



Peconic Estuary



Shoreline Adaptation Initiative

Key Context:

Living shoreline solutions are designed to utilize a more natural approach to restore, enhance, and protect against coastal flooding and erosion. However, they are an emerging technique to the Peconic Watershed. PEP and NYSG will work in coordination with local municipalities to review codes and policies, document hurdles, and suggest improvements to *make living shorelines a feasible option* across the Peconic Estuary.

Our Mission is to impact local municipality internal processes (codes & zoning) that currently create hurdles for appropriate shoreline management through their identification.

Our Process :

1. Assess **current status** of shoreline codes and policies with local municipalities
2. Identify similarities and differences of codes and policies **across jurisdiction**
3. Workshop to **review NYS model local laws** and discuss how current town codes and policies can be adapted
4. **Connect information** compiled on hurdles within permitting process (separate focused initiative), highlight the **effects of current policies in practice**
5. **Draft change** alongside municipality & share lessons learned

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