

**RESOLUTION NO. 771 -2016, MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SUFFOLK COUNTY FARM – EDUCATION CENTER – CP 1796, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Farm – Education Center – CP 1796, Town of Brookhaven", pursuant to Local Law No. 22-1985, the proposed project, which is to be located on the Suffolk County Farm property in Yaphank, will replace existing office trailers that have surpassed their useful life expectancy with a new facility which will provide working facilities and program space for staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed facility will also accommodate visitors and provide space for agritourism exhibits project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed facility will be approximately 4,800 square feet in size and have the appearance of a two-story barn building; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was prepared and submitted to the CEQ office by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works and subsequently sent out to all concerned parties; and

**WHEREAS**, at its June 15, 2016 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the EAF and information submitted by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ recommended that the above activity be considered an Unlisted Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQ has advised the County Legislature and the County Executive by memo dated June 23, 2016 of said recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 450-5(H) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE requires the Presiding Officer to introduce legislation for an appropriate SEQRA determination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Legislature has reviewed the EAF and the CEQ recommendations; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby determines that the Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Farm – Education Center – CP 1796, Town of Brookhaven constitutes an Unlisted Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, that the proposed project will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment for the following reasons:

- 1) the proposed action will not exceed any of the criteria set forth in Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617.7, which sets forth thresholds for determining significant effect on the environment, as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form;

- 2) the proposal does not appear to significantly threaten any unique or highly valuable environmental or cultural resources as identified in or regulated by the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York or the Suffolk County Charter or the Suffolk County Code; and
- 3) the parcel does not appear to suffer from any severe environmental development constraints (limiting soil properties, high groundwater or unmanageable slopes);

and be it further

**2nd** **RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Suffolk County Clerk, the initiating unit of said project, and with the CEQ; and be it further

**3rd** **RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Section C1-4(1)(d) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER and Section 450-5(C)(4) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, the CEQ is hereby directed to prepare and circulate a SEQRA notice of determination of non-significance in accordance with this Resolution.

DATED: September 7, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 9, 2016