



Peconic Estuary Partnership

PROTECTING AND RESTORING LONG ISLAND'S PECONIC BAYS

Management Committee Meeting

April 21st 2021

10-12:30

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Nyman (EPA, PEP MC Chair)

Management Committee Voting Members roll call

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes January 13th 2021

Bob Nyman (EPA)

Discussion of FY21 Supplemental Workplan and Budget

Research Foundation SUNY Stony Brook

Joyce Novak (PEP Director)

| FY21 Supplemental EPA §320 Budget | |
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| Description | FY21 Supplemental Funds Transferred from NEIWPCC |
| Program Office | |
| Personnel | \$ - |
| Director | \$ 83,128 |
| Program Coordinator | \$ 55,632 |
| State Coordinator | \$ 55,592 |
| Outreach Coordinator | \$ 46,780 |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 241,132 |
| Supplies | \$ 9,760 |
| Travel | \$ 10,124 |
| Other | \$ 4,392 |
| ANEP | \$ 4,500 |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 269,908 |
| Indirect (26%) | \$ 70,190 |
| Sub-awards* | |
| Homeowner Rewards | \$ 8,190 |
| Technical Contract (1 year) | \$ 80,000 |
| TOTAL STONY BROOK RF REQUEST | \$ 428,288 |
| Match | \$ - |
| TOTAL EPA §320 FUNDING REQUEST | \$ 428,288 |

*IDR for Sub-Awards is 26% on the first \$25K

**Match previously certified under FY20 grant

Ongoing: CCMP Deliverables

| CCMP Action | Description | Funding requested FY21 Supplemental \$320 award: | PEP Role | Status |
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| Action 1 | Task 1: Organizational Assessment | Staff time | Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 1. Program office and EPA to finalize document for submission. |
| Action 2 | Task 2: CCMP Tracking System | Staff time | Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 2. Tracking sheet completed, work ongoing to develop tracking system. |
| Action 4 | Task 3: Financial Plan | Staff time | Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 3. Draft Financial Plan Completed – final plan in progress. |

Ongoing and New: Outreach Related

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| Actions 6, 7, 8, & 9. | Task 4: PEP Education and Outreach | Staff time | Lead | New. Under the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplan the Education and Outreach Coordinator is a direct hire of the program office and has expanded duties to include RF Coordination. |
| Actions 6,7,8,& 9 | Task 4a: PEP Education and Outreach: Existing Contract | Staff Time | Lead | Remains with NEIWPCC FY20 This is the existing Education and Outreach. Contract expires 1/14/22. New Outreach Coordinator, Lauren Scheer, starts 1/1/22 |

Ongoing Tasks

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| Action 11 | Task 6: Continue to distribute information and tools developed in the CLPS and CRA to municipalities and work with the East End Towns to implement climate resiliency actions. | Staff time | Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 5. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 13 | Task 7: NYS Ocean Acidification Taskforce – National Ocean Acidification Network | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 6. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 16 & 18 | Task 8: Continuous Water Quality Monitoring | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 7. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 17 | Task 10: LINAP | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 8b. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 17 | Task 11: Peconic Estuary Solute Transport Model | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 8c. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 18 | Task 12: Subwatershed Plan | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 9a. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 18 | Task 13: Village of Greenport Sewer Extension | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 9b. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 18 | Task 14: Green Infrastructure Homeowner Rewards Program and Resident Nutrient Management | Staff time | Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 9c. While funds are anticipated to be fully expended for this task at NEIWPCC, new funds are requested in RF FY21 Supplemental to continue the program. This is a long standing and ongoing PEP program, these are NEW funds are requested in the FY21 Supplemental Grant. |
| Action 21 | Task 15: PEPC | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 10a. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 21 | Task 16: Meetinghouse Creek Engineering Design Services | Staff time | Lead + NEIWPCC+ Riverhead | Remains with NEIWPCC FY20 Amendment 3. Task 16 (NEIWPCC FY20 Task 10c) is under contract. |

