



**Peconic Estuary Program
Technical Advisory Committee**
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, 10:00 am
1st Floor Conference Room
Cornell Cooperative Extension, 423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead

MEETING SUMMARY

1. **Welcome and Introductions**, *Matt Sclafani*, TAC Chair
2. **Program Office Update**, *Alison Branco*, Program Director
 - Budget Forecast: Last year's amount is expected to be the new normal
 - Eelgrass Survey: Conditions have not been appropriate for flight.
 - Intermunicipal Agreement: Good progress, anticipate start in 2014
3. **Habitat and Natural Resources Update**, *Julie Nace*, NYSDEC Coordinator
 - Habitat Restoration Plan: Updates due from towns on November 15th
 - Environmental Indicators: Call for writers and reviewers so a draft can be completed by Spring 2014.
 - Subwatershed Management Plans: Two more have been initiated.
4. **PRESENTATION: "USGS Characterization of Wastewater Impacted Water and Sediment Post-Hurricane Sandy"**, *Tristen Tagliaferri*, USGS

* Available upon request

5. **Nitrogen Workgroup Update**, *Matt Sclafani*, TAC Chair
 - Official charge to workgroup is approved
 - In process of forming workgroup
 - Tasks will include:
 - Validation of The Nature Conservancy's model (Valiela) including review of model assumptions.
 - Recommendations for policy and management actions, as well as funding.
6. **Budget Priorities for FFY 2014**
 - In the process of collecting input from all committees and workgroups for December Management Committee meeting. A formalized budget will be developed for March Management Committee meeting.
 - TAC suggested that if the monitoring budget needs to be cut – they will advise where these cuts should be. TAC suggested no monitoring cuts at all.
 - Elections for chairperson and co-chairperson will take place at the next TAC meeting.