



LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

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Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Workgroup

of the Long Island Sound Study
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Henry L. Ferguson Museum
1109 Equestrian Ave
Fishers Island, NY 06390

Ferry Departs New London: 9:30am
Ferry Arrives at Fishers Island: 10:30am
Ferry Departs Fishers Island: 4:45pm
Ferry Arrives in New London: 5:45pm

*****PLEASE NOTE! TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE FERRY AND FOR THE FIELD TRIPS IS LIMITED! YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE/ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION***** Questions? Contact victoria.oneill@dec.ny.gov

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- 11:00 AM Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements
V. O'Neill / H. Yamalis / D. Kozak
- 11:15 AM Henry L. Ferguson Museum
Welcome to the Island
Elizabeth McCance, Henry L. Ferguson Museum

Overview of land use, land conservation effort
Terry McNamara, Naturalist, Henry L. Ferguson Museum
Jack Schneider, Land Trust Coordinator, Henry L. Ferguson Museum
- 11:45AM Fishers Island Conservancy
Introduction to the FIC, Parade Ground Grassland Restoration and other habitat restoration projects, sentinel monitoring program
Justine Kibbe, Island Naturalist, Fishers Island Conservancy
Ben Strong, Treasurer, Fishers Island Conservancy
- 12:30 PM Lunch
Please plan on bringing your own lunch. For those who need to buy lunch, we will pass around pre-order sheet for the News Café (around the corner from the Museum) at 10:45AM so that your lunch will be ready at 12:30pm for pick up.
- 1:00 PM Fishers Island Seagrass Management Coalition
Latest news on seagrass protection and monitoring around Fishers Island.
Chantal Collier, Director, LIS Program, TNC
Recent seagrass work and future efforts
Emily Bodell, Project Coordinator, FISMC
- 1:30 PM Nesting shorebirds and resident bats of Fishers Island
Kevin Jennings, Regional Manager, NYSDEC
- 2:00 PM Tour of Fishers Island Restoration Sites and Stewardship Areas

The Long Island Sound Study is a cooperative Federal/state Management Conference researching and addressing the priority environmental problems of the Sound identified in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The Habitat Restoration & Stewardship Workgroup is responsible for promoting the conservation, restoration, management, and appreciation of the LISS's priority coastal habitats, wildlife, and Stewardship Areas through an improved understanding of current threats and conservation priorities.

Tour includes the Parade Grounds restoration effort, Middle Farms Flats, and tour various Island habitat types

J. Schneider, E. Bodell, J. Kibbe, C. Collier, T. McNamara

2:00 Leave Museum

2:00-2:25 travel to East Harbor

2:25-2:45 East Harbor: seagrass area and discuss human impact monitoring.

2:45-3:00 travel to Middle Farms Flat

3:00-3:30 Visit Middle Farms- various habitat types and management through rotational burns

3:30-3:45 travel to parade ground

3:45-4:10 Visit Parade Grounds restoration project

4:10 Vans head back to the Ferry. Passengers can stay at the Parade Grounds for Meeting wrap-up (walk back to the ferry is 5 minutes).

4:10-4:35 Meeting wrap-up
V. O'Neill / D. Kozak

4:35 PM Adjourn