




Welcome to CCOM's first newsletter of 2021! We start the new year off with great anticipation, looking forward to continuing our work to protect and restore the beautiful Montauk we all love.

We already have projects lined up that we will be advancing in early spring, such as wastewater treatment in downtown Montauk, floating wetlands in Fort Pond, ensuring the longevity and resiliency of our beaches, and promoting energy conservation and renewable energy efforts, just to name a few. You can even check out [THIS VIDEO](#) in which CCOM's Environmental Advocate, Kate Rossi-Snook, explains this week's significant progress in remediating the Surfside Place outfall pipe through our role on the East Hampton Town Water Quality Committee.



Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about CCOM's Webinar Series and in the meantime, stay warm out there!

With thanks,

President

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY **NEW WIND FARMS AND NYSTRETCH ENERGY CODE**

CCOM continues to advocate for advancing efforts to reduce our region's reliance on fossil fuels and is encouraged by a number of recent new developments. Specific to offshore wind power, Governor Cuomo announced the awarding of two more new offshore wind projects totaling 2,490 megawatts (MWs) of energy, by far the largest procurement of clean energy anywhere in the U.S. This will bring the total offshore wind energy projects to just under half of the state's goal of 9,000 MW by 2035. Driving New York State's aggressive clean energy efforts is the Climate Leadership and Protection Act of 2019 (CLCPA), a law requiring 70% clean energy by 2030 and 100% by 2040. Read Governor Cuomo's announcement [HERE](#).

Locally, representing another step forward for the South Fork Wind Farm – expected to deliver 130 MWs of electric power to 70,000 homes on the South Fork – the Town Board executed the previously announced easement and host-community agreements. Full coverage of the [benefits package](#) and [progress of the wind farm](#) were recently covered by *The East Hampton Star*.

East Hampton Town’s Energy Sustainability and Resiliency Committee recommended to the Town Board that it adopt the NYStretch Energy Code, a statewide model for use by municipalities to accelerate the drive to carbon-neutral building. Adoption of more stringent building ordinances would help the Town move closer to its goal of deriving 100% of its energy from renewable sources. At the same time, energy savings to building owners and tenants in electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, and propane costs are projected at 11% annually for those implementing the NYStretch Code. More information can be found on the [NYSERDA Info Page](#) and in [The East Hampton Star](#).

CCOM MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

January 2021: Renewable Energy & the South Fork Wind Farm



On January 14th, Laura Tooman, CCOM’s President, was joined by Gordian Raacke, Renewable Energy LI Executive Director and Julie Tighe, NY League of Conservation Voters President, to discuss the South Fork Wind Farm and our collective role in helping achieve New York State’s renewable energy goals.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Renewable Energy Webinar covering the importance of offshore wind in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Our next Webinar will be advertised via email and on our social media pages – stay tuned!

MONTAUK TO BENEFIT FROM FIMP IMPLEMENTATION

TARGET START DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 2021

As announced in our December [Coastal Resiliency webinar](#) the Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) beach restoration project for downtown Montauk is projected to begin in October 2021. This is expected to result in at least ~450,000 cubic yards of offshore dredged beach-compatible sand placed along 6,000 feet of shoreline in downtown Montauk, with subsequent placement of 400,000 to 450,000 cubic yards every 4 years for a 30-year period. This will provide a natural sand-only soft solution to protect the downtown from flooding and erosion and is expected to create a very substantial beach roughly doubling the width of the current beach and representing up to 12x more sand than has been used previously.



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CCOM STAFF REAPPOINTED TO MULTIPLE TOWN COMMITTEES

EXPERTISE AND PRESENCE CONTINUES INTO 2021

CCOM's voice will continue to be heard in important East Hampton Town planning and decision making. Laura Tooman, CCOM President, has been reappointed to the [Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan \(CARP\)](#), [Montauk Beach](#), and [Downtown Montauk Wastewater Committees](#). Kate Rossi-Snook, CCOM Environmental Advocate, will continue her position on the [Community Preservation Fund Water Quality Improvement \(CPF WQI\) Technical Advisory Committee](#).

We value our positive working relationship with the Town, and look forward to continuing our strategic roles in advancing many crucial environmental projects in Montauk this year.

IS MY DRINKING WATER SAFE?

TOP CONCERN FOR MANY RESIDENTS

Many Montauk residents have heard that CCOM does water testing and call our office with questions about their drinking water. CCOM's office lab only tests for specific bacteria (enterococcus) in East Hampton Town waterbodies, and we deliver samples to the Stony Brook Southampton lab for harmful algal bloom testing. We post our results weekly to our website [HERE](#).

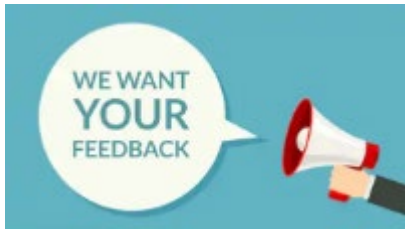


Our lab does not have the resources to address drinking water. Drinking water is tested for microbiological quality, inorganic chemical content, volatile organic compounds, and petroleum derivatives. That said, if you have well water – meaning, you do not pay a monthly water bill – you can call Suffolk County Water

Authority (SCWA) at 631-852-5810 and they will send someone out to get water samples from your property. It costs approximately \$100, and you should have your results in a couple of weeks. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

If you do pay a monthly water bill, SCWA will not test your water, as they already test the County water supplies on a regular basis and those results are available [HERE](#). If you would still like to test the water from your tap, you will need to call a private water testing company. SCWA can give you a list of reputable private testing companies.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SURVEY COMING SOON



As part of our commitment to preserving the environment and ecology of Montauk, we are seeking your input on how we are doing. In the next few days, you will receive an email invitation to participate in our annual online membership survey.

You will be providing us with the information we need to continue our work and ensure your voice is heard. Your responses will be kept confidential. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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