

# Southampton Riverside Wetland Restoration and Community Access

PEP is allocating \$100,00 of BIL funds to wetland restoration in the identified area of the Riverside Redevelopment Plan

### Background:

The Riverside Community is located in the Town of Southampton, bordering the Peconic River. In 2015 The Town of Southampton identified this wetland in their Redevelopment Plan for the Riverside community.

## Southampton Riverside Wetland Restoration and Community Access:

The project will focus on wetland restoration in the identified areas, as well as increased water access, and enhanced climate resiliency. The concept plan is a community-driven wetland restoration. It prioritizes water access and education for the local community. Additionally, the site is located in a New York State identified Environmental Justice Area.

Project Goals Include:

- Protect and restore critical habitats, including wetlands
- Protect and restore water quality
- Improve ecological integrity and economic well-being
- Address challenging issues in an EPA-designated NEP
- Promote the adoption of green infrastructure
- Develop strategies for disadvantaged communities to
  - Have increased water access
  - Enjoy and benefit from surface waters
  - Participate in ecosystem restoration
  - Engage in educational and capacity-building activities



#### **CCMP Actions:**

Action 9: Incorporate environmental justice considerations into public outreach Action 14: Increased public awareness of anticipated impacts of Climate Change in the Peconic Estuary and practical ways to mitigate and prepare for them.

Action 31: Use available habitat quality assessment tools to prioritize wetland restoration projects for implementation

#### **Partners:**

Town of Southampton Flanders-Riverside Northampton Community Association (FRNCA)

#### Status:

- PEP has completed a conceptual design.
- Southampton will receive funds to carry out the plan for the eastern wetlands in the Riverside area
- The plan is moving forward in partnership with Flanders-Riverside Northampton Community Association (FRNCA)

Funding Secured:

PEP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Y2 Funds: \$100,000

#### **Resources:**

- Scope of work Copy of Scope of Work Town of Southampton.docx.pdf
  - <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NFo-MhtvtnkSWDEEHk9U6L-r1VYnDJw7/view?usp=sharing</u>
- Technical Proposal 🗎 a. PWGC Technical Proposal.pdf
  - <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DIYHu34UFKYjtazHP7D5VS2hKXJHajxG/view?usp=s</u> <u>haring</u>

