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MEDIA ADVISORY: LONG ISLAND SOUND COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND ANNOUNCES 11 NEW YORK GRANT RECIPIENTS

What: Restore America's Estuaries (RAE), the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 are proud to announce that 11 proposals have been selected to fund projects aimed at enhancing sustainable communities, promoting healthy watersheds and improving ecosystems throughout Long Island Sound. These organizations will receive grants ranging up to $100,000 from EPA through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will help meet the Justice40 Initiative goal that 40% of the overall benefits of these Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution. Combined with Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund grants awarded to New York-based organizations, the first round of grants will devote up to $1,500,000 in funding to improve the Long Island Sound. This event will feature speakers from RAE, LISS, the Bronx River Alliance and EPA located at Concrete Plant Park along the shores of the Bronx River.

Who: Speakers will include Mark Tedesco, EPA Long Island Sound Office, Lisa Garcia, EPA Region 2 Regional Administrator, Siddhartha Sanchez, Executive Director of Bronx River Alliance, Daniel Hayden, President and CEO of Restore America's Estuaries, and Shahela Begum, Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund Program Director.

Where: Concrete Plant Park, Bronx River, the Bronx - Westchester Ave, Bronx, NY 10472, Parking Available at the Bronx River Alliance, 1490 Sheridan Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459 (In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Bronx River Alliance)

When: Friday, May 17, 2024, 10 - 11:30 am EST

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