

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: February 19, 2014

TIME: 9:40 am to 10:40 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman

Mary Ann Spencer

Larry Swanson

Hon. Kara Hahn

### ABSENT:

Dan Pichney

Thomas Gulbransen

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

**GUESTS:**

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Planning & Environment

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature

Christopher Poelker, Junior Civil Engineering, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Erik Bergey, Senior Civil Engineering, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Real Estate

Hon. Al Krupski, Legislative District 1

Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 1

Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Rebecca Kylie, Student, Long Island University

Dennis Boyle, Student, Long Island University

Stephanie Torres, Student, Long Island University

Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the January 15, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Portion:**

There were no general public comments offered to the CEQ

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:  
Mr. Martin stated that all available County housing units are currently occupied.
- Custodial Agreements:  
Mr. Martin's update noted that staff has not had time to work on the custodial agreements because the staff has been working on the legislative grants awarded

to Suffolk County's historic sites. All letters awarding the grant funds have been sent out and now the contract office staff will be working up all the contracts and work programs for the different sites.

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed Acquisition of Land by Suffolk County for Open Space Preservation Purposes known as the Sutera Property, located in the Mud Creek County Park area, Town of Brookhaven

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, gave a presentation regarding the acquisition of a 0.115± acre parcel which is part of a larger assemblage of land along Mud Creek in East Patchogue. Ms. Fisher noted that to date the County has acquired almost 130 acres of the 160 acre Mud Creek assemblage. Ms. Fischer also noted that the County is in the process of working on a comprehensive analysis of the Mud Creek watershed that includes the remediation of the Gallo Duck Farm which was acquired by the County through a tax lean process.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- B. Proposed Improvements to County Road 73, Roanoke Avenue, from State Route 25, Main Street to the Vicinity of County Road 58, Old Country Road, (CP#5562) Town of Riverhead.

Erik Bergey, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, gave a presentation regarding the proposed project. It was noted that the project involves the full reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, necessary drainage improvements, and asphalt resurfacing and/or full-depth reconstruction as pavement condition warrants. The project also includes the installation of permeable concrete gutters, new leaching basins, and hydrodynamic stormwater treatment systems.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that all necessary permits and approvals will be obtained from New York State Department of Conservation. The motion also included that to the greatest extent possible any trees removed will be replaced with wire friendly and sidewalk friendly trees and if possible said replacement trees will be placed on private property with permission from the landowner. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- C. Proposed Rehabilitation of County Road 13, Crooked Hill Road, from County Road 7, Wicks Road, to County Road 106, Campus Road, Brentwood, (CP#5538) Town of Islip.

Christopher Poelker, Junior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, gave a presentation regarding rehabilitation of County Road 13 which will address the pavement, sidewalk, and drainage deficiencies in the corridor. This will be done by installing a positive drainage system, expansion of two existing recharge basins, full depth pavement patching, resurfacing, the replacement of curb, sidewalk, pavement markings and the necessary traffic signal modifications.

Mr. Bagg made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion also included that to the greatest extent possible any trees removed will be replaced with wire friendly and sidewalk friendly trees and if possible said replacement trees will be placed on private property with permission from the landowner. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Recommended Type II Actions:**

- A. Proposed Construction of check-in station at Cedar Point County Park, (CP#7009) Town of East Hampton.

John Corral, Planner, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, described the three Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation projects. The projects involve the construction of new check-in stations at three County Parks. Mr. Corral presented this information because Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, was not able to attend the meeting.

The Cedar Point County Park project involves the construction of a new park check-in station. The existing check-in station will be demolished.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion that the project be classified as a Type II action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2)(7)(20)(27). Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- B. Proposed Construction of check-in station at Indian Island County Park, (CP#7009) Town of Riverhead.

The Indian Island County Park project involves the construction of a new park check-in station. The existing check-in station will be repurposed as a Park Ranger station for law enforcement use.

Ms. Growney made a motion that the project be classified as a Type II action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(7)(20)(27). Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- C. Proposed Construction of check-in station at Montauk County Park, (CP#7009) Town of East Hampton.

The Montauk County Park project involves the construction of a new park check-in station. The existing check-in station will be demolished.

Ms. Spencer made a motion that the project be classified as a Type II action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2)(7)(20)(27). Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

- A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 11, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report.

Mr. Kaufman asked if IR 1042-2014 "Establishing Guidelines for the Use of Methoprene in Suffolk County" was the same as the previous resolution on Methoprene that was reviewed by the CEQ. Mr. Corral noted that IR 1042-2014 was exactly the same as the previous resolution and as a result staff's recommendation for IR 1042-2014 is the same as the CEQ's previous recommendation. The CEQ requested that staff call the Legislative Counsel's office and notify the office of the CEQ's SEQRA recommendation for IR 1042-2014.

Mr. Kaufman also inquired as to whether IR 1091-2014 "To extend deadline for Tick and Vector-Borne Diseases Task Force" was the same as IR 1095-2014 "Creating a Tick Control Advisory Committee". Mr. Corral explained that IR 1091-2014 relates to a task force that was set up a few years ago and IR 1095-2014 relates to a new advisory committee.

Mr. Kaufman noted that he personally did not agree with IR 1048-2014 "Authorizing the Suffolk County's Law Enforcement Agencies to donate decommissioned body armored vests to local emergency service provides". Mr. Kaufman noted that he feels that in some cases the decommissioned body armored vests may no longer be as protective as originally intended. Mr. Kaufman abstained from voting on this resolution. Ms. Growney also abstained from voting on this resolution.

Mr. Bagg made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the February 11, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

As a follow up to the January 15, 2014 CEQ discussion on IR 1002-2014 “Authorizing an agreement to revitalize Cedar Island Lighthouse”, Mr. Swanson asked Mr. Martin if Parks had discussed this resolution with Legislator Schneiderman. Mr. Martin informed the Council that Parks Commissioner Dawson spoke with Legislator Schneiderman and explained that there is an existing contract in place that allows for the ideas that this organization has for the restoration of the Lighthouse. Mr. Martin also noted the County Attorney’s office is working with Legislator Schneiderman to make sure his concerns are addressed.

Ms. Growney noted that the LIRR is using antifreeze on the train tracks and asked if this might represent an environmental concern. Ms. Russo noted that the type of antifreeze the LIRR uses is very benign and therefore does not represent an environmental concern.

Ms. Spencer requested that the next CEQ meeting, which is scheduled for March 19, 2014, be held at the Scully Estate in Islip. The Council agreed to have the meeting at the Scully Estate.

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned.