

Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Work Group
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – Meeting Summary



A recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZwvrVYd4G7xwZYDc5CS8IBoLiNwu4u5b/view?usp=sharing>

Time stamps for the individual presentations and discussions will be noted below.

Meeting transcript can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/14hmC7nLua_Tp0O2ByBz_NIb198fU26-i/view?usp=drive_link

**I'm uncertain if the meeting's chat box is available for viewing by all meeting participants. Therefore, I'll be including some of the links that were posted to the chat in the meeting notes below.

Meeting Attendees – A total of 49 people attended the meeting; please let us know if we missed your name

Beth Amendola, Audubon Connecticut	Todd Levine, CT SHPO
Jim Ammerman, LISS Science Coordinator	Bill Lucey, Save the Sound
Heather Amster, NYSDEC	Katie Lund, CT NERR
Juliana Barrett, CT Sea Grant	Megan Lung, Save the Sound
Alexis Canney, NYC Parks	Jeff Main, Westchester County-Conservation
David Carey, CT Dept of Ag - Aquaculture	Jack Matthias, Audubon Connecticut
Jonathan Clough, Warren-Pinnacle	Vicky O'Neill, National Audubon Society
Emma Coffey, CTDEEP	Damon Oscarson, GEI Consultants
Margaret Cozens, CT Sea Grant	Owen Placido, CT Sea Grant
Sarah Crosby, The Maritime Aquarium	Jimena Perez-Viscasillas, NY Sea Grant
Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, Audubon Connecticut	Danielle Perry, NOAA
Alexa Fournier, NYSDEC	Jean Pillo, Eastern CT Conservation District
Katie Friedman, Save the Sound	Sara Powell, LISS SRC Extension Professional
Xochitil Garcia, Save the Sound	Sarah Schaefer-Brown, NY Sea Grant
Lilit Genovesi, NY Sea Grant	Sarah Schechter, CT Sea Grant
Tessa Getchis, CT Sea Grant	Angela Schimizzi, NYSDEC
Mindy Gosselin, CTDEEP	Cayla Sullivan, EPA
Megan Granato, Town of Groton	Nikki Tachiki, EPA LISO
Ellen Hartig, NYC Parks	Tim Visel, The Sound School (retired)
Elizabeth Hornstein, NYSG/LISS	Laura Wildman, Save the Sound
Gavin Jackson, CTDEEP	Abbie Winter, CTDEEP
Jane Jackson, North Shore Land Alliance	Paul Woodworth, Save the Sound
Alex Krofta, Save the Sound	Harry Yamalis, CTDEEP
Jason Krumholz, CT NERR	Brian Yellen, UMass
DeAva Lambert, CTDEEP	

Time stamps for the individual presentations and discussions:

01:54 NY Marsh Conservation Viewer and Planning Project, Phase 2.
[Jonathan Clough](#), Warren Pinnacle Consulting – provided an update on a marsh viewer – utilizing SLAMM (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model) data to assist managers in NY State with planning for sea level rise and marsh migration. Some of the posted links are:

Viewer: <https://warrenpinnacle.com/LIMaps>

Mattituck Plan: <https://tinyurl.com/MattituckPlan>

Westchester Plan: <https://tinyurl.com/WestchesterPlan>

Stony Brook Harbor: https://warrenpinnacle.com/prof/SLAMM/NEIWPC/Stony_Brook_Harbor_10-12-2023_clean.pdf

Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor:

https://warrenpinnacle.com/prof/SLAMM/NEIWPC/Oyster_Bay_Cold_Spring_Harbor-10-19-23.pdf

Glen Island Park: https://warrenpinnacle.com/prof/SLAMM/NEIWPC/Glen_Island_Document_10-10-2023.pdf

- 41:20 Creating a habitat restoration plan for the State of Connecticut and (51:20) ranking criteria system for coastal land acquisition.
[Mindy Gosselin](#), CTDEEP – Land & Water Resources Division – back to back presentations on developing a coastal habitat restoration plan for Connecticut DEEP with ranking criteria for potential habitat restoration sites (primarily tidal marshes) that are currently in a working database, as well as doing many of the same tasks for potential coastal acquisition sites. Work is being done through a NOAA Capacity Grant awarded to CTDEEP.
- 1:02:40 Timeline for Updating Connecticut’s Open Space Acquisition Strategy (Green Plan).
[Mindy Gosselin](#), CTDEEP – Land & Water Resources Division, on behalf of [Lindsay Suhr](#), CTDEEP – Land Management Division – a status update on progress toward the state’s goal of preserving 21% of Connecticut’s land area as public open space; and an overview of the 2025 update to the [Connecticut Green Plan](#).
- 1:10:40 Timeline for Updating New York’s Open Space Conservation Plan.
[Heather Amster](#), NYS DEC – update on NYS’s Open Space Conservation Plan (the first in about 9 years).
- 1:30:00 North Shore Land Alliance land protection and stewardship.
[Jane Jackson](#), North Shore Land Alliance – a detailed introduction to the North Shore Land Alliance’s projects and success stories, along with a few educational programs that are available to the public (some may be free of charge).
- 2:27:00 Meeting Adjourned

You can use the time stamps above to quickly locate each presentation / discussion. Email links are there so that you can quickly contact the presenters to ask any additional questions that you may have.

The dates for the 2024 quarterly HRSWG meetings will be selected and shared with everyone very soon. If you have ideas for meeting/presentation topics, meeting locations and/or field trips, or any questions or suggestions at all, please let us know at your earliest convenience.