

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LONG ISLAND SOUND WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL (LISWIC) – INFRASTRUCTURE

Community Profiles

LISWIC was created in 1999 pursuant to an inter-municipal agreement among twelve municipalities on the north shore of Long Island Sound in Westchester County. LISWIC's charter members are the cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and Rye; the Town of Mamaroneck; Town-Villages of Harrison and Scarsdale; and the Villages of Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Pelham Manor, Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Pelham.

Background

The LISWIC municipalities joined together to coordinate storm water management on a regional basis and to comply with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations. LISWIC's goals include:

- A cleaner Long Island Sound with the attendant responsibilities and benefits of protecting the Long Island Sound watershed;
- prevention of non-point source pollution, remediation of existing pollution and the preservation of open space and natural resources;
- appropriate development and restoration of the business and industrial districts to promote economic vitality;
- maintenance and improvement of the quality of life, including the quality of water and air, the control of traffic and noise, the provision of open space and recreational opportunities, the cultural, social, scenic, aesthetic and historical assets of the area; and
- preservation and restoration of wetlands, watercourses and associated habitat areas.

LISWIC is investigating the feasibility of establishing a regional storm water utility district ("SUD") that would provide an organizational and financial structure for the implementation of identified storm water pollution preventive measures within the lower Long Island Sound drainage area. It is envisioned that the SUD would have a basic watershed plan, an educational and outreach program, a capital improvement plan, an operations and maintenance program and a source control plan.

Outcome

The creation of the SUD is still being studied. The results of the study will be disseminated to all LISWIC members in the Spring of 2007.