

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislator Krupski

RESOLUTION NO. 1092 -2015, AMENDING THE 2015 OPERATING BUDGET AND AMENDING THE 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NITROGEN REDUCING CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS SANITARY SYSTEM AT JEAN W. COCHRAN PARK (CP 8720.311)

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 31-2014, which was approved by voter referendum on November 4, 2014, authorized the County of Suffolk to use excess monies in the Assessment Stabilization Reserve Fund to fund wastewater upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the Sewer Infrastructure Program are maintained within the Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund ("Fund 406"); and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within Fund 406 for the implementation of the purposes of Local Law No. 31-2014; and

WHEREAS, cesspools were not designed to remove nitrogen from wastewater, and nitrogen from Uplands' cesspools is believed to flow into the harbor via groundwater; and

WHEREAS, wastewater treatment upgrades are critical because nitrogen from septic and cesspools has led to the degradation in the local water quality, and has harmed groundwater, drinking water, wetlands, and surface waters throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the requested funding will support the construction of a nitrogen-reducing wastewater wetland system at Jean W. Cochran Park to demonstrate a potential solution to the problem of nitrogen emissions from wastewater effluent, and public education; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed nitrogen-reducing wastewater wetland system will significantly reduce nitrogen pollution from current conditions thus supporting groundwater protection and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Infrastructure Committee evaluated and unanimously approved the Town of Southold's request for \$20,000 to upgrade the wastewater facilities at the Jean W. Cochran Park at its October 8, 2015 meeting to advanced nitrogen removal wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, the recommended project constitutes a permitted use of Sewer Infrastructure Program funds pursuant to Local Law No. 31-2014; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, 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 insufficient funds available in the 2015 Capital Budget and Program for this program; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available within Fund 406 to support the appropriation of the recommended project; 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) (9), (15), and (18) 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 sixty-six (66) 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 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund component to cover the cost of the County’s share for these projects; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2015 Capital Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT	406	E525	9600	Transfer to Capital Fund 525	\$20,000

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>RevSource</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT (Ref. 525-CAP-IFTR-R406)	525	R406	E525	Transfer from Fund 406	\$20,000

and be it further

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

Project Number: 8720.311
 Project Title: The Town of Southold’s Jean W. Cochran Park Wastewater Upgrade

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2015 Capital Budget & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2015 Capital Budget & Program</u>
3. Construction	<u>\$20,000</u>	\$0	<u>\$20,000</u> (406)
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000

and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues in the amount of \$20,000 be and hereby are appropriated as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8720.311	Town of Southold's Jean W. Cochran Park Wastewater Upgrade	\$20,000

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 the Town of Southold 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 Town of Southold for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: December 15, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 18, 2015