

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 17, 2011

Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay and
Members of the Suffolk County Legislature
William H. Rogers Legislative Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, New York 11787

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 592 – 2011, AUTHORIZING PLANNING STEPS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND UNDER THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, AS AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 24-2007 – BOYLE ROAD PROPERTY – TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN (SCTM NO. 0200-392.00-04.00-019.000).

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning herein **RESOLUTION NO. 592 – 2011; AUTHORIZING PLANNING STEPS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND UNDER THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, AS AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 24-2007 – BOYLE ROAD PROPERTY – TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN (SCTM NO. 0200-392.00-04.00-019.000);** vetoed in its entirety.

The purpose of the 1/4 percent sales tax for the preservation of open space was to protect land that was faced with threat of development. Land currently owned by other public entities, including school districts, are not facing development pressure. To ask the taxpayers to purchase property from a school district would result in having the residents of that school district pay for the same land twice. To purchase property from a school district because they are facing financial pressure would set a dangerous precedent that would have schools, libraries, fire departments and a host of other individual municipalities looking to off load property to augment their budgets. Property owned by a school district already is in the public domain. We are facing limited funding for open space acquisitions with the conclusion of the accelerated 1/4 percent program. The use of the future pay-go funds must be carefully optimized to achieve the best results. The funds are limited. Purchasing land already in public ownership is contrary to the funds' intended purpose.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain my veto of this resolution.

Sincerely,



Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature
Christine Malafi, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney
Lynne A. Bizzarro, Esq., Chief Deputy County Attorney
Christopher Kent, Chief Deputy County Executive
Edward Dumas, Chief Deputy County Executive
Eric Naughton, Deputy County Executive for Finance and Management
Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive
Connie Corso, Budget Director
Eric Kopp, Assistant Deputy County Executive
Dan Aug, Director of Communications
Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Communications

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Res. No. 592

August 2, 2011

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE	↑				
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
6	Sarah S. ANKER		/			
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA		/			
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	Jon COOPER					
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
	Totals	16	2			

MOTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve
___ Table: _____
___ Send To Committee
___ Table Subject To Call
___ Lay On The Table
___ Discharge
___ Take Out of Order
___ Reconsider
___ Waive Rule ___
___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED ___
No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote

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WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, authorizes the use of 31.10% of sales and compensating use tax proceeds generated each year for specific environmental protection, including the acquisition of land for use as hamlet greens, hamlet parks, pocket parks, active parkland, active recreation, historic and/or cultural park uses in accordance with specific criteria set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the parcel listed in Exhibit "A" of this resolution meets the criteria for acquisition under the Drinking Water Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is provided for, pursuant to Section C12-2(A)(1)(i) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, from 31.10% of the sales and compensating use tax proceeds, for the acquisition of such land as active parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookhaven has indicated a willingness to improve and maintain the property as active parklands; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the parcel listed in Exhibit "A" of this resolution, consisting of approximately 15 acres, is hereby approved for preliminary planning steps and ultimate inclusion in the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER for use as a hamlet green, hamlet park, pocket parks, active parkland, active recreation, historic and/or cultural park; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the parcel listed in Exhibit "A" meet the criteria required by the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the County Department of Public Works and/or the Director of the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management, Department of Environment and Energy, and/or her designee, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to have surveys and maps prepared for the subject parcel in accordance with Resolution No. 423-1988; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management within the County Department of Environment and Energy, or his or her deputy, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 42-2(C) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to have the subject parcel appraised, environmentally audited, and searched for title; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the cost of such surveys, title searches, audits, maps and/or appraisals, if any, shall be paid from the funds to be appropriated pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER as a reimbursement, if necessary, for costs incurred and paid for from other funds or as a direct payment from such proceeds, as the case may be; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management within the County Department of Environment and Energy, or his or her deputy, is hereby further authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 42-2(C) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to utilize such valid appraisals for the subject parcel as may be made available to the County by any pertinent municipality, either voluntarily or upon request by the County of Suffolk; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk may reimburse any municipality, whose appraisal is utilized for the above-described purpose, for the cost of obtaining such appraisal in the event that the County elects to utilize such appraisals for the subject parcel; and be it further

8th **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: August 2, 2011

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 8-17-11

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>SUFFOLK COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>REPUTED OWNER AND ADDRESS</u>
1	District: 0200 Section 392.00 Block 04.00 Lot 016.000	15	School Board of Education 11 New Lane Selden, NY 11784

EXHIBIT "A"