

Peconic Estuary Partnership Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Revisions Public Meetings Phase II

October 23rd, 2019
Hallock State Park Preserve
6062 Sound Ave, Riverhead, NY 11901
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Overall comments

- Are you able to link the CCMP to community comprehensive plans?
- Confirming that education and outreach efforts are specifically included in Objective A and B, and then mixed into other areas of the document as appropriate.
- Continue to promote the economic value of PEP's investment/projects/a healthy ecosystem. Conservation has long term positive economic impact.
- Confirming that positive and negative impacts of sewerage communities is addressed in the plan.
- Noted that it is important to control deer and feral cat populations is important. Does the plan address this?
- As appropriate, indicate where the PEP will cooperate with partners to implement the plan and not duplicate efforts. Partners should include LINAP.
- Review entire document to ensure that terms are clearly defined (i.e., good water quality) and easily understood.

Goal 1

Objective A. Confirming there is compatibility between different programs working to conserve the estuary to avoid overlap and maximize investment.

Objective B, Action 6. Opportunities existing to provide education and outreach to:

- Religious groups such as churches and synagogues
- Hispanic community
- Historical societies that are working to maintain maritime and agricultural activities.
- 55 years and older communities (also a good source of volunteers)
- Developers, builders and real estate professionals. These groups often want to do the right thing, but don't have the necessary information. The CCMP can provide a useful guide and resource
- Outdoor sports and recreational industry including marinas, tackle shops, hunters and outdoor sport shops

Goal 2

Objective C.

- Clearly define terms such as resiliency and climate change. Be as specific as possible and use clear language so that this document can be used as an education tool.
- Does the plan clarify the difference between prevention versus adaptation? There is tension between these two strategies, with the former focusing on short term action and the latter focusing on long term investment.

Goal 3

Objective D, action 11. Clearly define good water quality.

Objective F. Included plastics – good!

Goal 4

Objective G

- Action 18. Is there a compelling reason to have ecosystem function, economic valuation and updates surveys of rare and protected species in one action? Should surveys of rare and protected species be separated out?
- Action 20. Can public access be considered a use-conflict? The plan does not have any actionable items that address public access, but the PEP can promote open and available access through its normal activities.

Objective H, Action 27. Noted that there is currently a use conflict between recreational boaters and shellfish bed because the beds are not adequately marked at night and are encroaching on the channels.

Objective F, Action 23. Does this include education about transitioning lawns to open space and educating about the use of fertilizer? Encourage planting of native species.