

## 2022 Working with Nature Workshops

Repeated flooding and destruction of shoreline protection features in New York's Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties in recent years has created a need for more resilient and nature-based shoreline erosion management methods.

In 2022, New York Sea Grant (NYSG) and partners hosted "Working with Nature" shoreline management workshops in Ogdensburg (August 25) and Chaumont (October 21) to educate shoreline residents in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties on nature-based shoreline erosion management methods. Topics presented included shoreline geology and ecology, permitting and design processes, funding, and volunteer opportunities. The workshops respectively toured the nature-based shoreline installation at the Fort de la Presentation historic site along the St. Lawrence riverfront and a nature-based shoreline restoration project in progress at Chaumont's Lyme Town Park.



*St. Lawrence County Planner John Tenbusch spoke at the Working with Nature workshop organized by NYSG for Ogdensburg, NY. Photo: Roy Widrig/NYSG*

Thirty residents, town officials, and agency staff attended the three-hour workshops. Attendees received multiple publications from NYSG and partner agencies on shoreline management and funding opportunities, and were able to converse one-on-one with NYSG and partner agency staff.

In response to local demand for knowledge in natural and nature-based features, NYSG and partners provide workshops to help community leaders, property managers, cottage owners, and residents better respond to shoreline management issues.

*Nature-Based Shoreline Management resources:*  
<https://www.nyseagrant.org/glcoastal>

### Partners:

- New York State Department of State
- Save The River
- City of Ogdensburg
- Chaumont Free Library
- Town of Lyme
- Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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*Working with Nature workshop tour to Fort de la Presentation's shoreline restoration area, Ogdensburg, NY. Photo: Roy Widrig/NYSG*



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