

## CT DEEP LIS Ecosystems Grant: Habitat Restoration Evaluation Criteria

<b>General Project Checklist (Required for all projects due to funding source)</b>	
Located within the <a href="#">Long Island Sound Partnership's (LISP) Coastal Boundary</a> (with the exception of fish passage projects)	
Supports and implements Long Island Sound Partnership's <a href="#">2025 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)</a>	
Builds adaptive capacity of ecosystems and communities	
Demonstrated willingness of landowner	

<b>Prioritization Criteria (Each parameter has different weights)</b>	
<b>Ecological Value</b>	<b>60</b>
Restores one or more of the <a href="#">LISP 12 priority coastal habitat types</a>	10
Restores one or more of the 10 key habitats described in <a href="#">in the 2015 Connecticut Wildlife Action Plan</a>	10
Eliminates or decreases <a href="#">threats to Species of Greatest Conservation Need</a> (sea level rise, invasive species, development, etc.), especially those that rely on near shore coastal islands, rare species habitat	10
Reflects coastal priority areas identified in local, tribal, regional or state plans ( <a href="#">CT Green Plan</a> , <a href="#">CT's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Plan</a> , <a href="#">CT Wildlife Action Plan</a> , <a href="#">2025 LISP CCMP</a> , Municipal Plans of Conservation and Development, Hazard Mitigation Plans, etc.)	10
Project site is geographically contiguous to other protected areas and/or high priority habitat	5
Increases coastal habitat acres restored	5
Factors in anticipated natural hazards - designed to promote long-term sustainability of relevant habitats (e.g., beach/dune, coastal grassland, etc.), and to enhance the site's capacity for adapting to changes in conditions	5
Project supports the migration of marshes	5
<b>Community Impact</b>	<b>30</b>
Project demonstrates engagement with local community through partnerships, workshops/meetings, or consultation	15
Project provides additional community co-benefits including natural hazard mitigation, passive public access, and enhanced ecosystem services	15
<b>Project Details &amp; Readiness</b>	<b>10</b>
Restoration planning or implementation already in progress	1
Project likely to be completed within the requested award period	2
Project is ready for implementation - fully designed, fully permitted	2
Budget request in reasonable and justified	2
Involves the appropriate partners to execute the project	1
Includes a long-term plan for monitoring and/or management	2

**Total 100**

<b>Extra Points</b>	
% of municipality developed as defined by <a href="#">CLEAR's 2015 Land Use Cover viewer</a> is 51% or greater	10
% of municipality developed as defined by <a href="#">CLEAR's 2015 Land Use Cover viewer</a> is between 31% and 50%	5

**Up to 10 pts**