Ongoing Tasks

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| Action 23 | Task 17: Ecosystem-Based Model of the Peconic Estuary | Staff time | Lead partner + RF and NYSDEC | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 11. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 29 | Task 18a: Complete design and construction of diadromous fish passage – <i>Woodhull Dam</i> | Staff time | Lead Partner + Suffolk County | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 12a. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 29 | Task 18b: Complete design and construction of diadromous fish passage – <i>Upper Mills Dam</i> | Staff Time | Lead Partner + Suffolk County | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 12b. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 29 | Task 19a: Complete design and construction of diadromous fish passage projects in other priority tributaries in the Peconic – <i>Lake Montauk</i> | Staff time | Lead partner + Suffolk County | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 12d. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 29 | Task 19b: Complete design and construction of diadromous fish passage projects in other priority tributaries in the Peconic – <i>Alewife Creek</i> | Staff Time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 12e. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 29 | Task 20: Alewife Monitoring on the Peconic River | Staff time | Lead partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 13. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 30 | Task 21: Carry out Eelgrass Aerial Survey | Staff time | Co-lead with LISS and NYSDEC. | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 14. This is an ongoing task. |

Ongoing Tasks

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| Action 31 | Task 24a: Implement priority wetland restoration projects identified in the PEP Habitat Restoration Plan – <i>Paul Stountenburgh Reserve</i> | Staff time | Lead + Suffolk County | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 16a. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 31 | Task 24b: : Implement priority wetland restoration projects identified in the PEP Habitat Restoration Plan – <i>Indian Island Wetlands</i> | Staff time | Supporting partner | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 16b. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 31 | Task 24c: Implement priority wetland restoration projects identified in the PEP Habitat Restoration Plan – <i>Narrow River</i> | Staff time | Co-Lead | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 16c. This is an ongoing task. |
| Action 33 | Task 25: Living Shoreline Stakeholder Education | Staff time | Co-lead partner with NYS Sea Grant and NYSDEC | Transferred from NEIWPCC FY20 Task 17. This is an ongoing task. |

NEW FOR FY21 Supplemental

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| Action 9 | Task 5: Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup | Staff time | Lead | New. Under the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplans a diversity and inclusion initiative will be established and expanded. |
| Action 17 | Task 9: Water Quality Monitoring Collaborative | Staff time | Lead | New. This is a new task for the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplans. The WQ Monitoring Collaborative was established after the completion of FY20 Task 8a. |
| Action 30 | Task 22: Convene an Eelgrass sub-workgroup | Staff time | Lead Partner | New. This is a new task for the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplans. |
| Action 31 | Task 23: Work with the Natural Resources Subcommittee to secure funds and implement the top priority projects from the 2020 Habitat Restoration Plan | Staff time | Lead partner | New. This is a new task for the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplans. The NEIWPCC FY20 workplan completed the update and submission of the 2020 Habitat Plan (Task 15) |
| Action 31 | Task 24d: : Implement priority wetland restoration projects identified in the PEP Habitat Restoration Plan – <i>Cedar Beach Creek Wetland Restoration</i> | Staff time | Supporting partner | New. This is a new task for the FY21 and FY21 Supplemental workplans. Cedar Beach wetland design and restoration. |

PEP Project Updates – PEP Program Office

NEP Reauthorization and Increased Funding

NEPs Reauthorized until 2026 - *Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act*.

Current Federal Funding: \$662,500 to \$700,000 (↑\$37,500)

- NYS Environmental Protection Fund
 - \$200K to \$450,000 (↑\$250K)
- Southampton CPF
 - \$206,850 (passed by resolution)
- East Hampton Town
 - \$99,050 (Town Board Agreement, moves to resolution and public hearing)
- Town of Southold
 - \$24,500 (Town Board Agreement, moves to resolution and public hearing)

Staff Highlights

- Sarah Schaefer on *Sustainable East End* where she discusses climate change issues and the CLPS
 - <https://ia803402.us.archive.org/22/items/see-2021-march/SEE-2021-March.mp3>
- Elizabeth Hornstein appeared on the panel of experts on the PLT webinar: *Living Shorelines*
 - <https://peconiclandtrust.org/blog/peconic-land-trust-presents-living-shoreline>
- Lauren Scheer organized our LONG AWAITED Conference! A flawless, 3 day event that went off without a hitch.
 - <https://www.peconicestuary.org/news-and-events/peps-biennial-conference-2021/>

Management Committee Expansion

PEP Director

- Dean SoMAS – Paul Shepson, PhD
- Discussion of additional expansion

PEP Staff Salary Review

Stony Brook Human Resources

- Class and Compensation Unit
- Members of the Management Committee to liaise with Stony Brook on this issue

New Business

- Next Meeting: July 14th 2021 10-12:30
- Public Comment Period

Adjourn

Thank You!