

**RESOLUTION NO. 36 -2017, DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL DUMPING IN
COUNTY PARKS**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk owns thousands of acres of parkland, allowing residents to enjoy the outdoors and its natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, illegal dumping of toxic materials has been discovered in areas throughout the County, most recently at West Hills County Park; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping introduces pesticides, asbestos, heavy metals and dangerous chemicals into the environment; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of our County parks, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation should survey all County parks to determine if any illegal dumping occurred beyond what was found at West Hills County Park; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated hotline should also be established to allow members of the public to report suspected illegal dumping on County parkland to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation for further investigation; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (“the Department”) is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to survey County parks which have low or sporadic attendance and are accessible by motor vehicles for indications that illegal dumping has occurred; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department shall report its findings in writing to the County Executive, the Clerk of the Legislature and each member of the County Legislature, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department shall establish a simple procedure via telephone, email and/or social media whereby residents can report suspected illegal dumping on County parkland and shall post information about this procedure on its departmental website and further notify the public of this procedure through social and traditional news media; 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: February 7, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 22, 2017