

**RESOLUTION NO. 877 -2011, MAKING A SEQRA  
DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED  
SUFFOLK COUNTY EELGRASS RESTORATION INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed Suffolk County Eelgrass Restoration Initiative", pursuant to Section 6 of Local Law No. 22-1985 which project involves restoring 3.25 acres of eelgrass over one year at several sites throughout Suffolk County. This will be accomplished by using the latest planting techniques including transplantation in the Long Island Sound and the Peconic Estuary and seeding and transplants in the South Shore Estuary Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was prepared and submitted to the CEQ office by the Cornell Cooperative Extension and subsequently sent out to all concerned parties; and

**WHEREAS**, at its September 21, 2011 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the EAF and information submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ recommended that the above activity be considered an unlisted action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ has advised the County Legislature and the County Executive by memo dated September 22, 2011 of said recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 279-5(H) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE requires the Presiding Officer to introduce legislation for an appropriate SEQRA determination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Legislature has reviewed the EAF and the CEQ recommendations; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby determines that the Proposed Suffolk County Eelgrass Restoration Initiative constitutes an unlisted action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code, which project will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed action will not exceed any of the criteria set forth in Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617.7, which sets forth thresholds for determining significant effect on the environment, as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form; and
- 2) The proposed action does not appear to significantly threaten any unique or highly valuable environmental or cultural resources as identified in or regulated by the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York or the Suffolk County Charter and the Suffolk County Code; and

- 3) The proposed action will result in the proliferation of eelgrass beds in Suffolk County waters, an important habitat in the marine environment;  
and
- 4) The proposed action will result in minimal disturbance to the bottom;

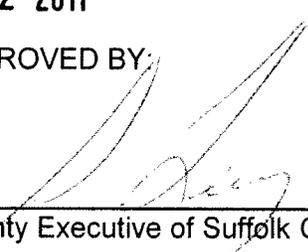
and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Suffolk County Clerk, the initiating unit of said project, and with the CEQ; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Section C1-4(1)(d) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER and Section 279-5(C)(4) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, the CEQ is hereby directed to prepare and circulate a SEQRA notice of determination of non-significance in accordance with this Resolution.

DATED: **NOV 22 2011**

APPROVED BY:

  
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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: **NOV 30 2011**

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 22, 2011 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.

*Tim Laube*

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Clerk of the Legislature

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Res. No.

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November 22, 2011

**Motion:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker  
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga  
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Co-Sponsors:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker  
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,  
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Second:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker  
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-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	Thomas MURATORE					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
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.					
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MOTION
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___ Reconsider
___ Waive Rule ___
___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
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No Motion ___      No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

*Tim Laube*

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call \_\_\_ Voice Vote