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Dr. Novak's science career began in 1999, when she spent a year monitoring groundwater in New York City for the U.S. Geological Survey. Her experience since spans projects and teaching appointments in New York and Europe. The scope of her work has included marine, coastal, and freshwater projects.

Dr. Novak came to NEIWPC in 2018 from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, where she was a supervising scientist. As program director for the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP), she supervises the program staff and is the principal spokesperson and advocate for the estuary.



Dr. Novak's duties also include coordinating work with the EPA, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, and numerous PEP advisory, technical, and policy committees. PEP is one of 28 national estuary programs established pursuant to Section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act. The estuary is located within the eastern fork of Long Island.

### **Education and Certifications:**

PH.D., Geography, University of Limerick

M.S., Ecology, Conservation, and Landscape Management, National University of Ireland, Galway

B.A., Geography and Sociology, University of Texas, Austin

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Certified Wetland Delineator

NYS Certified in Pollution Prevention for Marinas

PADI Open Water Diver

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### **Memberships:**

American Association of Geographers

New York Water Environment Association

Geographical Society of Ireland

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