

RESOLUTION NO. 204 -2013, AUTHORIZING EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE 2012-2013 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE WASTEWATER OPERATIONS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State Budget has appropriated \$4 million to the New York State Department of State for direct assistance to local government for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program (LGE); and

WHEREAS, New York State established the LGE Grant Program “to assist local leaders with identifying best practices and implementing actions to reduce municipal expenses and increase efficiencies in local service delivery...”; and

WHEREAS, as demonstrated by the work of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sewer Districts, Suffolk County is committed to examining its current system of delivery of Wastewater Treatment through 22 Municipal Sewer Districts; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is seeking economies of scale, uniformity and equity among the 22 municipal districts and would use the LGE Grant to find new opportunities for financial savings and operational efficiencies; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to apply to the New York Department of State Local Efficiency Grant Program in order to evaluate wastewater operations in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk hereby pledges and commits to provide a 10 percent match of any State grant funds obtained pursuant to this program, in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this Project constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (C) (18), (20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”), in that the law authorizes information collection, including basic data collection and research, and preliminary planning processes necessary to formulate a proposal for an action, but does not commit the County to commence or approve an action. Since this law is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: March 19, 2013

APPROVED BY:

Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 21, 2013