



**MEETING SUMMARY  
JOINT SESSION  
Natural Resources Subcommittee (NRSC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2013  
10:00am - 12:00pm**

Suffolk County Culinary Arts Center  
20 East Main Street  
Riverhead, NY 11901

Welcome & Introductions – Julie Nace/Wayne Grothe (Co-chairs, NRSC)

Last Meeting Summary Approved – Julie Nace

Updates: Program Office – Alison Branco

- Welcomed Sheri Jewhurst officially to the program
- “Toast the Coast” Event on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- RFP’s being developed for:
  - Mini-grants
  - Coastal Ready Estuaries
  - Eelgrass Bio-optical Model
- Suffolk County ¼% Funding: PEP is proposing to fund Suffolk County’s portion of the Inter-municipal Agreement through this grant.
- OSDS Study: Mac and Trent re-hired to help with this project.

Updates: Habitat Restoration - Julie Nace

- Habitat Restoration Plan (HRP)
  - Final Habitat Restoration Conceptual Designs are completed and available on the website
  - Funds available to design five more sites
    - Request to towns to re-prioritize their sites (including additions, deletions and changes)
    - Reflect local priorities that fit into the overall habitat restoration goals of PEP
  - Five year review of the HRP will take place in 2014
- PEP Eelgrass Management Plan Implementation Progress report
  - Highlights: Seagrass Protection Act, Seagrass Coordinator, PEP Bio-optical model, Aerial Survey
- NYSDEC WQIP: Strategize, plan and make applications.
  - Potential applicants included Group for the East End (partner with Southold), Suffolk County, and Peconic Green Growth
- Homeowner Rebate
  - Pilot projects are underway or being identified
  - Initial mailing in process
  - Continue publicizing
- PEP is now active on facebook, twitter and has re-established our newsletter
- Subwatershed Management Plans: Another set complete and on website (and delivered to towns)

Workgroup Formation and Progress – Julie Nace/Alison Branco/Matt Sclafani

- Environmental Indicators Report (State of the Estuary Report) – draft chapter presented, Complete draft anticipated in Spring 2014
- Climate Change – trainings continue with Peconic Institute
- Nitrogen Workgroup – Still formulated official “charge” and collected list of potential members