



Southern New England Coastal Program

Conserving the Nature of New England

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Field Notes

Urban high school students in New Haven are partnering with biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and Audubon Connecticut to track restoration progress at two sites in their City. For the past two years, the students have measured changes in vegetation, bird use and invertebrate diversity and abundance at the sites. This past semester, Service and Audubon biologists worked with the students and their teachers to publish the results of their research. The students will present the results of their study to the Long Island Sound Study Citizens Advisory Committee. As a capstone for their work over the past semester, the class will meet with Sandy Breslin, Director of Government Affairs for Audubon Connecticut and Robert Burg, Director of Communications for the LISS. Robert and Sandy will speak with the students about careers in environmental policy and communications. This project is a part of the Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership in New Haven, Connecticut.





Photos: Working alongside biologists from Audubon Connecticut and USFWS, high school students in New Haven collect biodiversity data on six plots at two restoration sites in their City. This project engages the students in better understanding the scientific method, gives them exposure to environmental career paths, and provides meaningful biological information on the effectiveness of habitat restoration at these urban sites.

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