

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislator Krupski

**RESOLUTION NO. 373 -2014, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2014 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH NITROGEN FERTILIZER REDUCTION INITIATIVE (CP 8710.120)**

**WHEREAS**, there are available Fund 477 funds within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2014 Capital Budget and Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee at its December 12, 2013 meeting, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, has recommended funding this program as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the fertilizer program is critical, because over-application and/or misuse of fertilizer products has led to the degradation in the local water quality, and has harmed groundwater, drinking water, wetlands and surface waters throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning has requested funding for on-going efforts as part of the Nitrogen Fertilizer Reduction Initiative in accordance with the requirements of Local Law No. 41-2007, "A Local Law to Reduce Nitrogen Pollution by Reducing the Use of Fertilizer in Suffolk County"; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of Local Law No. 41-2007 all Home Improvement Contractors licensed by Suffolk County who apply fertilizer to turf grass must take a Suffolk County approved turf management course; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of Local Law No. 41-2007 any fertilizer retail locations within Suffolk County must post educational signs and brochures adjacent to fertilizer displays; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County must provide these courses as well as signs and brochures to make sure landscapers and retailers alike are in compliance with Local Law No. 41-2007; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding will be used to support the on-going requirements of Local Law No. 41-2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the total additional funding requested for landscaper educational courses as well as for the printing of educational materials for retail locations is \$8,000 and is requested through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

**WHEREAS**, leftover funding from previous portions of this program already residing in CP 8710.120 will also be used for future efforts of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2014 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project be initiated within three-years of the date of adoption of this resolution; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County Government, having conducted a review and being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this proposed action constitutes a Type II action, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c),(20), (21) and (27). Therefore the SEQRA review is complete and no further action needs to be taken; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of seventy-nine (79) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 477’s Water Quality Reserve Fund Balance component to cover the cost of said transfer; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2014 Operating Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 477 Reserve Fund Balance as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT	477	E525	9600	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$8,000

and be it further

**5<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues be and hereby are transferred and accepted in the Capital Fund as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Rev Source</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT (Ref. 525-CAP-IFTR-R477)	525	R477	E525	Transfer from Water Quality Protection	\$8,000

and be it further

**6<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the 2014 Capital Budget and Program be and are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710.120  
Project Title: Nitrogen Fertilizer Reduction Initiative

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2013 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>	<u>Revised 2013 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>
1. Planning	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000

and be it further

**7<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues in the amount of \$8,000 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.120	50	Nitrogen Fertilizer Reduction Initiative	\$8,000

and be it further

**8<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Treasurer and County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to accept these interfund revenues and effectuate these interfund transfers, including the associated cash transfers to finance this capital project.

DATED: May 13, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 29, 2014