

RESOLUTION NO. 965 -2009, ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is seeking to reduce its carbon footprint by improving the energy efficiency of its buildings, facilities and fleet; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County government should also encourage County residents to examine their own energy use and improve efficiencies in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, homeowners in Suffolk County can reduce their carbon footprint and save on their energy costs by conducting a home energy audit and making suggested improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon's Long Island Green Homes Program helps residents improve their home's energy efficiency with little to no out-of-pocket cost; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal governments have made funding available to counties and towns to help homeowners improve the energy efficiency of their homes; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is seeking to obtain available funding and establish more energy efficiency programs to assist County residents in reducing their environmental impact while saving money; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Legislature is planning a meeting with the ten (10) Town Supervisors and their staffs to discuss the creation of additional programs that will encourage local homeowners to improve their energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, at this meeting, information will be shared about Babylon's Long Island Green Homes Program, the Suffolk County Community College's Green Homes Green Jobs Program, and funding sources available through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, a task force should be established to allow the County and towns to further examine the information presented at the County-wide energy efficiency meeting and continue a dialogue, with the goal of establishing programs by which local homeowners can improve their home's energy efficiency at a reduced cost; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that a special Suffolk County Local Home Energy Efficiency Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby created to study and analyze the feasibility of the towns in Suffolk County participating in programs to improve the energy efficiency of homes in their towns; to share information on current programs established by the various towns that seek to improve home energy efficiency; and to further research funding available at the State and Federal levels for such programs; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall consist of the following seventeen (17) members:

- 1.) a representative from each of the ten towns in Suffolk County, to be selected by the Town Supervisor of each respective town;
- 2.) a representative from the County Executive's office, to be selected by the County Executive;
- 3.) a representative from the County Legislature, to be selected by the Presiding Officer;
- 4.) an energy expert, to be selected by the Suffolk County Legislature;
- 5.) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 6.) two representatives of the labor industry, to be selected by the Suffolk County Legislature; and
- 7.) the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Energy, or his or her designee;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the chairperson of the Task Force shall be selected by a majority of the membership of said Task Force; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened by the chairman of the Task Force, for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that nine (9) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may submit requests to the County Executive and/or the County Legislature for approval for the provision of secretarial services, travel expenses, or retention of consultants to assist the Task Force with such endeavors, said total expenditures not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per fiscal year, which services shall be subject to Legislative approval; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Public Works; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to hold at least four (4) public hearings throughout the County of Suffolk, holding two (2) hearings in the East End Towns and two (2) hearings in the West End Towns, to assemble the data and information necessary to complete the valuation, study, and report required with all reasonable efforts to be made to ascertain the views, wishes, and opinions of the residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

14th **RESOLVED**, that said Task Force shall issue a written report, after a comprehensive study and analysis of the feasibility of the towns' participation in programs to increase energy efficiency in Suffolk County homes, proposed energy efficiency programs that may be established, and identify sources of funding for such programs; and be it further

15th **RESOLVED**, that this special Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

16th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of December 31st, 2010, at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

17th **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

18th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: November 17, 2009

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: DEC 02 2009

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on November 17, 2009 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Laube".

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res. 1873 Res. No. 965

November 17, 2009

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE				/	
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN	/				
3	Kate M. BROWNING	/				
4	Brian BEEDENBENDER	/				
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO	/				
7	Jack EDDINGTON	/				
9	Ricardo MONTANO	/				
10	Cameron ALDEN	/				
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA		/			
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	/				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK	/				
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY	/				
15	DuWayne GREGORY	/				
16	Steven H. STERN	/				
17	Lou D'AMARO	/				
18	Jon COOPER	/				
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.	/				
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.	/				
Totals		14	1		1	

MOTION
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___ Table: _____
___ Send To Committee
___ Table Subject To Call
___ Lay On The Table
___ Discharge
___ Take Out of Order
___ Reconsider
___ Waive Rule ___
___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED ___
No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED
___ ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote ___