

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 342 -2013, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO UPDATE TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

WHEREAS, Article 25-AAA of the New York State Agricultural and Markets Law directs the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner to initiate and maintain a State Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program to provide financial and technical assistance to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Article 25-AAA of the New York State Agricultural and Markets Law authorizes the development of County agricultural and farmland protection plans which must include at least 1) the location of any lands or areas that are proposed to be protected; 2) an analysis of the value of such lands to the agricultural economy of the county, their open space value, the level of conversion pressure being experienced, and the consequences of possible conversion; and 3) a description of the activities, programs, and strategies intended to be used by the County to promote the maintenance of these lands in active agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature authorized, empowered and directed the Suffolk County Planning Department to file a grant application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets by Resolution No. 429-2012 for 50% matching State Funds to assist in the development of an update to the Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, New York State has awarded Suffolk County \$50,000 in funding to update the 1996 Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan with the project contract period of 09/21/2012 to 08/31/2014; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget is \$100,000, of which there is a required 50% match with at least 20% of the match (\$10,000) in cash comprised of non-county funds from project partners and with the remainder from in-kind matches from Suffolk County for personnel services (\$40,000); and

WHEREAS, New York State has approved the Long Island Community Foundation providing a \$10,000 grant to the Peconic Land Trust as a partner on the project to fulfill the required matching cash contribution; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Adopted Operating Budget includes sufficient funding of existing permanent staffing salaries and fringe benefits to work on the project; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Adopted Operating Budget does not include sufficient funding of temporary salaries and Social Security for temporary or seasonal personnel to work on the project; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning Department is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed pursuant to Section 14-8(a)(9) of the Suffolk County Charter, to develop an update to Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland

Protection Plan, said plan to be reduced to writing for submission to the County Executive and County Legislature no later than eighteen (18) months subsequent to the effective date of an award letter from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk hereby pledges and commits to match any State grant funds obtained pursuant to this program, in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), on a dollar-for-dollar basis with at least 20% of the match to be made in cash with non-County funds from project partners and the remainder to be made from in-kind matches for personnel services, consultant services, travel, expendable supplies, printing, or communication; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive, or his designee, to execute the standard agreement for reimbursement and any and all contract documents related to these projects, on behalf of the County of Suffolk in the above referenced project; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the County Comptroller and County Treasurer be and they hereby are authorized to accept and appropriate said State Aid as follows:

<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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STATE AID

001-EDP-(Unit) 8020-(Revenue) 3903 – NYS Dept. of Agriculture	\$50,000
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<u>EXPENSE:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

001-EDP-8020 PLANNING

001-EDP-8020-1130- Temporary Salaries	\$5,000
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

001-EMP-9030 SOCIAL SECURITY

001-EMP-9030-8330 – Social Security	\$382
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and be it further

5th **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/or (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: May 7, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 15, 2013