



Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$6.8 billion.

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BACKGROUND

The Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) supports efforts to test innovative approaches to conservation, deliver transformative projects, and support people and communities who value the sound and take a direct role in its future. This shared vision for the sound includes clean and clear waters, accessible shorelines, litter free beaches, abundant and diverse fish and wildlife, and resilient coastal communities. In sum, an awareness and willingness to engage in actions that will sustain the sound for generations.

Launched in 2005, the LISFF has invested \$32 million in 529 projects. With grantee match of \$49 million, the program has generated \$81 million for local and regional conservation. The projects opened 115 river miles for fish, restored 805 acres of coastal habitat; treated 201 million gallons of stormwater pollution, and educated over 4 million people.

The LISFF is delivered by a partnership — government, business, nonprofit, foundation, and university — working together to restore the sound. Managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Long Island Sound Study, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A road map guiding LISFF is the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. This plan includes three cross-cutting principles that inform activities supported by LISFF: resilience to climate change, sustainability, and environmental justice; and four themes:

- **Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds:** Improve water quality by reducing contaminant and nutrient loads from the land and the waters impacting the sound.
- **Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife:** Protect and restore the sound's ecological balance to benefit people and the natural environment in a healthy, productive, and resilient state.
- **Sustainable and Resilient Communities:** Support vibrant, informed, and engaged communities that use, appreciate, and help protect the sound; and enhance environmental and community resilience and sustainability.
- **Sound Science and Inclusive Management:** Deliver efficient and effective management of the sound that is inclusive, adaptive, innovative, and accountable.



The Futures Fund supports efforts to restore eelgrass to improve water quality and habitat for fish.



The fund supports development of infrastructure such as this green roof at a New York City park.