



## Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Meeting Summary – April 2, 2025

Held Virtual on Microsoft Teams

### ATTENDEES

#### Committee Member Representatives

Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)

NYS DOT | Liana Alongi

#### Additional Participants

Corey Humphrey | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator

Kaitlyn Boyle | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Erik Bergey | Suffolk County DPW, Senior Civil Engineer

Jennifer Yeltekin | Suffolk County Economic Development, Principal Environmental Analyst

Joyce Novak | Peconic Estuary Partnership, Director

Marissa Valezquez-Rosante | Peconic Estuary Partnership, Natural Resources Program Manager

Carolyn Sukowski | CCE Suffolk, Natural Resource Education Specialist

Gabriella Asher | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am.

#### I. February 5, 2025 Meeting Summary:

- The February 5, 2025 Meeting Summary was accepted. It will be posted to the PEPC website.

#### II. Upcoming due dates for MS4:

- Drew Dillingham at Town of Riverhead mentioned facing barriers while submitting , but was able to submit on time
- Corey offered the Districts help in whatever way we can.

#### III. NEW 2025 Construction Permit:

- DEC Construction Permit webinar today at noon.

#### IV. DEC Questions:

- DEC Construction Permit webinar today at noon. Link shared in the chat. Please ask your questions.
- Corey offered to take anyone's questions and field them to DEC if someone didn't want to speak up.

#### V. Outreach Plans:

- Coordinators plan on setting up one-on-one meetings with each municipality to discuss what they need and how we can help. Keep an eye out for meeting requests.

- Joyce Novak mentioned PEP has a lot of stormwater outreach material she would be happy to share with anyone who wants it. Please contact her directly. [joyce.novak@stonybrook.edu](mailto:joyce.novak@stonybrook.edu)

**VI. Upcoming Trainings and events:**

- Suffolk SWCD Erosion and Sediment Control Training is to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 423 Griffing.
- Any municipalities who want personalized training please reach out to Corey and Kaitlyn.

**VII. Funding Opportunities:**

- Suffolk SWCD MAP and CAP grant now closed – Awardees will be announced late April/May.
- Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF): Due May 29th
- Bond Act Funding – Shovel ready grants ONLY
  - i. Municipal Parks and Rec Grant: Due May 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. Coastal Rehab and Resilience: Due June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Resilient Watersheds Grant: Due June 6<sup>th</sup>
- WQIP 2025 should be coming out soon

**VIII. Member Updates:**

- NYS DOT had some staff updates. Greg Williams has retired; Gabriella Asher is a new addition.
- Suffolk County (Erik Bergy) – will likely have a Jr. Civil Engineer position opening soon
- PEP is looking for volunteers to help with Alewife monitoring (Contact Joyce for more info)
- CCE is looking for Horseshoe crab monitoring volunteers

**IX. Next PEPC Meeting: June 4, 2025**