

3rd Annual LISS Sustainable and Resilient Communities Workshop



Long Island Sound Study
A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound



Session #1: SRC Resilience Assistance Programs

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 10-11:30 AM

This session provided an overview of the two [Sustainable and Resilient Communities \(SRC\) Resilience Assistance Programs](#), the Long Island Sound Resilience Grant Writing Assistance Program and the Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program, and featured communities who have successfully utilized our SRC Resilience Assistance Programs to advance project plans, build capacity, and secure competitive grant funding.

View the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gnX1JBA7QM>

Contact Information & Resources for Speakers:

A Climate Resiliency Plan for Madison, CT

Erin Mannix, AICP, CAZEO, Town Planner, Town of Madison

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St. Johns Pond Conservation and Restoration Plan

Reverend Gideon L. K. Pollach, St. John's Episcopal Church

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Luke Gervase, CLM, Project Ecologist/Manager & Invasive Species Specialist, GEI

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Grant Writing Assistance to Support Public Engagement by delivering Mill River Wetland Committee's River-Lab programs in Bridgeport, CT

Jon Dilley, President, Mill River Wetland Committee

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Grant Writing Assistance to support Building Volunteer-Driven Oyster Restoration on Long Island Sound

Michael Fiorentino, Natural Resource Program Team Leader & Co-Director, Long Island Regional Clean Energy Hub, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Nassau County
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Stormwater Management through Green Infrastructure and Habitat Restoration at Shore Road Sanctuary with Funds Made Possible through the Grant Writing Assistance Program

Jane Jackson, Director of Stewardship, North Shore Land Alliance
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Growing Wildly

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SRC Assistance Program poll results

Presented by: Sara Powell

Current run (last updated Dec 18, 2024 9:16pm)

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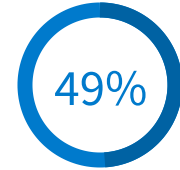
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Participants

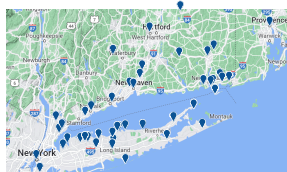
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Average responses

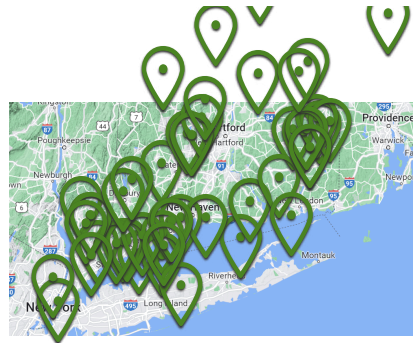


Average engagement

Where are you joining us from today?



Response options



Count Percentage



Engagement

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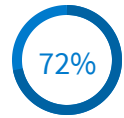
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Responses

Please indicate the sector that best represents you:

Response options	Count	Percentage
Federal or state government	6	13%
Indigenous Nation or community	0	0%
Local government	15	33%
Nonprofit/NGO	13	28%
Watershed organization	1	2%
Community group	3	7%
Consultant	5	11%
Academia	0	0%
Interested individual	3	7%



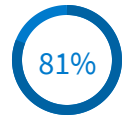
Engagement

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Responses

How familiar are you with our Assistance Programs? (Either Grant Writing or Planning Support)

Response options	Count	Percentage
Very familiar; I have either applied in the past or reviewed the Program(s) closely.	13	25%
Somewhat familiar; I know they exist but want more information on how they work.	24	46%
Not familiar at all; I only recently heard about them & am here today to learn more.	15	29%



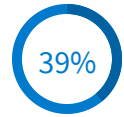
Engagement

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Responses

Given what was presented today, are you interested in taking advantage of the Grant Writing Assistance Program?

Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	12	48%
Maybe - I need more information or to consider if it is a good fit for my needs.	9	36%
No	4	16%



Engagement

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Responses

How likely are you to apply to the Planning Support Program?

Response options	Count	Percentage
Very likely - this is just what my community needs!	5	38%
Maybe - I need more information.	7	54%
Unlikely - my community doesn't need this type of support or the timing isn't right.	1	8%



Engagement

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Responses

What other types of support would be helpful?

Responses	Upvotes	Downvotes
Additional phases from planning (final design, construction etc.)	2	0
help with required match	2	0
Clear understanding of what is available	0	0



Engagement

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Responses

Native Plant Gardens

Sara Powell created at Dec 9, 2024 12:41 PM · 1 question

Responses

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Typical time spent

30 seconds

Completion rate ⓘ

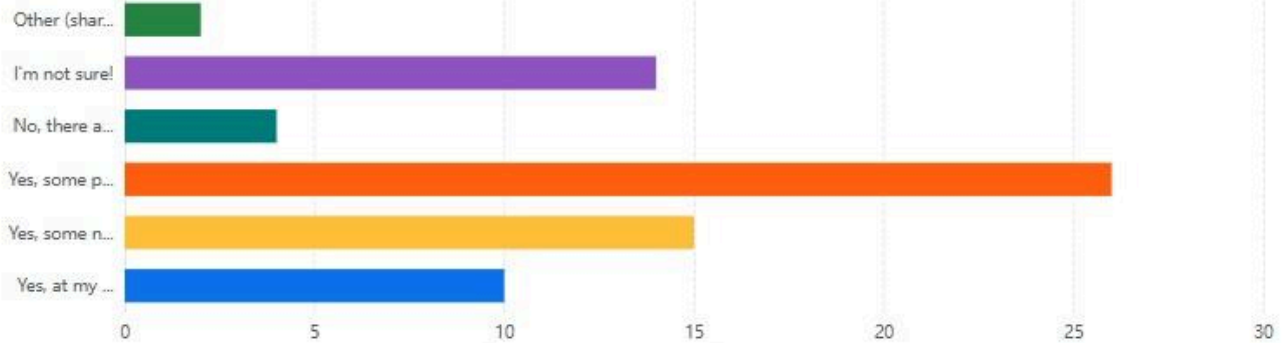
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Question summary

1. Do you have a native plant garden in your neighborhood? (Multiple choice)



(53/53) 100% answered



Options	Responses ⌵
Yes, at my house only	10/53 (19%)
Yes, some neighbors are growing natives	15/53 (28%)
Yes, some public spaces near me have native plant gardens	26/53 (49%)
No, there are only conventional plantings around me	4/53 (8%)
I'm not sure!	14/53 (26%)
Other (share in the chat)	2/53 (4%)