

# Long Island

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

### *Fact Sheet for Members of Congress*

#### **Represented by Members of Congress:**

Senator Charles E. Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Congressional Districts 1 through 18

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#### **Profile**

Established: 1974  
Staff: 3  
FY 2011 budget: \$386,130

#### **Purpose**

The Long Island Field Office works in partnership with other federal and state agencies, non-government organizations, and private landowners to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources on Long Island and throughout New York City, Rockland and Westchester counties.

#### **Management Activities**

- Recover populations of federally listed threatened or endangered species
- Provide technical assistance to other federal agencies on fish and wildlife resource issues
- Promote public stewardship of fish and wildlife resources through education and information transfer
- Assist agencies in chemical and oil spill response

- Work with federal, state and local partners on fish and wildlife issues related to dredging, operation and maintenance of navigation channels, beneficial use of dredged material, beach nourishment and shoreline protection, habitat protection, and conservation of endangered or threatened species

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*Piping plover chick and egg*

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#### **Highlights**

Protecting fish and wildlife resources during navigation and storm damage protection projects

Coalition-building with state and other regulatory agencies and non-government organizations to manage endangered species

Participating in outreach and interagency events to further the Service's mission

A website with information for New York State's congressional delegation

Providing technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers for habitat restoration projects in the metropolitan New York area

#### **Issues**

Conservation of threatened and endangered species

Loss of fish and wildlife habitats, including saltwater wetlands and coastal ecosystems

Environmental contaminant impacts to aquatic resources

