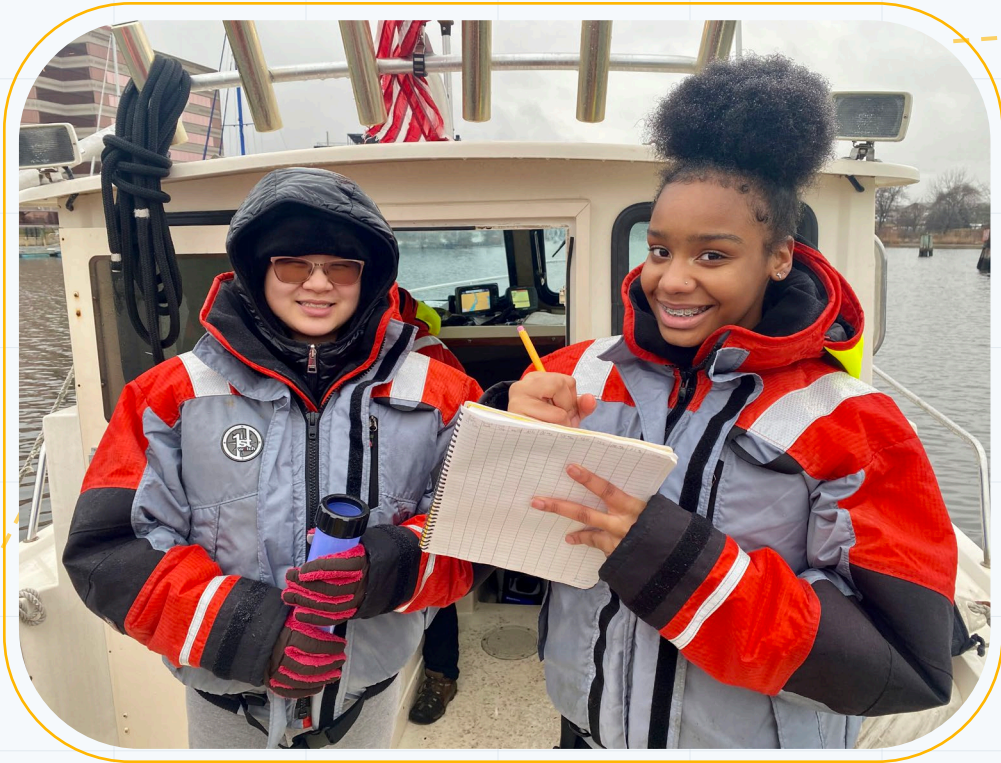




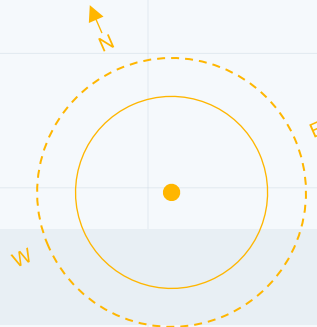
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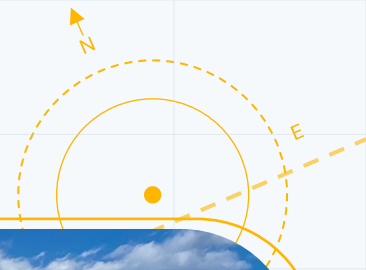
LONG ISLAND SOUND IS THE BEST CLASSROOM.



Long Island Sound is the best classroom -- a million-acre classroom -- where SoundWaters teaches the science of the natural world. When students discover the Sound, they can embrace the world.



THIS ISSUE IS TOO BIG TO THINK SMALL.



Young people are inheriting a complicated planet. This urgency compels SoundWaters to teach more students in more communities.

We reach every Stamford student in multiple grades. In 2026-7 we will provide climate science education for every Stamford 1st, 3rd, 6th and 9th grader, at no cost to the City.



STUDENT IMPACT.

“SoundWaters was my first serious exposure to the environment and Long Island Sound.

.. and while not every SoundWaters student will go on to enter the environmental field, every student will walk away with an unparalleled appreciation for the natural world.

That alone will be a catalyst for change from generation to generation. That is how we will change the world.”

Leslie Guerra
SoundWaters alumnus and
Westhill High School graduate



A SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY.

In 2026-27, we will expand the Harbor Corps job training program for youth, at the new Harbor Center. This includes the addition of an afterschool Harbor Corps program for high school students, all provided at no cost to the trainees.



COMMUNITY IMPACT.

We lead community efforts to bring thousands of volunteer hours in clean-ups at City beaches, playgrounds and schoolyards. In 2025-26, SoundWaters organized and led 45 clean-ups across six Stamford parks/ beaches, removing over 1 ton of debris. In 2026-27 we will engage even more community members!



THRIVING TOGETHER.

SoundWaters respectfully requests operating funding of \$100,000 for support of SoundWaters educational and public programming. These funds would be applied to support the salaries of our education staff who directly teach Stamford students.

The City's investment in SoundWaters will yield significant returns for Stamford students and residents.

We are a coastal City. We are a waterfront City. Our waterfront is what makes us unique. **The SoundWaters operating request will allow the City to leverage the waterfront as an amenity for learning, living and celebrating life here in Stamford.**

