

**RESOLUTION NO. 688 -2014, MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED SUNEDISON FRANCIS S. GABRESKI AIRPORT SOLAR INSTALLATION PROJECT, TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed SunEdison Francis S. Gabreski Airport Solar Installation Project, Town of Southampton", pursuant to Section 6 of Local Law No. 22-1985 which project involves the 26.2 acre installation of two ground-mounted photovoltaic solar module arrays located within the Francis S. Gabreski Airport in the Town of Southampton that will produce up to 6 megawatts of AC electric power; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was prepared and submitted to the CEQ office by the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning and subsequently sent out to all concerned parties; and

**WHEREAS**, at its July 16, 2014 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the EAF and information submitted by the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ recommended that the above activity be considered a Type I action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617.4(b)(6)(i) and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ has advised the County Legislature and the County Executive by memo dated July 21, 2014 of said recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 450-5(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 based on the information received and presented, a quorum of the CEQ hereby recommends to the Suffolk County Legislature and County Executive that the proposed activity be classified as a Type I action under the provision of Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(6)(i) and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code in that the action involves the physical alteration of more than 10 acres of land; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby determines that the proposed SunEdison Francis S. Gabreski Airport Solar Installation Project, Town of Southampton constitutes a Type I action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 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;

2. The proposed action is in conformance with the Francis S. Gabreski Airport's adopted 1990 Airport Master Plan Update and the 2008 Airport Master Plan Draft Update;
3. The parcels do not appear to suffer from any severe environmental development constraints (limiting soil properties, a high groundwater table, and/or unmanageable slopes);
4. The project sponsor will confirm that there are no endangered species located in the proposed construction area and that the project is in conformance with the NYSDEC's Endangered and Threatened Species Regulations;
5. All project stormwater runoff will be retained on site;
6. Any project planting will be limited to native grasses;
7. This project will result in the generation of renewable electricity and be in support of the New York State's Regional Portfolio Standards (RPS) policy which seeks to increase the proportion of renewable energy used by its residents; and
8. This project will enable the production of electricity without the use of fossil fuels or the emission of air pollutants;

and be it further

**3rd** **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

**4th** **RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Section C1-4(1)(d) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER and Section 450-5(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: September 9, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 24, 2014