Eugene Livshits welcomed the attendees to the project update meeting. David Murphy reviewed the scope, schedule, and initial findings of the project, utilizing a power point slide show as the basis for the presentation. Kevin Deneault described the non-tidal/inland resilience project compilation that he was undertaking. Carly Myers briefly presented the GIS of resilience projects and Kristen Ponak briefly presented the ArcGIS Online tool that was being developed. Ultimately, the two GIS products will be merged or transferred over to the Sea Sketch application.

After the consultant presentation, Marty McHugh from NFWF provided the organization’s perspective and experience with other projects they have funded. He explained the importance of ecosystem benefits, social benefits, and economic benefits when evaluating project benefits and costs. These will be key considerations over the next 12 months of planning.

Discussion topics were raised by attendees and included the following:

- Don Watson inquired whether sea level rise and future conditions were going to be incorporated into the GIS database and decision support system. He noted that the federal flood risk standards would require a higher level of thinking relative to projects that are being funded by the government. Agency policies such as those of the Army Corps of Engineers and Connecticut DEEP could also be incorporated. Attendees noted, however, that this project is an example of an effort that will help guide new policies. Don Watson also recommended that threats to water quality from nearby land uses and activities should be incorporated into the decision support system being developed.

- Janice Plaziak recommended that 100-year and 500-year flood levels could also be helpful in the GIS. Meghan McGaffin noted that flood depths could be calculated via GIS and incorporated, as well. David
Murphy noted that there were many types of data that could be added and the GIS was a work in progress with opportunities to add to the database.

At the end of the meeting, Adam Whelchel described the process of moving from Component #1 to Component #2. David Murphy reminded attendees to send additional inland green infrastructure and resilience ideas to Kevin, and informed attendees that meeting notes and field reconnaissance notes would be circulated again to provide municipalities a chance to offer edits. Subsequent to the circulation of meeting notes, images from the GIS will be circulated for municipal comments. Finally, the opportunity assessment memos for each municipality will be circulated for comments.