

Intro. Res. No. 1268-2015

Laid on Table 3/24/2015

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Krupski, Lindsay, Anker, Gregory

RESOLUTION NO. 253 -2015, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2015 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT FOR SCIENTISTS AND STUDENT STEWARDS ASSESSING POTENTIAL NITROGEN LOADING MITIGATION IN FRESHWATER AND SALT MARSH COMMUNITIES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY (8710.144)

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the Reserved Fund Balance of Fund 477 for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2015 Capital Budget and Program; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee at its March 13, 2015 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, Suffolk County Legislator Martinez has requested funding for a project that will allow scientist and high school student stewards assess the potential of some fresh water plants to mitigate nitrogen loading into the Connetquot River and also to study the ribbed mussel populations in marshes; and

WHEREAS, this project will investigate fresh water plant community compositions that may maximize nitrogen removal services that can be implemented for remediation in other areas; and

WHEREAS, Under this project, Brentwood and Central Islip High School students will conduct laboratory and field experiments, and field surveys under the guidance of scientists and teachers from Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Lab, therefore, this project is expected to serve as a reference for water quality remediation studies, future STEM scientific research initiative in the County and the State; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the recommendations of the South Shore Estuary Reserve (SSER) Comprehensive Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER by studying ways of reducing nonpoint source pollution to the South Shore Estuary; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2015 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

WHEREAS, funding is requested for this project through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

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

1st **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 of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”), and the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty-five (55) 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

3rd **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

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2015 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	\$125,000

and be it further

5th **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	\$125,000

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the 2015 Capital Budget and Program be and are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710
 Project Title: Scientists and Student Stewards assessing potential Nitrogen Loading mitigation in Freshwater and Salt Marsh Communities in Suffolk County, NY

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2015 Capital Budget & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2015 Capital Budget & Program</u>
1. Planning	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$125,000W</u>

