



## The plan that guides the conservation of Long Island Sound is getting a major revision.

That means...If you live, work, or play in the Long Island Sound region, this plan could affect on-the-ground projects near you. If there are environmental challenges in your life and community that you want to make sure are addressed, let us know!

This is YOUR opportunity to help steer conservation funding decisions for the next 10 years.

## Get involved!

Sign up to be notified about the sessions at [LISstudy.net/plan](https://lisstudy.net/plan) or follow us on social media:

 @longislandsoundstudy

 @lisoundstudy

Photo credits:

Children boating  
by Rocking the Boat

Children planting  
by Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, Audubon CT

Permeable schoolyard  
by Alexa Hoyer

---

# IF YOU LIVE, WORK, OR PLAY IN THE LONG ISLAND SOUND REGION, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

---



**Long Island Sound Study**  
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

## What is the plan and why does it matter?

The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) outlines goals and steps to restore and maintain the health of Long Island Sound and its watershed (the lands and waterways that drain into the Sound). It addresses areas such as water quality, habitat and wildlife conservation, coastal resiliency, and environmental engagement and education. Multiple levels of government, academic scientists, local organizations, and regional decision makers use the plan to identify and carry out projects needed to advance these conservation areas. The CCMP is revisited every 10 years and is being revised RIGHT NOW.

## How does conservation work around the Sound get done?

Long Island Sound Study (LISS) uses the plan to guide its conservation work around Long Island Sound. LISS is a partnership dedicated to restoring and caring for the Sound and its watershed. Many NY and CT organizations collaborate in the partnership, including federal and state agencies, scientists and educators, and concerned organizations and individuals.



## What challenges and opportunities around the Sound would YOU like to see addressed?

Here is some of what we've heard so far:

- Opportunities to support current and ideal uses of the Sound such as fishing, swimming, and spending time in nature
- Limitations to access such as transportation, few access points, and safety concerns
- Environmental threats of stormwater, flooding, rising sea levels, and pollution and their links to social and infrastructure concerns
- Informational needs such as water quality health for recreation and fish consumption

*Guided by the previous CCMP, the LISS partnership has supported programs for youth such as on-the-water activities with Rocking the Boat in the Bronx, NY (left), habitat restoration like the major planting at Great Meadows Marsh in Stratford, CT (top), and green infrastructure projects such as the permeable schoolyard in Elmhurst, NY to help reduce flooding (right).*

## Want to share your thoughts? Attend an upcoming public meeting!

The revision process for this conservation plan is collaborative and will include public meetings where you can help shape what the plan will look like. In **Spring 2024**, join us to hear our plans so far and tell us what is important to you. And in **Fall 2024**, come see the draft plan and provide feedback.



## Stay connected!

Visit our webpage [LISstudy.net/plan](https://lisstudy.net/plan) (or scan the QR code) to share your thoughts, view updates, or sign up to be notified about future public meetings.



You can also email us your comments anytime at [LISoundPlan2025@gmail.com](mailto:LISoundPlan2025@gmail.com).

