

RESOLUTION NO. 298 -2012, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO STRENGTHEN THE LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND MAXIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has preserved thousands of acres of land for open space, agricultural use, and drinking water protection purposes under multiple programs over the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, the County accelerated its land preservation efforts under the ¼% Drinking Water Protection program for several years, borrowing against future program revenues to preserve parcels under threat of immediate development; and

WHEREAS, acquisitions made during this period were typically evaluated and acquired on a "first-in, first-out" basis; and

WHEREAS, the County will now resume purchasing land on a "pay-go" basis, which will significantly reduce the number of parcels that can be purchased in coming years; and

WHEREAS, the County should use this transition period to reevaluate its land preservation program and develop a more comprehensive approach to guide the evaluation and acquisition of land and farmland development rights; and

WHEREAS, the Divisions of Planning and Real Property Acquisition and Management within the Department of Economic Development and Planning should conduct a review of properties already approved for planning steps, as well as parcels included on the County's "Master List", and establish a priority ranking system to help guide future land acquisition decisions; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Planning Division and the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management, within the Department of Economic Development and Planning, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to review the County's Master List and make recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature as to which parcels should be removed from the list on or before December 31, 2012; and be it further

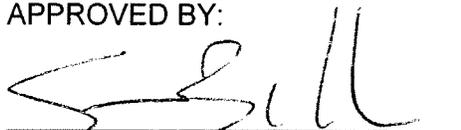
2nd RESOLVED, that the Planning Division and the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management are further directed to establish an advisory priority ranking system for proposed acquisitions based on objective criteria including, but not limited to a parcel's environmental significance and the ability to leverage other public or private funding for an acquisition and apply such ranking system to all parcels on the updated Master List as well as all parcels for which planning steps have been approved on or before December 31, 2012; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Planning Division and the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management shall create a priority list based on the application of said priority ranking system to determine the order in which ranked parcels shall be targeted for acquisition; and be it further

4th **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: April 24, 2012

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 5.7.2012

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 April 24, 2012 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

Clerk of the Legislature

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Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
5	Kara HAHN					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Rob CALARCO					
9	Ricardo MONTANO				/	
10	Thomas CILMI					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA					
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	William SPENCER					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.				/	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Take Out of Order	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reconsider	
<input type="checkbox"/> Waive Rule _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Override Veto	
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No Motion _____ No Second _____	

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

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote