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Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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

ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) works with partners to foster sustainable and impactful conservation solutions so that people and nature thrive together. Chartered by Congress in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest conservation foundation. Since its founding, NFWF has funded more than 23,300 projects that have generated a total conservation impact of \$11.3 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 \$80 million in 688 projects. This has been leveraged by \$87 million in matching contributions from grantees for a total conservation impact of \$167 million. The projects have reduced 130,000 pounds of nitrogen from entering the Sound, restored 887 acres of fish and wildlife habitat, treated 217.2 million gallons of stormwater pollution and engaged over five million people in protecting 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 Partnership, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative. Additional funding has been provided by Zoetis Foundation.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A road map guiding the Futures Fund is the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. This plan includes four goals:

- **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.
- **Informed and Engaged Public:** Inspire and empower the public to appreciate, value, and protect Long Island Sound and the waters that flow into the Sound.



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