



AGENDA
Sustainable and Resilient Communities Work Group Meeting
August 13, 2024 1:00-3:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Sarah Schaefer-Brown	Katie Lund	Sue Van Patten
Sara Powell	Kris Masterson	Victoria Moreno
Elizabeth Hornstein	Kristen Laccetti	Victoria O'Neill
Sarah Schechter	Marty Garrell	Debbie Einhorn
Deb Visco Abibou	Nancy Balcom	
Alan Cohn	Nicole Govert	
Anthony Allen	Owen Placido	
Anya Grondalski	Rebecca Shuford	
Esther Nelson	Samarra Scantleberry	
Kathy Bunting-Howarth	Shauna Kamath	

Welcome and Introductions – Becky Shuford

- Introduced new NYCDEP work group members:
 - Debbie Eihorn - Environmental Planning Specialist, Deputy MS4 Program Manager
 - Alan Cohn - Senior Policy and Science Advisor

Program Updates – SRC Team

- LIS Resilience Planning Support Program and LIS Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program (Sarah Schaefer-Brown)
 - FY22 Grant Writing Assistance (GWA) Summary:
 - 26 applications
 - 21 awarded applications, 16 accepted awards
 - Total allocated funds: \$147,930
 - 3 of our awardees were successful with their grant applications (Nassau CCE LIS Futures Fund, ReWild LIS Futures Fund, North Shore Land Alliance NYSDEC WQIP), 12 were unsuccessful, 1 TBD
 - 20% success rate
 - Return on investment: \$3.66 to \$1
 - FY23 GWA Summary:
 - 11 applications, one still in review by SRC Team.
 - 7 awarded applications, 3 declined.



- 1 successful applicant so far (Mill River Wetland Committee - LISCIF)
 - Total allocated funds: \$60,940
 - Less applications were received in FY23. They were spread out around the region and thus far we know that 1 has been successful.
- Planning Support Program (PSP) was launched in Oct 2023 in response to the need for scoping/planning support.
 - We are currently finalizing contracts with contractors to provide support and projects have commenced or will commence over the next couple of weeks.
 - Of 28 applications, 18 moved forward to become Candidate Projects that were included in an RFQ that contractors bid on.
 - In CT, 4 projects have kicked off. A 5th project that didn't receive any initial bids is out for bids again (see slides for details).
 - In NY, 10 projects have been funded and projects will be kicking off over the next month (see slides for details).
- Met with the BDB Implementation Team on August 1 to evaluate the GWA and PSP program and discuss methods to address challenges.
 - Plans for next round of PSP - launch in December 2024, release RFQ for contractor support in Spring 2025.
 - GWA will continue, with some slight modifications, as rolling as funding remains available.
- LIS Resilience Resource Hub (Sarah Schaefer-Brown)
 - Launched this new website (<https://www.lisresilience.org/>) at the end of February to help meet our communities' needs.
 - Features a Funding Database is kept regularly updated, Case Studies, Resilience Planning Guide, Events & Trainings pages, search function helps communities find the resources that they need.
 - Have been tracking usage via Google Analytics and have reached 1,500 unique users.
 - We noted a spike in usage following an email from the Waterfront Alliance featuring the RH.
 - For page usage, aside from the homepage, the Funding Database is the most used.
 - Marty Garrell (from chat): I assume funding is continuous now from one fiscal year to the next. Is this true or are there problems that can interfere?



- Funding includes an annual maintenance contract
 - SRC Events Calendar - SRC WG members please let us know if you have any relevant trainings/events you would like posted that support the SRC WG goals.
 - We are also planning to add upcoming LISCIF trainings that are relevant.
- Training Program Plans (Sarah Schechter.)
 - Upcoming SRC events include:
 - NY Land Use Leadership Alliance Trainings (9/27, 10/4, 10/18)
 - Nassau Coastal Resilience Forum/Field Trip (10/28)
 - Suffolk Coastal Resilience Forum/Field Trip (10/29)
 - Planning a PSP Press Event (Westchester - considering Rye Town Park) & Field Trip (considering Edith Reed living shoreline) in early December.
 - Vicky O'Neill (from chat): Curious, what is the status of the Edith Reed living shoreline project? Is it in construction yet?
 - Sara Powell: I have to follow up & get the latest from Suzette at Westchester County, Vicky, but it has definitely begun & I think will be completed in early 2025.
 - CT Field Trip in early December
- 2024 Annual Workshop Plans (Sarah Schechter)
 - Annual SRC Workshop sessions that we are considering include a tools session (USGS Compound Flood Risk Model, NY Culvert Prioritization Tool, and a CT Tool), a session on SRC and other funding programs, and a session on policies & land use planning (potentially focused on community-driven relocation)
 - Looking for input on presentations/speakers:
 - Anthony Allen (from chat): We'd discussed this sometime in the past, but STS would like to do a workshop about the Road Stream Crossing Management Plan process and approach! That could be part of the annual workshop or separate -- just raising it again :)
 - Ester Nelson (from chat): Perhaps for a workshop idea, have someone from Habitat WG share about some wetlands restoration projects as connects to SRC goals. ...Just an idea.
- NYC SRC Position (Sarah Schechter)
 - Planning to add a 6th member to the SRC team who would focus on the Bronx and Queens. Please share the announcement! Applications are open until August 31st:
<https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/articles/t/job-announcement-nyc-sustai>



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LISS CCMP Revision – SRC Team (Sara Powell)

