



**Sustainable and Resilient Communities Work Group Meeting
February 13, 2024 1:00-3:00 pm**

Attendees:

Sara Powell	Esther Nelson	Nancy Balcom
Sarah Schaefer-Brown	Harry Yamalis	Nancy Seligson
Sarah Schechter	Jennifer Street	Nicole Govert
Deb Visco Abibou	Jessica LeClair	Owen Placido
David Kozak	Jimena Perez-Viscasillas	Rebecca Shuford
Alexa Fournier	Kathleen Fallon	Samarra Scantleberry
Anthony Allen	Kathy Bunting-Howarth	Sarah Watson
Brian Thompson	Kris Masterson	Shahela Begum
Cayla Sullivan	Kristen Laccetti	Shauna Kamath
Derek Betts	Liv Herdman	Sue Van Patten
Elizabeth Tanzi	Marcy Balint	Sylvain DeGuise
		Victoria O'Neill

1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions – Sylvain De Guise

- Collect any feedback on [November 14th, 2023 meeting summary](#)

1:05 PM LIS Resilience Resource Hub Launched – Deb Visco Abibou

- Monthly updates will need to happen to the Resource Hub to keep it updated, but the SRC Team will be able to handle those.
- Received feedback from 25 individuals and are now applying those comments/edits to finalize the Resource Hub.
- Press release has been drafted and a promotion plan is set.
- Shared a demo of the soon to be released Resource Hub.
- Nancy Seligson asked for a demo at the March 14 CAC meeting.
 - SRC Team responded that someone from the team will be available to present.
- There was positive feedback in the chat on the new Resource Hub.

1:20 PM Update: Long Island Sound Resilience Opportunities – Sarah Schaefer-Brown

- [LIS Resilience Planning Support Program](#) RFEI & RFQ
 - Sarah provided updates, description, and timeline of the program.
 - The Planning Support Program is addressing needs found during the first round of the Grant Writing Assistance Program.



- Question in the chat about how much money goes to each consultant?
 - There is a fixed amount that NYSG and CTSG have allocated to support the consultants, but determinations on how much funding will go to each consultant will be evaluated based on the consultant proposals.
- Question in the chat about why were there more from NY vs CT?
 - Sarah responded that she does not know for certain, but can assume from experience in Nassau and Suffolk there are smaller municipalities in NY that needed the planning support.
- Nicole Govert asked in the chat about what towns in Eastern CT applied and what are the details of the projects?
 - Sarah Schecter will follow up with Nicole about projects/EasternCT projects.
- [LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance](#) RFP
 - Sarah provided updates, description, and timeline of the program. Noted that there is a smaller amount of applications in the 2nd round, but anticipate an influx when the LISFF is released.
 - Noted there could be improvements in promotion.

1:30 PM

Recap 2023 Events & Annual Workshop/Plans for 2024 – Sara Powell

- Sarah Schaefer-Brown and Sara Powell provided an update on Westchester and Nassau County field trips that were part of the fall Resilience Series.
- 2023 Annual workshop held on 12/7/23 - 192 attendees
- Regional funding workshops planned for spring 2024
 - Groton, CT: March 7
 - Bridgeport, CT: March 21
 - Long Island: TBD - hopefully March 28
 - Westchester: February 29 (with NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis's office)
- Identified two weeks in December that would work for 2024 Annual Workshop - Dec 2-6 or 9-13

1:40 PM

LISS CCMP Revision

- Present plans for Revision Timeline & SRC Goal Writing Team (Sara Powell)
 - Vision and Mission Statements, and values shared
 - Updates on changing the organizational structure



- 4 goals
- 3-5 Objectives per goal
- 10-15 actions per goal
- MAX 50 actions for entire CCMP
- First writing team meeting this week (2/16)
- PollEverywhere - what is important for revised goal to include
 - Climate and Communities are the most mentioned



- Group went into Breakout Rooms (evenly split to 2) to discuss SRC Goal description and Objectives Recommendations/WG feedback (Deb Abibbou)
 - See [Jamboards link](#).
- Group shared back a summary of discussion.

2:35 PM USGS Compound Flood Risk Model updates – Kris Masterson & Liv Herdman (USGS)

- Kris shared they are documenting technical processes to define risks
- In order to release the mapper, all of the data needs to be released at the same time.
 - Sub-teams are getting everything ready to be made publically available with public articles.
 - Rainfall risk
 - Coastal Risk
 - Compound flood risk
 - ID-ing whether there is evidence of co-occurrence and the statistical significance of those correlations
 - Model archives - depth to water and groundwater emergence risk
- Release by June (public)
 - Then will have a steering committee meeting around June
 - Considering a fact sheet to explain the mapper and how to use it.



- Phase 2
 - Met with representatives in Port Jeff yesterday and will plan for a field trip to see the areas of concern.

2:50 PM Other Updates from the Work Group – Open to all

- Sarah Watson announced a CTDEEP Position is open (announced in newsletter)
 - This office will take over climate resilience fund
 - Climate planning and resilience
 - The position will focus on administering programs and going around to make things happen, compared to Sarah Watson’s job which is more in the backside of things in preparing
- Anthony Allen announced the Save the Sound position is open.
 - Ecological Restoration Team - project manager

2:55 PM Wrap up and Next Steps – Becky Shuford

- 2024 SRC WG meetings: 5/14/2024, 08/13/2024 & 11/12/2024

3:00 PM Adjourn