



# Long Island Sound Futures Fund

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## FUNDING PARTNERS

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

## 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 6,800 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of more than \$10 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 \$68 million in 673 projects. This has been leveraged by \$76 million in matching contributions from grantees for a total conservation impact of \$144 million. The projects have reduced 111,235 pounds of nitrogen from entering the sound, restored 862 acres of fish and wildlife habitat, treated 212.5 million gallons of stormwater pollution and engaged five million people in protecting and restoring 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 Foundation.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A road map guiding the Futures Fund is the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. This plan includes three cross-cutting principles that inform activities supported by the Futures Fund: resilience to a changing climate, 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.



Connecticut River emptying into the Long Island Sound



American oystercatcher