- Update on process/timeline
- Held our final SRC Writing Team meeting in mid-July. A draft version of the CCMP is now out for internal review. Next week, we will review major issues and develop a final version. The draft will then be published for public review September 3rd - November 2nd and finalized in December and approved by the Management Committee in January 2025.
- SRC Objectives & Actions (see slides for details)
 - We appreciated all of the input and feedback that this SRC WG provided.
 - We developed 3 objectives under our goal. For each we had to specify a qualitative statement and measure of success.
 - Our first Objective is centered on Informed Decision-Makers, actions are focused on providing training programs and relevant tools.
 - Our second objective focuses on Community-driven Resilience Planning and supporting the development of plans, collaboration across municipal boundaries and engagement with community members, including underserved groups.
 - Our third Objective relates to Resilience Project Implementation. The Actions relate to: Capacity, Regulations, Nature-based Solutions, Infrastructure, and Adaptive Management.
- You can provide comments from Sept 3 - Nov 2
 - Submit comments via LISoundPlan2025@gmail.com or fillable form.
 - CAC/STAC Meeting - Sept 12th in Port Jefferson
 - Public Information Sessions (virtual) on 9/10 6-8pm and 9/18 12-2pm.
 - The final draft will be posted for public comment on this webpage September 3rd:
<https://longislandsoundstudy.net/about/ccmp-revision-updates/>

USGS Compound Flood Risk Model (CFRM) updates – Kris Masterson (USGS)

- Phase 1 - Regional Study
 - Wrapping up this phase. Working to submit papers and data releases to internal USGS review (Aug/Sept timeframe).
 - Next, review comments will be addressed and submitted to journals with an open access/public review process.



- revising text in the mapper and story map to reflect the latest results/calculations.
- Live release of CFRM - In early fall with the anticipation of having Sea Grant workshop/training sessions in Nov/Dec.
- Phase 2 - Process-based Models
 - Focused on 3 particular areas using process-based models
 - Pilot was in Greenport, NY
 - Port Jefferson, NY
 - Have met with various officials - presented study to Port Jefferson Civic Association
 - Groundwater and coastal models are being refined/modified
 - Planning underway for short duration groundwater and coastal water level monitoring program
 - New Haven, CT
 - Using new SFINCS model
 - Model development in progress
 - Looking to meet with New Haven representatives. *(Deb can help connect)
- Shared slides used for meeting with Village of Port Jefferson
 - Reviewed purpose and clarified the themes and composition of the New York Water Science Center
 - Explained what Compound Flood Risk is and the goal of an integrated assessment of flood risk. Not resulting in a design, but aims to understand various scenarios and how these different systems (rain, coastal, and groundwater) interact (e.g., What the chance is of flooding if it rains and the tide is high?)
 - Better Data = Better Models
 - Building off previous USGS model, gathering local data, reviewing local knowledge
 - Developing model framework...
 - Exploring data collection opportunities. For example, automatic flood detectors are being prototyped in Syracuse for cameras attached to storm drains.

SRC Work Group 5-Year Work Plan Revision – SRC Team (Elizabeth)

- Timeline
 - Coming up on the end of Year 3 and entering Year 4
 - Reviewed overview table of Work Plan Tasks
 - Next 5-year work plan would cover October 2026 - September 2031
- Proposed Timeline & Work Group Meetings



- 11/12/2024 - kick-off revision process
- 2/11/2025 - proposing an in-person meeting
- 5/13/2025 - present/discuss draft work plan
- 8/12/2025 - finalize draft work plan, submit to EPA in Sept 2025
- 11/12/2025 - Final Work Plan, new work plan would begin
10/1/2026
- Feedback
 - Kristina Masterson noted that USGS requested an extension from a 3-year to 4-year work plan/study for CFRM and that the study is providing useful building blocks and that there is interest.
 - Elizabeth Hornstein: we can note what communities and stakeholders are saying so that we can incorporate into our new work plan. We will also need to align with the revised CCMP.
 - Kristina Masterson: In Port Jeff there were lots of questions about coastal erosion. Thinks an analysis framework could be useful.
 - Comments in Chat re: In-person meeting in Feb
 - Vicky O'Neill: Yay for inperson! I offer up the Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Center in Oyster Bay but it is a bit out of the way
 - Anthony Allen: I think generally Fairfield County is usually fairly central
 - Sara Powell: I'm happy to host in Westchester 😊 but pretty sure LI or Bridgeport will win out
 - Samarra Scantlebury: The weather in February might be dicey. Is it possible to have in May?
 - Elizabeth Hornstein: We want to be further along in the planning by then, but can consider.
 - Anthony Allen: Or someplace really accessible by the Ferry -- so BPT, Port Jeff, or New Haven. I'm game for traveling -- always good to have an excuse to explore a different part of the region!
 - Kathy Bunting-Howarth: Suggest maybe 3 in-person locations that could connect virtually?
 - Sara Powell: we could also consider meeting a little later in February to hopefully avoid bad weather... I like the idea of a poll, too :)
 - SRCs will circulate a poll to get feedback.

Other Updates from the Work Group – Open to all



- Anthony Allen: Welcomed a new coastal specialist and CT Program Management, Jake Diddis, licensed PE. Chittenden Living Shoreline project is moving forward.
- Sara Powell: Sight-seeing tours run out of Rye Playland on Aug 17th and 31st. Let Sara P know if you plan to join on the 31st!
<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/2024/07/24/rye-ny-playland-park-ferry-sightseeing-tours-to-mamaroneck/74526032007/>

Wrap up and Next Steps – Elizabeth Hornstein

- 2024 SRC WG meetings: 11/12/2024, 1-3pm
- 2025 SRC WG meetings:
 - 2/11
 - 5/13
 - 8/12
 - 11/12
- Let us know if you have any conflicts. We will plan to send out calendar holds after confirming.
 - Kathy Bunting-Howarth: NYSG state staff meeting on 5/13
 - SRCs will propose new SRC WG meetings dates.

3:00 PM Adjourn