

# Peconic Estuary Partnership's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan



## Phase II Stakeholder Public Meetings

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# What is the Peconic National Estuary Program?

The Peconic National Estuary Program is a **PARTNERSHIP** of Federal, State, Local Governments, Non-Profit and Community Organizations and interested members of the public who want to be a part of preserving and restoring the waters of the Peconic Bays and the watershed.



# What are we going to achieve today



- Review purpose for revising the Peconic Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.
- Review the steps that have been taken, current status of the Plan and when it is expected to be completed.
- Summarize key milestones and outputs of the plan development process.
- Receive input on the draft management plan by section, focusing on goals, objectives and actions for each priority.

# Our process



- Overview of the Peconic Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.
  - Where the plan started
  - Plan development process
  - Common themes and issues collected during phase I of the public review process.
  - Criteria for selecting priorities, goals, and objectives
  - Outline of current plan

# Your input



- Review each of the five priority areas. For each:
  - 20 minutes per priority area
  - Present goals and objectives
  - Collect your input using comment cards
  - Comments must be provided in writing on comments card for inclusion in the written meeting summary

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Comments: Objective: Action:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)



Our job today is to

**Listen...**



# Peconic Estuary Partnership

*Protecting & Restoring Long Island's Peconic Bays*

## **Our Mission**

*To Protect and Restore the Peconic Estuary and It's Watershed*

## **Our Vision**

*A successful partnership dedicated to restoring clean water, protecting and enhancing vibrant ecosystems and communicating sound science for nature-based coastal planning in the Peconic Estuary and its watershed.*

## **Our Core Values**

**Sound Science**, **Strong Partnerships**, **Community Leadership**, **Effective Communication**



# What is the 2020 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan?

This is the **STRATEGY** for  
how we will achieve our goals  
over the next ten years.





# Where We Began in 2018...

## We began with new Priorities:

- Nitrogen Load Reduction
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Habitat Restoration
- Regional Consensus
- Others
  - Coastal Resiliency
  - Citizen Science
  - Environmental Justice
  - Trash Free Waters

## We held:

- six public meetings,
- five partner workshops;

We collated rolling comments via our on-line system, AND

We established the priorities for the next ten years.



# Planning Process



- Strategy Development - COMPLETE ✓
- Stakeholder Input Phase I – COMPLETE ✓
  - Six Public Meetings
  - Five Partner Workshops
- Write 1<sup>st</sup> Draft CCMP - COMPLETE ✓
  - Includes Management and Policy Committee Review
  - Includes Public Comments
- Write Final Draft CCMP - COMPLETE ✓
- Institutional Review of Final Draft CCMP – On-Going
- Stakeholder Input Phase II – On-Going
- Incorporate ALL Review Comments and Stakeholder Input for

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# Common Themes from Phase I Input



- Who is the PEP? What do they do exactly?
- How will we track our progress?
- Ground water and surface waters are interlinked and thus drinking water as well – need to address all of these.
- Climate change! Coastal Resiliency! Help!
- Bees, Salamanders, Otters, Alewife, Rare Plants – how do we protect them all and what are our priorities?



# Goals of the 2020 CCMP



- **Strong Partnerships**
- Resilient Communities Prepared for Climate Change
- **Clean Water**
- **Healthy Ecosystem with Abundant Diverse Wildlife**

# Strong Partnerships



- OBJECTIVE A: Enhance PEP's organizational structure, operational practices, and financial position to support successful implementation of CCMP Actions
- OBJECTIVE B: Empower local communities to support estuary health, including underrepresented groups (*Overarching Priority Objective*)

# Resilient Communities Prepared for Climate Change



- **OBJECTIVE C:** Help local communities to take meaningful, well-informed action to prepare for and adapt to climate change impacts in the Peconic estuary

# Clean Water



- **OBJECTIVE D:** Protect areas with clean water from degradation
- **OBJECTIVE E:** Increase understanding of nitrogen pollution in groundwater and surface water, and decrease negative impacts from historical, current, and future pollution inputs
- **OBJECTIVE F:** Reduce current and future inputs of pathogens, toxics, and plastics into groundwater and surface waters, and minimize their impacts

# Healthy Ecosystem with Abundant Diverse Wildlife



- **OBJECTIVE G:** Expand scientific understanding of the estuary ecosystem and deliver information that supports management decision-making
- **OBJECTIVE H:** Restore and protect key habitats and species diversity in the estuary and its watershed



For more information visit the PEP website:

[www.peconicestuary.org](http://www.peconicestuary.org)

**THANK YOU!**