



Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Work Group

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Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Work Group Virtual Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Meeting Summary

[Meeting video recording](#)

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Meeting Participants (48):

Casey Abel, USEPA/LISS
 Elizabeth Amendola, Audubon Connecticut
 Jim Ammerman, LISS
 Samantha Apgar, USFWS
 Shahela Begum, Restore America's Estuaries
 Todd Bobowick, USDA NRCS (CT)
 Jessica Cañizares, TNC
 Alexis Canney, NYC Parks
 David Carey, CTDOA/BOA
 Shelby Casas, Audubon Connecticut
 Timothy Clark, TNC
 Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, Audubon Connecticut
 Xochitl Garcia, Save the Sound
 Lillit Genovesi, NY Sea Grant
 Mindy Gosselin, CTDEEP
 Anya Grondalski, LISS
 Emily Hadzopoulos, TNC
 Mitch Hartley, USFWS
 Min Huang, CTDEEP
 Gavin Jackson, CTDEEP/CT NERR
 Allison Joers, NYSDEC
 Kate Knight, CTDEEP
 Alison Kocek, USFWS
 Alex Krofta, Save the Sound

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 Katie Lund, CT NERR
 Megan Lung, Save the Sound
 Jack Matthias, Audubon Connecticut
 Jonathan Morrison, USGS
 Esther Nelson, USEPA/LISS
 Damon Oscarson, GEI Consultants, Inc.
 Suzanne Paton, USFWS
 Sabrina Pereira, NOAA NMFS GARFO
 Danielle Perry, NOAA NMFS
 Owen Placido, CT Sea Grant
 Todd Randall, USACE
 Samantha Rowland, The Maritime Aquarium
 Ron Rozsa, Coastal Ecologist
 Jonah Saitz, USFWS
 Samarra Scantlebury, NYSDEC
 Cayla Sullivan, USEPA
 Christine Suter, Friends of the Bay
 Jim Turek, NOAA NMFS GARFO (RI)
 Tim Visel, The Sound School (retired)
 Laura Wildman, Save the Sound
 Abbie Winter, CTDEEP
 Paul Woodworth, Save the Sound
 Harry Yamalis, CTDEEP

Presentations:

Time stamp	Topic	Presenter
20:16	CT SLAMM 3.0	Gavin Jackson, CTDEEP/CT NERR
SLAMM Viewer at CT ECO		
58:00	Lidar Mapping of CT Salt Marshes	Min Huang, Migratory Bird Program Leader, CTDEEP
1:28:13	Leetes Island and other LISS restoration project updates	Harry Yamalis, Habitat Restoration Coordinator, CTDEEP
2:03:25	Hammonasset Beach Restoration Project	Jack Matthias, Audubon Connecticut

Additional Announcements

Coastal Perspectives Lecture Series	A Tale of Two Estuaries	February 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
Fly Tying at Badsons Brewery	Trout Unlimited	Wednesday, Feb 21 at 7:00 PM (EST)
2024 Long Island Sound River Restoration Network Agencies and Funders Convening	Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY	Thursday, Feb 22 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Habitat Restoration Project Priorities Selection Criteria	Mindy Gosselin , CTDEEP	We're creating a selection criteria for habitat restoration projects that CTDEEP has funding through LISS/EPA BIL. Please complete the form and include any other ideas of any criteria that should be added to the draft criteria.
Long Island Sound Research Conference	May 15, 2024	Submission Deadline: March 15, 2024