

Intro. Res. No. 1302-2015
Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

Laid on Table 4/28/2015

RESOLUTION NO. 376 -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 THE LONG ISLAND NATIVE PLANT INITIATIVE (CP 8710.413)

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the Reserved Fund Balance of Fund 477 for the purpose of Water Quality Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER has recommended funding this study at its March 13, 2015 meeting as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative (WQPRP) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation will sponsor the continued support for the Long Island Native Plant Initiative (LINPI), in accordance with Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and

WHEREAS, the requested funding will support commercial seed and plant production, wildland seed collection and banking, and public education; and

WHEREAS, protecting the genetic integrity of native flora will increase ecosystem function and resilience within the urban, suburban, and natural ecosystems of Suffolk County thus supporting surface and groundwater protection and improvement; and

WHEREAS, with the continual support and funding through the WQPRP, LINPI has made significant strides and momentum has and continues to progressively expand the program; and

WHEREAS, nursery interest, high public demand, and requests for additional native plant materials have demonstrated LINPI's value and need; and

WHEREAS, LINPI has committed to provide matching project funds in the amount of \$207,356; and

WHEREAS, the project be initiated within three-years of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is requested through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; 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, there are sufficient funds available in Fund 477 within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2015 Capital Budget and Program; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (C) 20, 25, 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-three (53) 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 the County’s share for this project; 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	\$61,400

and be it further

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

REVENUES:

<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	\$61,400

and be it further

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

Project No.: 8710
Project Title: Long Island Native Plant Initiative

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>Est'd</u>	2013	2013
<u>Cost</u>	Capital Budget & Program	Capital Budget & Program

4. Site Improvements	<u>\$61,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$61,400W</u>
TOTAL	\$61,400	\$0	\$61,400

and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that these Water Quality proceeds in the amount of \$61,400 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.413	60	Long Island Native Plant Initiative	\$61,400

and be it further

8th **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; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that LINPI shall enter into a contractual agreement with Suffolk County to ensure project completeness; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a binding obligation on the part of Suffolk County to continue to provide funding or resources to LINPI for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: May 12, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 28, 2015