



Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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FUNDING PARTNERS

- Long Island Sound Study
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative
- Avangrid Foundation

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 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.

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BACKGROUND

The Long Island Sound Futures Fund (Futures Fund) 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 Futures Fund has invested \$42 million in 570 projects. With grantee match of \$54 million, the program has generated an additional \$96 million for local and regional conservation projects. The projects have opened 115 river miles for fish passage, restored 842 acres of fish and wildlife habitat, treated 206 million gallons of stormwater pollution, and engaged 5 million people in protection and restoration of the sound.

The Futures Fund 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. Additional funding has been provided by Zoetis, Avangrid Foundation and Covanta.

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:** Improving water quality by reducing pollution from the waters that flow into and the land which surrounds the sound.
- **Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife:** Restoring coastal habitats and fostering abundant populations of fish, birds and wildlife.
- **Sustainable and Resilient Communities:** Supporting vibrant, informed, and engaged communities that use, appreciate, and help protect and sustain the sound; and enhancing its natural and community resilience.



Futures Fund supports projects to encourage people to share the shore with the Sound's shorebirds | Credit: National Audubon Society



Futures Fund supports projects to prevent pollution such as this school playground featuring green infrastructure | Credit: Trust for Public Land