

**RESOLUTION NO. 1032 -2015, IMPROVING WASTEWATER
TREATMENT AT COUNTY PARKS**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk owns thousands of acres of parkland, with 28 active parks and nature preserves; and

WHEREAS, many County parks are in environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for the care and maintenance of all County park facilities, including wastewater and septic treatment; and

WHEREAS, many advancements have been made in the systems used to treat wastewater in recent years, including improved removal of nitrogen from waste; and

WHEREAS, nitrogen pollution from septic systems and cesspools into Long Island's surface and ground water is a significant issue that the County is working to remediate; and

WHEREAS, the County should lead by example and install alternative wastewater treatment systems in County parks when current septic systems fail or need improvements; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("the Department") is hereby directed to install alternative wastewater treatment systems at County park facilities upon the failure of a septic system or the need for significant improvements to same in areas the County has deemed priority areas for wastewater upgrades; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department shall have the discretion to determine which alternative wastewater treatment method is installed at each park facility in need of a new system; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this policy shall apply to wastewater treatment systems found to be in need of significant improvement or replacement at County parks on or after 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 1, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 3, 2015