

THE GREENWICH-UCONN PARTNERSHIP

A collaboration for integrated environmental research, education, and outreach between the Town of Greenwich and the University of Connecticut

Purpose of Partnership

Now more than ever before, the great environmental challenges of our age—climate change, clean air, clean water, biodiversity loss, and sustainability—are taking a toll on the world's coastal regions. In response to these critical environmental challenges, the University of Connecticut (UConn) and the Town of Greenwich propose to develop a partnership that will produce research dedicated to preserving the Connecticut coast and contribute vital educational and outreach opportunities for communities in the environs of the Long Island Sound.

Partners

UConn's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) and Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering (CESE) will partner with the Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission (SFC) and Town of Greenwich Conservation Commission to collaborate on integrated research, education, outreach, and community involvement in the Town of Greenwich.



Greenwich Cove, Connecticut

Goals

The partnership's goals include:

- **Contribute to big data collection and analyses that further the research and understanding of environmental trends in Long Island Sound and its environs**
- **Provide educational and outreach activities to Connecticut communities and engage students and local community members in citizen science endeavors**
- **Detect invasive species and quantify their ecological impacts on the region**
- **Monitor and analyze water quality in support of aquaculture and conservation efforts in the Greenwich region**

The Partnership will collaborate with other academic, governmental, and non-governmental groups, such as the Long Island Sound Study, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Lamont-Doherty Earth Institute, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and NOAA, to fulfill research, education, and outreach initiatives.

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Fundraising Plans

The partnership seeks to raise immediate funding and establish a permanent endowment at the UConn Foundation in support of its goals.

The non-endowed **UConn-Greenwich Partnership Fund** will enhance the work of the UConn faculty appointed to fulfill the partnership's strategic and collaborative priorities by supporting their laboratory equipment and maintenance, research expenses, as well as their educational programs and activities conducted at the Floren Family Environmental Center at the Innis Arden Cottage in Greenwich, Connecticut, and in other Connecticut coastal communities.

The **Endowment for Long Island Sound Coastal Environmental Research and Education** will support University teaching and research related to preserving the Connecticut coast through faculty and graduate assistant positions; their related academic, research, and field work activities; and community outreach and educational programming. Priority focus will be on programs in Greenwich, Connecticut, and the UConn Stamford Campus, but may expand as priorities evolve.

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Why Your Support Matters

“When the Greenwich Point Conservancy was originally planning to restore the historic Innis Arden Cottage, it was always a dream that one day the it would include top-notch research and laboratory facilities focused on the ecology of the Long Island Sound. We could not be more pleased that our dream has come to fruition, thanks to this exciting new partnership.”

Chris Franco

President of the Greenwich Point Conservancy

“UConn can marshal a wealth of expertise to execute innovative research to address complex environmental issues.”

Michael Willig

Director, UConn Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering; Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor

The Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission's 2015 Boat Safety Program, hosted at the Floren Family Environmental Center at Innis Arden Cottage in Greenwich, Connecticut



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