

PEP PARTNERSHIPS

PEP'S MISSION: PROTECT AND RESTORE THE PECONIC ESTUARY AND ITS WATERSHED.

The Peconic Estuary Partnership (PEP) is a National Estuary Program that acts as a backbone organization, bringing together partners from different sectors around common goals. PEP staff and our partners support monitoring, research, collaboration and education to address priority issues within the Peconic Estuary watershed. PEP acts as a bridge at the boundary between science and policy, and ensures that an informed citizenry, along with all other stakeholders, have a voice in the decision-making process.

PEP's Partnership Video - A New Plan, A New Decade

PEP launched the "Partnership Video - A New Plan, A New Decade" in conjunction with the PEP Biennial Conference. In this video, partners of the Peconic Estuary Partnership share why PEP's new management plan will guide crucial work towards a brighter future as we all work together. Our partnership is our greatest tool to help us achieve our mission of protecting and restoring the Peconic Estuary and its watershed. You can watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/533689678>



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The Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) is a blueprint of goals and actions for the next decade that the Peconic Estuary Partnership has adopted to protect and restore the Peconic Estuary and its watershed. To learn more about PEP's Education and Outreach, visit our website to view the goals and actions in our CCMP.

peconicestuary.org/ccmp2020/



EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Through our education and outreach programs we hope to empower community members to become stewards for our environment!

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Citizens' Advisory Committee: PEP's Citizens' Advisory Committee functions as a forum for discussion and education. All are welcome to [join us](#) to learn about updates on the projects that are being implemented in our bays and to learn how you can be involved to improve water quality, wildlife populations, habitat, and coastal resiliency. You can help us spread public awareness of the estuary while advising the PEP about important goals and concerns of the citizens of Long Island's East End.

Homeowner Rewards Program: PEP provides financial rewards for qualified homeowners who remove turf and pavement, and add green alternatives to their properties to benefit the environment. Projects include rain barrels, rain gardens, and native plant gardens. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about this opportunity and to use our interactive yard planning tool and native plant database to improve the health of our estuary from your own home!



Resources for Educators: PEP has created fun and educational worksheets, activities and pamphlets for educators to use for their students and parents to use with their kids! Visit our [Resources for Educators page](#) to view all of PEP's English and Spanish material.

COMMUNITY SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

PEP provides many opportunities for you to get involved by attending an educational event or volunteering through our ongoing programs.



The Peconic Estuary Partnership and Seatuck Environmental Association are proud to announce the launch of the Wildlife Monitoring Network for Long Island!

Community scientists like you help us collect the data we need to protect and restore wildlife and their habitats. We have made it easy for you to record and share your sightings. The Wildlife Monitoring Network (WMNLI) is a 'one-stop-shop' for wildlife monitoring surveys that are conducted for species found throughout Long Island. The goal of this website is to increase community awareness of wildlife monitoring surveys, which should increase collaboration, community participation, and data collection – furthering our understanding about Long Island wildlife and their habitats.

Share the WMNLI website link to help spread the word! Happy monitoring!
<https://wildlifemonitoringnetworkli.org/>

The Wildlife Monitoring Network was created by the Peconic Estuary Partnership and is sponsored and maintained by Seatuck Environmental Association and the Peconic Estuary Partnership.



PEP'S BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

"Planning for the next decade"



The [PEP 2020 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan](#) outlines Goals and Actions that guide the work of our partnership to combat the environmental challenges the Peconic Estuary faces. PEP held the first PEP Biennial Conference in 2021 to begin discussions that put these Goals and Actions into motion. PEP's partners discussed "what are we going to do about it?" for Water Quality on April 14th, Climate Change on April 15th, and Habitats & Wildlife on April 16th. Recap and resources from the conference can be found on our [website](#). Next conference should be held in 2023, and every other year thereafter.

Monofilament Fishing Line Recycling: Excess fishing line is one of the most common and deadly forms of marine debris to wildlife. Animals can become entangled and even ingest the fishing line causing harm and frequently death. To improve disposal of fishing line and reduce marine debris, PEP installed and monitors monofilament receptacles in popular fishing areas around the estuary. Monofilament (single stranded fishing line) can be discarded into fishing line receptacles to be collected by PEP staff and volunteers, quantified, and recycled. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about this program and to locate receptacles.

