maintenance of 9 Element Watershed Plans and other planning documents that will allow LISS to provide financial and other support for implementation activities over the longer-term.</li> </ul> <p>Priority Areas for watershed planning will be collected from the states and provided to NFWF/LISFF for future funding focus areas. VT and NH have 5-yr priority plans in place, LISFF/NFWF could be a source of funding to support implementation.</p> <p>#2 WW-13 <b>Improve efficiency and resiliency of existing/new waste treatment systems including septic, WWTF and stormwater infrastructure to be resilient to sea level rise, storm surge, and intense storms and flooding.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NCWG continues to support advancements relative to this IA to facilitate implementation of improvements to onsite wastewater treatment systems located in coastal areas of the LIS watershed</li> <li>LISS should direct infrastructure funds to specific areas based on need and benefit.</li> </ul> <p>The work group will communicate and encourage proposals for this implementation Action as they come up.</p> <p>#3 WW-26 Improve the permitting and certification process for new aquaculture projects with products intended for human consumption, particularly those projects with a bioextraction focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A priority for the NCWG that deserves additional funding and status in the FFY 2024 LISS work plan and budget.</li> <li>It is noted that this IA should be advanced by the LISS Bioextraction Coordinator, and the position be funded into the future.</li> </ul> <p>It was suggested that we identify specific projects (where to focus) additional funds. What is the best way to go about this with the states? What can the Sea Grant programs tell us about this?</p>	All as appropriate
2:05pm	<p><b>Other Topics for Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-day Management Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expectations. 1 part CCMP, 1 part EJ, 1 part budget</li> <li>Preparations in advance of the meeting</li> <li>Other thoughts/topics</li> </ul> </li> <li>NYS Nitrogen Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N Smart Communities Phase II</li> <li>In Season N Testing for Farmers</li> <li>Agricultural Fertilizer BMPs Educational Campaign</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All as appropriate
2:25pm	<p><b>Meeting Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meetings</li> </ul>	Richard Friesner

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Shall we continue our Thursday afternoon sessions into 2025? <a href="#">Yes we will keep the same cadence and timing.</a></li><li>○ We have been trying to meet between the I-Team and Management Committee meetings.</li></ul> |  |
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