

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 774 -2016, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2016 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH A LIVING SHORELINE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD (CP 8710.417)

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 and Land Stewardship Initiative Review Committee, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER has recommended funding a living shoreline demonstration project within the Town of Southold at its March 13, 2015 meeting as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning will sponsor the living shoreline demonstration project within the Town of Southold, in accordance with Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold and other towns in Suffolk County have seen a large increase in demand for property protection since hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, shoreline hardening structures such as bulkheads are most commonly applied to mitigate erosion but often result in loss of habitat and ecosystem function. Sustainable alternatives such as living shorelines (a form of green infrastructure) are cost effective solutions to shoreline hardening that are also beneficial to the environment; and

WHEREAS, this project, involving native plants, geotextiles, and shellfish, aims to provide a model to demonstrate how environmentally sustainable techniques can be applied to address shoreline protection, enhance habitat, and improve water quality throughout Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with many of the Peconic Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan's actions to reduce nitrogen, improve water quality, and promote natural, sustainable alternatives to bulkheads; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold has committed by Town Board Resolution No. 2016-639, adopted at the June 28, 2016 Town Board Meeting, to accept the grant from Suffolk County and to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Suffolk County for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold has also committed by Town Board Resolution No. 2016-639 to provide matching project funds to be no less than either \$58,800 or one half the cost of the project, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the project will be initiated within one year of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the project will be completed 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 Land Stewardship Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2016 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 2016 Capital Budget and Program; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Town of Southold, having conducted a coordinated review and being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, found as documented by Town Board Resolution No. 2016-639, that this proposed action constitutes a Type II Action, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(C) (20) and (27), therefore the SEQRA review is complete and no further action needs to be taken by Suffolk County; 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 the County’s share for this project; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Adopted 2016 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	\$58,800

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	\$58,800

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the 2016 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710.417
Project Title: Living Shoreline Demonstration Project

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2016 Capital Budget & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2016 Capital Budget & Program</u>
4. Site Improvement	<u>\$58,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$58,800W</u>
TOTAL	\$58,800	\$0	\$58,800

and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that these Water Quality proceeds in the amount of \$58,800 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.417	Living Shoreline Demonstration Project	\$58,800

and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the County Comptroller is 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 County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Southold under section 119-0 of the NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW which shall include but not limited to, a provision authorizing the town of Southold to implement a living shoreline demonstration project near the Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center in Southold.

DATED: September 7, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 9, 2016