



## Third annual Sound Guardian Awards a success



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David J. Miller, executive director of Audubon New York, presents a framed Audubon print to Sound Guardian Award recipient Congressman Christopher Shays. Congressman Shays serves as the co-chair of the Long Island Sound Caucus and has been a longtime advocate for the cleanup and restoration of the Sound.

Audubon New York and the Construction Industry Council of Westchester, a Hudson Valley-based leading downstate construction association, honored Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Congressman Christopher Shays with the Sound Guardian Award for their long-standing commitment to restrict pollution and authorize cleanup efforts for Long Island Sound at the third annual Sound Guardian event.

The two organizations also presented a special Sound Guardian citation to Thomas Maguire, business manager of Operating Engineers Local Union 15D of New York City. Mr. Maguire, who serves as co-chair of the Downstate Alliance of Heavy Construction Labor and Management Inc., has long championed the cause to increase the federal government's funding commitment to clean up New York's major estuaries, the Long Island Sound and New York Harbor.

Presentations were made at a cocktail reception at the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, N.Y. All proceeds benefited Audubon New York. The next Sound Guardian event will be scheduled for the early fall. Keep reading the *Audubon Advocate* for future details.



Citation recipient Thomas Maguire, business manager for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 15D and co-chair of the Downstate Alliance of Heavy Construction Labor and Management, with Ross Pepe, president of the Construction Industry Council. Mr. Maguire has championed campaigns to increase federal and state funding for environmental cleanup of New York's downstate waterways, including Long Island Sound.



Board member and president of Westchester Audubon Society, Gladys Goldmann, with Kevin Smith of National Audubon Society and Shirley Hartman of Audubon New York enjoy cocktails overlooking Long Island Sound.

Members and friends of Operating Engineers 15D join Thomas Maguire (center), Francis McCardle of the General Contractors Association (third from right), and Erv Krause (with red-tailed friend) of Audubon's Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.



Office of Congresswoman Lowey

Congresswoman Nita Lowey won this year's Sound Guardian Award.

## Federal LI Sound Restoration Act needs FY 2002 appropriations

### Staff Report

In the year 2000, the Long Island Sound Restoration Act was passed, authorizing \$40 million a year for the restoration of the Sound for the next five years. It is imperative that Congress appropriates the full amount in the FY 2002 federal budget to continue cleanup of the Sound.

The Clean Water/Jobs Coalition is already planning visits to Washington this spring to ensure Long Island Sound issues are heard. The region needs the federal government to match state dollars already committed to implement the region's largest cleanup plan.

Help us in this effort by contacting your member of Congress, in addition to U.S.

Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) at (518) 431-4070 or [senator@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:senator@schumer.senate.gov) and U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) at (202) 224-4451 or United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Urge them to appropriate the full \$40 million in funding for Long Island Sound in the FY 2002 budget. While many of them are supportive, your voice helps their efforts and is critical for the future health of the Sound.