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## **Save the Sound to NY Legislators: Pass \$2 Billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act, Support Clean Water, Health Communities & Jobs**

ALBANY, NY - Today Save the Sound is joining a bipartisan coalition in Albany calling for meaningful state funding for water infrastructure repairs and upgrades. The backlog of repairs and needed upgrades to water infrastructure in New York has been estimated at \$80 billion.

Tracy Brown, director of Western Sound programs at Save the Sound, said:

“Save the Sound data clearly shows that sewage is leaking from sewer pipes and septic systems, contaminating the water we swim and fish in, as evidenced by our water quality monitoring in Long Island Sound shore communities. We are pleased that the budgets now under consideration in Albany include significant multi-year funding for municipal water infrastructure projects to address this problem.”

“The backlog of needed wastewater infrastructure repairs and upgrades across New York State, and in coastal communities, is far more costly than our local governments can handle without sustained state support. The proposed \$2 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act will provide a significant down payment for clean water. ”

Save the Sound thanks Governor Cuomo and the leadership in the state Senate and Assembly for acknowledging the importance of clean water for the health and wellbeing of all New Yorkers. Save the Sound joins with business, municipalities, elected officials, and other clean water advocacy groups at the #RebuildNYnow rally.

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