

**RESOLUTION NO. 1084 -2014, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CONDUCT GROUNDWATER TESTS FOR TOXIC CHEMICALS AT ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK IN BRENTWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, 50,000 tons of contaminated fill was dumped at the Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County District Attorney is also investigating illegal dumping of contaminated fill at Sampawams Creek, Babylon, Sage Street at Route 111 in Central Islip and on Veterans Way in Islandia; and

**WHEREAS**, the full extent of the environmental damage caused by this illegal dumping has not yet been determined; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Brentwood are justifiably concerned about the health and environmental risks posed by the unprecedented illegal dumping in the middle of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brentwood residents are concerned that groundwater testing in the vicinity of the Park is not being conducted properly; and

**WHEREAS**, groundwater tests conducted by an entity independent of town government would be accepted as credible by community residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services regularly conducts groundwater tests to detect health hazards and protect public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services should test the groundwater at Roberto Clemente Park and determine whether similar testing should be conducted at other sites where dumping has occurred; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to determine the direction of groundwater flow in the vicinity of Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood and to install groundwater monitoring wells south of the recharge basin in the Park to test for the presence of toxins including, but not limited to, antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, copper, zinc and cobalt along with dangerous pesticides chlordane, DDT and Dieldrin; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services is directed to keep the community informed of their testing program through public meetings, news releases and other types of community outreach; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services is directed to investigate and determine whether groundwater testing should be conducted at Sampawams Creek, Sage Street/Route 111 and Veterans Highway; the Department will notify this Legislature of their determination within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution; 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: December 2, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 5, 2014