



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ASSEMBLY LONG ISLAND SOUND TASK FORCE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Long Island Sound Water Quality

PURPOSE: To examine the water quality of the Long Island Sound

Long Island
Manhasset Public Library
Community Room
30 Onderdonk Avenue, Manhasset
Monday
August 27, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Long Island Sound has roughly 600 miles of coastline and is home to thousands of species of invertebrates, fish, marine reptiles, marine mammals, and migratory birds. The Long Island Sound also has an estimated 4 million people living in adjoining coastal communities, with an additional 19 million people living within 50 miles. The presence of so many people, and the resulting stormwater runoff and excess nitrogen, can lead to water quality impairment, such as harmful algal blooms, and harm marine species. The purpose of this hearing is to examine issues related to the Long Island Sound's water quality, including the role of State funding, such as the Septic System Replacement Fund, available from the \$2.5 billion provided by the 2017 Clean Water Infrastructure Act, in preventing water quality impairment.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Long Island Sound Water Quality to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation and the Long Island Sound Task Force on August 27, 2018.

- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement. I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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