

Long Island Sound Eelgrass Collaborative – May 2026 Workshop Agenda

Date: Tuesday – May 19, 2026

Location: AM – Peconic Dunes Camp, 6375 Soundview Ave, Southold, NY 11971
 PM – Cornell Cooperative Extension, 3690 Cedar Beach Road, Southold, NY 11971

NOTE: If necessary for your travel, please purchase a Cross Sound Ferry ticket in advance here: <https://www.longislandferry.com/Reservation/Bookatrip.aspx>
 * plan to board the ferry 15 mins in advance of the 9:00am morning departure
 * bus transport is provided free of charge

9:00 – 10:20	Cross Sound Ferry from New London to Orient Point (or in-state travel time for New Yorkers)
10:30 – 11:00	Bus transport from Orient Point ferry terminal to Peconic Dunes Camp
11:00 – 12:30	11:00 – 12:00, Presentation & Discussion Chris Patrick, Assistant Professor , Virginia Institute of Marine Science Focus: infrastructure/setup and protocols used by the VIMS research team for seed based restoration efforts – challenges & lessons learned 12:00 – 12:30, Overview & Group Discussion on Best Management Practices Draft Steve Schott, Marine Botany/Habitat Restoration Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (provided) + networking and short walk to beach if interested
1:30 – 2:00	Bus Transport to Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Suffolk County
2:00 – 4:00	CCE Site Visit (two groups rotate – 60 mins in each location) 1. View CCE eelgrass restoration facility upgrades and equipment (outdoor) 2. Discuss infrastructure/setup & research gaps (indoor)
4:00	Adjourn (and prepare for bus transport back to Orient Point Ferry)
4:15 – 4:45	Bus Transport and board Orient Point Ferry
5:00	Cross Sound Ferry from Orient Point to New London (arrival at ~6:20)