



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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(HARTFORD, CT) Department of Housing (DOH) Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno announced a grant from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) supporting the Seaside Park green infrastructure components of the Resilient Bridgeport projects. The grant, in the amount of \$250,000 will increase the resiliency of the South End of Bridgeport to future coastal storms while also improving water quality in Long Island Sound. The grant will be matched by \$167,000 in DOH resiliency funds and \$782,718 in federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – National Disaster Resilience program who has been the primary state agency charged with administering this program following the devastation of Superstorm Sandy. This LISFF combines funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

“This grant will allow us to continue to make strides and smart decisions on how we invest our dollars to make sure our coastal communities, like Bridgeport, are protected from future storms,” said Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno. “This funding will uphold our commitment to advance our largest city towards greater resiliency, which will safeguard its residents and shoreline from future damage.”

We congratulate and commend our partners at the State of CT Department of Housing for their commitment to continue to explore additional programs to extend and continue the HUD funded resilient infrastructure work identified after Super Storm Sandy,” said HUD Regional Administrator David Tille. “It is important for federal agencies to continue to collaborate to meet the needs of the communities they serve so vital work like protecting Long Island Sound and the shoreline from the damaging effects of severe storms can continue.”

The grant to the DOH was part of a total of 35 grants totaling \$2.6 million to state and local government and community groups to improve the health and ecosystem of Long Island Sound. The activities funded through the Futures Fund show how projects led by local groups and communities make a big difference in improving water quality and restoring habitat around the Long Island Sound watershed.

Of this year’s awardees, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes said, “The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has been pleased with the review of this year’s application and impressed with the caliber and quality of the projects submitted. These projects represent grassroots, on the ground opportunities to improve water quality in the Sound, restore tidal wetlands, improve public access and build resiliency to the communities surrounding this important natural resource.”

Resilient Bridgeport protects affordable housing within walking distance of downtown and a regional rail transit hub, a university, historic landmarks, two substations, and two power plants. The green infrastructure project takes flood waters pumped from behind the coastal flood defense system and conveys them through a bioswale and rain gardens to filter and clean the water before it enters the Long Island Sound.

This nature-based approach will enhance the park and make a healthier Long Island Sound. To learn more about Resilient Bridgeport visit our DOH [website](#).

More information on all of the grants awarded by the Long Island Sound Futures Fund can be found here: <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/2019/11/2-6-million-in-grants-awarded-to-improve-the-health-of-long-island-sound/>

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