



**MEETING SUMMARY
JOINT SESSION
Natural Resources Subcommittee (NRSC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Thursday, February 28, 2012
10:00am - 12:00pm**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County
First Floor Conference Room
423 Griffing Ave Riverhead, NY

1. Welcome & Introductions – Julie Nace/Wayne Grothe (Co-chairs, NRSC)
2. Attendees (sign-in sheet)
3. Meeting Summary and Updates from Nov 14th meeting – Matt Sclafani (Chair, TAC)
 - a. Hurricane Sandy updates (USFWS, land acquisitions)
 - b. Cameron Presentation on Suffolk County Water Quality Status and Trends
 - c. Glynis Berry Presentation on Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems
4. Updates: Program Office – Julie Nace
 - a. Strategic Planning meeting in January, focus on nitrogen reduction, need for Nitrogen modeling to identify sources, need for the IMA to be signed and start to function
 - b. Budget Projections: Spending based on Strategic Planning meeting, assuming same levels of funding as last year, waiting to hear how federal sequestration will affect PEP.
 - c. Staff Changes: Rick Balla is no longer the project officer for PEP, he has been promoted to another position. Interim project officer is Sheri Jewhurst.
5. Updates: Habitat Restoration - Julie Nace
 - a. 2012 Habitat Restoration Implementation Update Report is available on the PEP website:
<http://www.peconicestuary.org/reports/2a89e77590356018678a4c9baab48eec1cf2d578.pdf>
 - b. Final Habitat Restoration Conceptual Designs are due in April
 - c. Need to pick the next five sites for conceptual designs.
6. Presentation – Wayne Grothe, The Nature Conservancy
Vegetative Code: Clearing Restrictions for Municipal Codes (send all comments to Julie Nace)
7. Workgroup Formation and Discussion (Julie Nace)
 - a. Environmental Indicators Report (State of the Estuary Report): Assess the current list and update old report.
 - b. Climate Change (Nate Woiwode): Summary of Nate's work, Coastal Ready Estuaries, shape PEP's role in the climate change issue, promote that role and issues, provide technical input on immediate projects, host a regional conference, direct CCMP revisions, provide regional trainings (ie – NOAA Coastal Service Center).