



# NFWF

## Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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### FUNDING PARTNERS

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

### ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores our nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds.

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### BACKGROUND

The Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) invests in regional and community-based projects focused on restoration and protection of the sound.

LISFF unites federal and state agencies, foundations and corporations to achieve high-priority conservation objectives that demonstrate real, on-the-ground commitments to securing a healthy future for the Long Island Sound, and is managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Other partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Long Island Sound Study, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Long Island Futures Fund invests in on-the-ground, community-based projects that focus on on:

- **Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds:** Improving water quality by reducing nitrogen and other pollutants into ground and surface waters
- **Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife:** Reconnecting and restoring rivers and their riparian buffers, restoring coastal habitat to maintain resiliency and function, and fostering diverse, balanced and abundant populations of wildlife
- **Sustainable and Resilient Communities:** Communities that are engaged and seek to be informed, which also use, appreciate and help protect Long Island Sound
- **Urban Waters:** Empowering communities, especially under-served and distressed communities, to access, improve and benefit Long Island Sound and its urban tributaries and surrounding land.

### RESULTS

Since 2005, the Sound Futures Fund has invested \$19.6 million in 416 projects. With grantee match of \$36 million, the program has generated approximately \$55.6 million for locally based conservation. The projects have opened up 163 river miles for fish passage, restored 1,109 acres of critical fish and wildlife habitat and open space; treated 204 million gallons of pollution, removed 37,498 pounds of floatable trash, and educated and engaged 4.7 million people from communities surrounding the Sound.