

**Peconic Estuary Partnership
Management Committee Meeting**

**August 6, 2025
10:00am – 12:30pm**

LOCATION(s):

[Group for the East End Office](#)
[54895 NY-25, Southold, NY 11971](#)

Briefing Materials Package:
[Link to Briefing Materials Folder](#)

May, MC [Minutes](#)

*** RIDE WITH US! ***

Meet us at [Stony Brook Southampton Campus](#) at 8:20AM, Van leaves by 8:30AM!

Pick up at the Riverhead County Center at 9:00AM, Van leaves by 9:10AM

11:30am group trip to:

[CAST Headquarters](#)
[53930 Main Rd, Southold, NY 11971](#)

Van Return:

Riverhead 1pm

Southampton SBU Campus 2pm

Agenda:

10:05 Welcome

Thank you to our partners at Group for the East End for hosting our meeting space!

Management Committee Roll Call: *Sue Van Patten, Management Committee Chair*

Action: MC approve meeting minutes from May 14, 2025

10:10 National Estuary Program Updates, Bond Act Submissions: *Joyce Novak, PhD Executive Director*

10:25 Southold Projects update: TBD

10:40 PEP Updates

PEP Committee Updates

- Local Government Committee, **Valerie Virgona, PEP Communication & Outreach Manager**
- Citizens Advisory Committee, **Chris Clapp, CAC Co-Chair**
- Technical Advisory Committee, **Matt Sclafani PhD. Chair**

- Peconic Bay Scallop Technical Review Committee, **Marissa Valasquez, Co-Chair**

PEP Active Project Updates & CAST Project Overview, **Program Office**

11:00 PEP Management Committee Member Updates

11:25 Public Portion / Additional Comments

11:30: Pack up and head over to **CAST to visit Native Plant Garden**

12:15: Wrap up at CAST, Goodbyes & Van leaves!

TODAY: August 6th, 2025

Turtle Release – New York Marine Rescue Center

6PM, TIANNA BEACH, HAMPTON BAYS

PEP is supporting ongoing work by the New York Marine Rescue Center to track the movement of rehabilitated sea turtles in the Peconic Estuary using satellite tags.

Join us to watch rehabilitated sea turtles be released!

2025 Management Committee Meeting Dates:

- ~~Wednesday, February 26, 2025~~
- ~~Wednesday, May 14, 2025~~
- ~~Wednesday, August 6, 2025 – Southold, CAST Visit~~
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025* Joint MC-PC**

MC Member List:

Chair: Sue Van Patten, Watershed Section B, Section Chief; NYS LINAP Coordinator (NYSDEC, Division of Water)

Vice-Chair Lisa Broughton, Water Quality and Energy Director (Suffolk County Dept of Economic Development and Planning)

Cassie Bauer, Bureau Chief, Marine Habitat (NYSDEC, Division of Marine Resources)

Jeremy Campbell, South Shore Estuary Reserve Director (NYS Department of State)

Ken Zegel, PE, Chief - Office of Ecology (Suffolk County Dept of Health)

Corey Humphrey, District Manager (SC Soil and Water Conservation District)

Catherine Stark Office Representative & Ann Welker(in person), (Suffolk County Legislators, Districts 1 and 2)

Michael Iasilli (Chair of PEP Local Government Committee)

Matt Sclafani, PhD, Cornell Cooperative Extension (Chair, Technical Advisory Committee)

Chris Clapp, (Vice-Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee)

Paul Shepson Dean SoMAS, Stony Brook University (Host representative)

Shavonne Smith, Environmental Director, Shinnecock Environmental Department (Shinnecock Indian Nation Representative)

Cate Rogers, East Hampton(Local Government Representative)

Elizabeth Butler, Watershed and Estuary Protection Section Supervisor (EPA)