

# LONG ISLAND SOUND FUTURES FUND 2026

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Piping plover

**Chartered by Congress in 1984, NFWF is an independent 501(c)(3) organization with a 30-member Board appointed by the Secretary of the Interior which includes FWS Director and NOAA Administrator.**



# What NFWF does

Sustain, restore and  
enhance wildlife

Bring collaboration among  
federal agencies and the  
private sector





# LISFF Overview

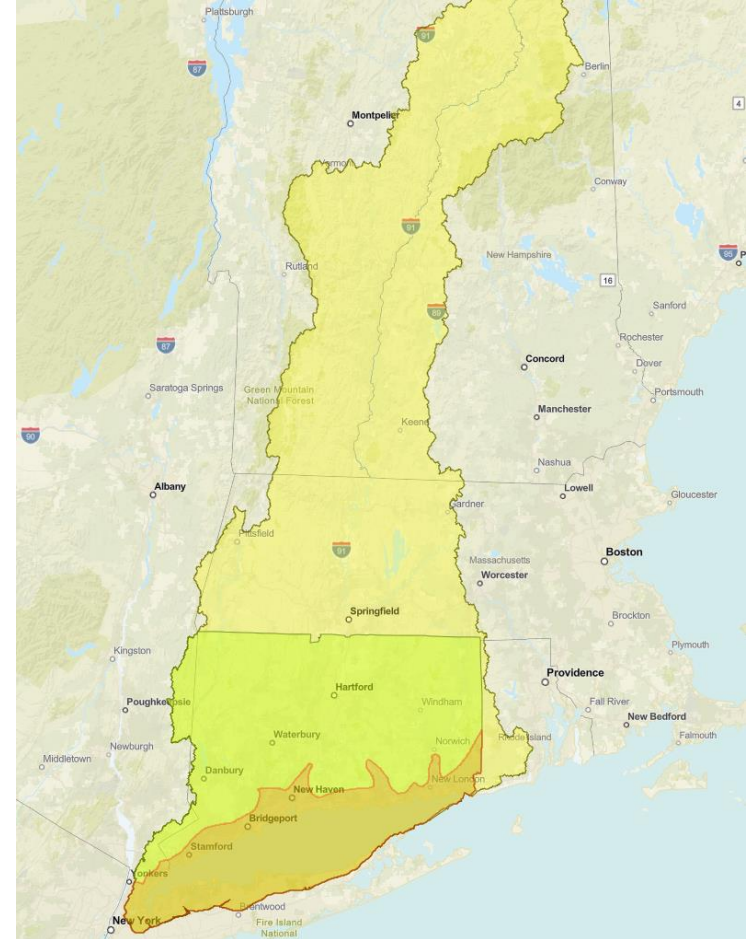
## *Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan 2025*

**Purpose:** Restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound

**Focus:** MA, NH, VT & non-coastal CT:  
Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds Goal for nutrient/nitrogen prevention/reduction

### **Grant Type & Range:**

- **Planning Grant:** \$50,000 to \$500,000
- **Implementation Grant:** \$50,000 to \$1.5M



# LISFF Overview

## Project Performance Periods:

- 24 months
- 36 months - large-scale implementation projects

**Eligible applicants:** 501(c) organization, state & local government,

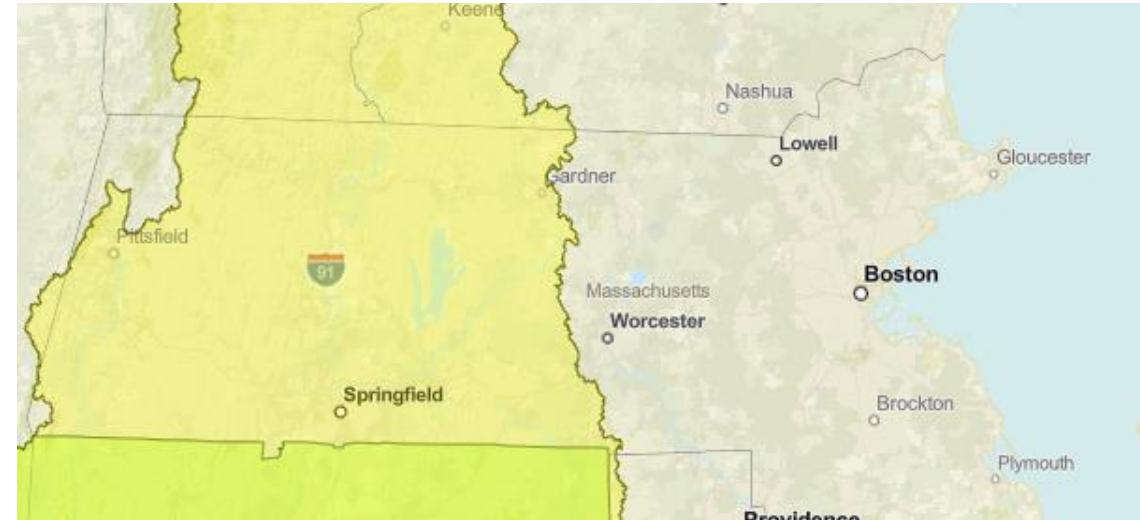
Tribal Governments & Organizations, educational institutions

## Non-Federal Matching Contributions:

- 50% of total amount requested from LISFF
- In-kind and cash match accepted

## Planned Timeline:

- RFP released mid-March 2026
- Applications due mid-May 2026
- Award notification November 2026



# Types of Projects

- **Green infrastructure and low-cost retrofits at wastewater treatment facilities** to prevent N loading
- **Landscaping** to reduce N at its source
- **Watershed planning** (EPA 9 Element plans)
- **Riparian buffer/bank vegetation** to slow & intercept N
- **Stream channel reconnection** to floodplains to promote N removal
- **In-stream restoration** to increase N processing & reduce downstream nutrient erosion
- **Replacing/right-sizing culverts, improving road/stream crossings** to reduce downstream erosion of N
- **Technical assistance** to engage rural landowners/farmers in N prevention
- **Farm-scale conservation systems or agricultural BMPs**

# Project Examples



City of East Hampton Wastewater treatment on the Connecticut River

**City of Pittsfield, MA:** Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Improvements at DPW yard and school. **Grant: \$637k**

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments,** Building a Shared Pathway to Design and Permitting of Nitrogen Pollution Prevention Projects (MA). **Grant: \$475k**

**City of East Hampton, MA:** N optimization at wastewater treatment. **Grant: \$883k**





# Evaluation Criteria

## Program Goals & Priorities

- CCMP, Implementation Actions

## Technical Merit

- Technically sound & feasible
- Clear logical, achievable workplan/timeline
- Engages appropriate experts, partners
- Sustainable project including maintenance

## Community Impact

- Engages collaboratively with local community members, leaders, organizations and other relevant stakeholders



Town of Montague Rain Garden



# Evaluation Criteria



Chase Hill Farm in Warwick, MA

## Budget

- Costs allowable, reasonable and budgeted in accordance with NFWF budget guidelines

## Match

- Non-federal
- 50% of “Requested Amount” from LISFF
- In-kind or cash match accepted



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