



New York City and Westchester County communities are now assisted by NYSG's new Long Island Sound Study Outreach Coordinator.

NYSG Establishes a Long Island Sound Study Outreach Coordinator for NYC and Westchester County

The Long Island Sound Study (LISS), an EPA-led partner and cooperative effort involving researchers, regulators, user groups, and others, is experiencing rapid expansion. With support from New York Sea Grant (NYSG), LISS helps to implement actions, objectives, and goals focused on clean waters and healthy watersheds, thriving habitats and abundant wildlife, sustainable and resilient communities, sound science and inclusive management, as well as resilience to climate change, long-term sustainability, and environmental justice.

In October of 2021, NYSG established and filled a new LISS Outreach Coordinator's position to assist the New York City and Westchester County communities along Long Island Sound. ***This is the first time such a role has been dedicated to these two areas of the Sound.***

This new position is immediately tasked with addressing climate change resiliency and expanding community engagement. With matching funds from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP), the new coordinator is engaging the public in understanding the importance of resilient coastlines, the impacts of climate change, long-term sustainability, pollution remediation, and environmental justice. The LISS Outreach Coordinator for NYC and Westchester County is based at the NYC DEP office in Queens.

This new LISS Coordinator position compliments a similar role focused on Long Island's Nassau and Suffolk counties. Learn more at <https://longislandsoundstudy.net>.

Project Partners:

- Co-funding: New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Cornell University



Long Island Sound Study-NYC/Westchester County Outreach Coordinator Lillit Genovesi and a group of children at Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary in Rye, N.Y. Photo: Dr. Ludmilar Mesidor, DO.

“Our goal is to support and empower people in communities all around the Sound with the tools and knowledge to be environmental stewards of Long Island Sound. We are proud to partner with NYSG to increase the engagement and knowledge of residents in the far western portions of Long Island Sound.”

— Mark Tedesco, Director,
Environmental Protection Agency Long Island Sound Office

NYSG Focus Areas: Healthy NY Coastal Ecosystems, Resilient Communities & Environmental Literacy.

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