

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Chairperson  
CEQ

## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES**

DATE: August 20, 2014

TIME: 9:45 am to 11:00 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library  
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair  
Eva Growney  
Thomas Gulbransen  
Hon. Kara Hahn  
Dan Pichney  
Larry Swanson

### ABSENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair  
Michael Kaufman  
Mary Ann Spencer

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

### 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

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature

Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Camilo Salazar, Environmental Analyst (Water Quality), Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Legislator Al Krupski, District 1

Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 1

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Chris Pickerell, Marine Program Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Michael Jensen, Sr. PH Sanitarian, Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the July 16, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Gulbransen to approve the July 16, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pichney. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:  
Mr. Martin stated that all County rental housing properties are occupied.
- Custodial Agreements:  
Mr. Martin noted that Suffolk County Parks is working to update the Sagtikos Manor Custodial Agreement.
- News  
Mr. Martin informed the Council that the Yaphank Historical Society is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and they wanted to invite everyone to their open house at the Swezey-Avey House on August 23, 2014.

### **Recommended Type I Actions:**

#### **A. Proposed Cedar Beach Creek Habitat Restoration Demonstration Project, Town of Southold.**

A presentation on the project was given by Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation and Christopher Pickerell, Marine Program Director at Cornell University Cooperative Extension. It was discussed that the project involves the restoration of 8 acres of lost salt marsh island habitat, the planting of submerged aquatic vegetation and the planting of oysters to create a diverse tidal marsh at Cedar Beach Creek County Park in the Town of Southold. The marsh islands will be created using clean dredged material pumped from adjacent portions of Cedar Beach Creek. The project is expected to serve as a demonstration project that can be used as a model for other sites in Suffolk County that have experienced marsh loss.

It was discussed that Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County has received a grant from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to conduct this project. Said grant requires the execution of a cooperative agreement between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, Suffolk County and ACOE. It was also noted that a Project Advisory Committee, made up of project stakeholders including the involved regulators, will oversee the planning and implementation of the project.

A discussion between CEQ members and Mr. Pickerell followed. The CEQ members had a number of questions including whether dredged material would be sampled. Mr. Pickerell noted that the dredged material would be sampled as part of the permitting process. It was also noted that all necessary permits/approvals will be obtained from the Town of Southold, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers prior to commencement of marsh restoration.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type I Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

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

#### **A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 29, 2014**

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the June 29, 2014 LADS report. Mr. Corral noted that Introductory Resolutions 1703-2014, 1705-2014, 1707-2014 are legislative resolutions for projects that have been previously been reviewed by the CEQ. It was also noted that I.R. 1738-2014 is the legislative resolution for the Solar Project at the Gabreski Airport which was reviewed at the CEQ's July Meeting and I.R. 1740-2014 is Cedar Beach Creek Habitat Restoration Demonstration Project which was reviewed at today's CEQ meeting. Mr. Corral also stated that I.R. 1752-2014 thru 1755-2014 are the SEQRA legislative resolutions for all four projects that

were reviewed by the CEQ at its July Meeting.

Hon. Legislator Hahn made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the June 29, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Swanson requested an update as to the status of a Modification to the Vector Control Plan involving the use of a mosquito adulticide containing Prallethrin near marine environments which was tabled at the July 16, 2014 meeting. Mr. Corral noted that Mr. Ninivaggi, Supervisor of the Division of Vector Control, had provided some additional information but it was felt that more information was still needed before the CEQ could review the action. Mr. Corral noted that Staff will be working with Mr. Ninivaggi to provide the CEQ with additional information. Ms. Russo noted that she had informed Mr. Corral that additional information was needed before the CEQ reviews the action.

Mr. Gulbransen inquired about the status of a CEQ subcommittee that was formed last year relating to wastewater infrastructure issues. Mr. Corral noted that Staff would look into the status of that subcommittee.

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned