



Peconic Estuary Shoreline Decision Work Group

Made up of individuals with experience navigating “The Shoreline Decisions”

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 homeowners and shoreline contractors to identify jurisdictional and permitting barriers to implementing living shorelines along the Estuary.

This Work Group will:

Work to...

- a. identify barriers in the permitting process for implementing living shoreline by sharing experiences & recording where delays/issues have been felt.
- b. gather information of case studies beyond Long Island to model alternative successful processes- from model codes to shoreline adaptation decisions.

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- c. Shoreline Adaptation Initiative focused on impacting coding/zoning and the permitting processes on multiple jurisdictional levels.
- d. development of education materials that will assist the public in navigating, “The Shoreline Decisions”: how to choose an appropriate living shoreline for your site & how to permit it.

Larger Process:

1. Assess, identify, & adapt **current shoreline codes and policies** of local municipalities
2. **Understand the effects of current policies in practice, identify, & connect information** compiled on hurdles found within permitting process by the *Shoreline Decision Work Group*
3. **Draft change** alongside municipalities & share lessons learned

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