



Peconic Estuary Program

Natural Resources Subcommittee (NRS) Meeting Summary

June 28, 2019 9:15am

**SCCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center, Room 211
20 East Main Street Riverhead, NY**

Attendees: Elizabeth Hornstein (PEP), Joyce Novak (PEP), Kelly Risotto (Land Use Ecological Services), Will Bowman (Land Use Ecological Services), Nick Nelson (Inter-Fluve), Mark Haubner (Town of Riverhead), Theresa Masin (Town of Southampton), Luke Gervase (LIISMA), Maureen Dunn (Seatuck), Suzanne Paton (USFWS), David Wilcox (Town of Southampton), Peter Topping (Peconic Baykeeper), Tom Iwanejko (SCDPW), Stephanie Larkin (NYSDEC), Alexa Fournier (NYSDEC), Julia Socrates (NYSDEC), John Sepenoski (Southold), Melissa Winslow (East Hampton), Mark Abramson (East Hampton), Jim Fega (Duck Unlimited), Kathleen Fallon (NY Sea Grant), Drew Dillingham (Town of Riverhead), Nick Gibbons (Suffolk County Parks); Phone: Alison Branco (TNC), Kate Rossi-Snook (CCOM), Rob Breen (NYSDEC)

1. **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements** – Elizabeth Hornstein (PEP State Coordinator)
 - a. NYS Regional Economic Development Grants are open – deadline to apply is July 26th.
 - b. PEP will be reviewing the Habitat Restoration Project list in the 2017 Habitat Restoration Plan and issuing a call for any new nominations
2. **Habitat Restoration Design Planning in the Peconic: Lake Montauk Conceptual Design Presentation** – Will Bowman (Land Use Ecological Services) and Nick Nelson (Inter-fluve)
 - a. See presentation slides
 - b. We have \$150,000 of implementation funds for this project and will schedule a follow-up meeting with Suffolk County Parks, East Hampton Town and other partners to discuss next steps
3. **Habitat Restoration Design Planning in the Peconic: Iron Point Conceptual Design Presentation** - Will Bowman (Land Use Ecological Services) and Nick Nelson (Inter-fluve)
 - a. See presentation slides

- b. Two sediment samples will be taken at this project site to determine potential contaminants in the sediment
- 4. **Hardened Shorelines Mapping Project Presentation** – Peter Larios and Kaitlyn Fenster (PEP GIS Interns)
 - a. See presentation slides
 - b. Results indicate a large increase in shoreline hardening since the last analysis in 2003. However, groundtruthing and QA/QC is needed.
 - c. The measurement for docks and piers needs to be re-evaluated to only include the width of the structure (not the length).
 - d. On the north fork, bulkhead length increased greatly but number of bulkhead structures did not. There may have been difficulty discerning where one bulkhead ended and another began. We will overlay a property map to try to resolve this issue.
 - e. There was concern that the large observed increase in bulkheads may be a result of better imagery rather than the construction of new bulkheads. We will try to obtain information on bulkhead permits for the time period between the last analysis and this analysis.
- 5. **Habitat Restoration Design Planning in the Peconic: Narrow River Road Conceptual Design Presentation** - Will Bowman (Land Use Ecological Services) and Nick Nelson (Inter-fluve)
 - a. See presentation slides
 - b. A follow-up community meeting with the surrounding landowners will be scheduled to discuss the project
- 6. **Habitat Restoration Design Planning in the Peconic: Meetinghouse Creek Conceptual Design Presentation** - Will Bowman (Land Use Ecological Services) and Nick Nelson (Inter-fluve)
 - a. See presentation slides
 - b. \$173,719 has been secured for implementation and an additional \$35,280 has been requested in the FY19 budget. The project is more expensive than anticipated so these funds are not enough to cover construction but could cover the engineering design cost, and then Riverhead could apply for a WQIP grant for implementation funds. The PEP Management Committee will need to approve this.
- 7. **Wrap-Up**
 - a. The next NRS meeting will be scheduled for the fall.