

BLUE PLAN BASICS

Focusing on the Issues



*The Blue Plan is aimed at assuring that new uses (or new applications of existing uses) are compatible with existing uses of Long Island Sound and with the Sound's natural environment. **In short, the Blue Plan will be about what goes where, and how we can proactively minimize any conflicts that may arise.** The Blue Plan is not able to address every issue, but it will go a long way towards identifying and addressing the most pressing planning concerns of the Sound; this will ultimately help guide future decision-making.*

Examples of Issues Addressed in the Blue Plan Process

The list below is a non-exhaustive sampling of the resources and human uses being considered in the creation of the Inventory and Blue Plan:

- Aquaculture operations and access to aquaculture sites
- Access to working waterfronts
- Access to recreational sites (e.g., for boating, sailing, diving, fishing, shellfishing, beach-going)
- Cables and pipelines
- Climate Change implications
- Commercial and recreational fishing
- Cross-sound transportation
- Cultural, archaeological, and historic resources
- Deep water ports
- Dredging and dredged material disposal
- Economic development
- Energy and energy infrastructure
- Environmental conditions, trends, and health
- National defense
- Sensitive or ecologically significant habitats
- Shipping lanes, navigation, and anchorages
- Telecommunications and related infrastructure
- Tourism
- Waterfowl hunting

Did You Know?

The planning area of the Blue Plan is on and under the water surface from the **10' depth** contour and waterward.

What Issues are Important to You?

What issues do you want the Blue Plan to address?

What uses or natural resources do you think need to be supported?
What do you think may pose a conflict or need better management?

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